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WEIZMANN, BEN GURION, WISE CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN LONDON PARLEY; SILVER URGES BOYCOTT

BASLE, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Impassioned appeals to the World Zionist Congress to support the partition policy of the executive and to vote in favor of participation in the London Conference on Palestine were made today by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, David Ben Gurion and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, winding up the six-day political debate.

Dr. Silver, who preceded them, called for a boycott of the London parley and urged the Congress to disown "the disastrous diplomacy" of the executive. He also called for continuous Jewish immigration to Palestine "regardless of the cost."

Dr. Weizmann received a tremendous ovation when he arose to deliver his reply. Every seat in the huge auditorium was taken and hundreds of men and women were standing in every available spot, eager to hear the leader of the world Zionist movement.

Defends Agency's Submission of Partition Scheme to British Govt.

He reiterated his support of the Jewish Agency's partition plan, stating that while many mistakes may have been made, the Agency's letter to the Colonial Secretary proposing partition was not one of them. Declaring that he did not know whether sending the letter had been tactically correct, he said: "I am not a tactician. I will leave that to the generals." He disclosed that as far back as the closing months of the Churchill regime, a special ministerial committee was working on a partition scheme.

Although it was important to the Jews that they not be a minority in Palestine, it was also important to the Arabs, and "that drives us to partition," he continued. "I wish I had the power of the prophets to show the Jewish people the way to obtain freedom and independence," he said, but politics is an inexact science of trial and error. While 100 experiments might turn out wrong, if one succeeds, it makes up for all of them.

He warned the delegates that if they believed that Britain and the United States would fight over the issue of Zionism, they were badly mistaken. Replying to those who have been urging a reorientation of the Zionist movement towards other countries besides England, the aged Zionist leader said: "I have not seen any other government rushing to build up the Jewish state."

Warns Terrorism May Control Agency, If Agency Does Not Curb It

The greatest obstacle to creation of a Jewish state is continued terrorism, he stated. "The Agency may be unable to control terror, but terror may soon control the Agency," if it is not curbed. Branding terrorism a "deadly cancer," he told the Congress that it must not allow it to grow or "it will destroy all we have created."

To a delegate who shouted "demagogue," Weizmann interrupted to reply that "every house in Nahalal and Tel Aviv has a drop of my blood in it." His answer

touched off a demonstration by almost the entire audience, which rose and applauded. Only the Revisionist delegates remained seated.

"Just as Winston Churchill promised 'blood, sweat and tears' to the British people, so I can promise the Jews hardships for many generations," Dr. Weizmann declared. He said that there were differences between the Jews and the rest of the world with regard to the interpretation of the Balfour Declaration, but added that the Zionists are not downhearted when they fail and not excited when they triumph. "I do not think that the present situation hurts Dr. Silver more than it hurts me. I believe that I, too, had some part in bringing the present 600,000 Jews to Palestine."

Ben Gurion Challenges Dr. Silver to be Specific on Partition Issue

Ben Gurion, defending the partition scheme, said that he was convinced that a smaller part of Palestine under sole Jewish control is preferable to a larger part under British or Arab control. "In 1937 the Zionist Congress rejected partition, and historical experience has shown what was the result," he pointed out.

Challenging Dr. Silver, Ben Gurion asked the president of the Zionist Organization of America the following questions: "Are you for or against partition? Will you fight partition if it is offered to us? Why did you not pass any resolution against partition where it was possible for you to do it?" The last question referred to the recent Atlantic City convention of the Zionist Organization of America.

Ben Gurion emphasized that he does not regret the issuance of the Biltmore Declaration, nor does he repudiate it. He said that he considered the Biltmore Declaration a sincere expression of the ideals and the needs of the Jewish people. The decisions taken by the executive of the Jewish Agency did not change the Zionist program, Ben Gurion argued. "If they did, then it is the duty of the Congress to re-emphasize that the Zionist program is still the establishment of a Jewish state," he declared.

Says Present Is Not Propitious for Final Solution

However, this is not a propitious time to seek a final solution of the problem, the Agency chairman continued. "The lesson of Transjordan, which was made a kingdom by an agreement between Britain and the Arabs, without our being consulted at all, and concerning which Bevin was backed by the United Nations, should make us think," he said. "We must find a way by which what happened with Transjordan shall not happen to large parts of Palestine. We must formulate our rights to immigration and settlement in the whole of Palestine. We must be given the sovereign right to build part of Palestine."

Discussing Jewish resistance, Ben Gurion stated that no people has paid such a high price as the Jews during their 1,800 years of resistance to the whole world. Resistance today, he went on, should not be confined to the Jews of Palestine, but should spread to the whole Jewish people. "We should not forget that we arrived in Palestine to live, not to die, and we arrived in friendship and in peace, but a fight was forced upon us," he said.

"Our way now is to get either continuation of the Mandate or a Jewish state; otherwise there must be fullest resistance," he warned.

Dr. Wise Strongly Defends Partition; Criticizes Silver's Scoring U.S.

Dr. Wise strongly defended the political policy of the Zionist executive and particularly that of Dr. Weizmann, and defended at great length the partition scheme of the Jewish Agency executive. In urging the Congress to decide in favor of participation in the London parley, he said:

"We stipulated our participation in the London conference depended on the re-

lease of the leaders of the Jewish Agency from the Latrun detention camp. Well, they are free. They have been heard at this Congress. Again American Government support has been won. We can lose public opinion the world over if we refuse to meet as equals with the British Government and with the Arabs. That we should not go to the London parley would not only needlessly insult the British and perhaps incurably alienate the United States Government, but would be considered as an additional affront to public opinion, especially to liberal opinion on which we depend largely throughout the world."

Dr. Wise severely criticized Dr. Silver for "belittling" what the Government of the United States has done for the Jews. At the same time, he lashed out against Britain for the White Paper policy. "The White Paper," he said, "must go, and go at once. Its going should constitute the first step in the procedure of the London conference." He emphasized that by attending the London talks the Zionists would not bind themselves to accept decisions that might be reached there.

"We shall accept no decisions that do not involve the cancellation of the White Paper," he said. "We will reject the 'federalization plan;' we will reject a bi-national state which would not be an Arab-Jewish state but predominantly an Arab state. If from the conference there does not emerge a Jewish state in Palestine, the World Zionist Organization will reject any and every decision taken by the conference."

Declaring that he believes in Jewish resistance in Palestine, Rabbi Wise emphasized that such resistance must be carried on in a disciplined manner. "I do not believe in disorderly undisciplined terrorism," he said. He fervently pleaded for the rescue of displaced Jews from Europe and their transfer to Palestine.

Silver Against Giving Free Hand to London Conference Delegates

Dr. Silver, defending his stand against participation in the London Conference, said that if such participation is approved by the Congress, the Zionist representatives should present only the classic program of "a Jewish state in the whole of Palestine." Any contrary proposal should be transmitted to the Zionist Actions Committee for a decision.

"Our representatives should not be given carte blanche," he insisted. He warned against sending to the conference those members of the executive who believe whole-heartedly in partition. "It would be fatal for its chances," he said. He called upon the Congress to reaffirm clearly and unmistakably the program of a Jewish state in an "undivided and undiminished" Palestine. The Congress, he said, must declare that the partition plan no longer exists.

Replying to his critics, Dr. Silver said that the same people who previously insisted on participation in the London conference only on the basis of partition "are now preparing a movement for another disastrous retreat." Serious and reasonable proposals to satisfy Jewish national aspirations are bound to be made sooner or later, Dr. Silver said. In the meantime, he urged maximum support for the Palestine Jewish community in its struggle against Britain. "The Yishuv's power of resistance must be strengthened and the world must be convinced of the British conspiracy against Zionism," he declared.

Disciplinary action against thirteen members of the American Revisionist delegation for their alleged connection with an appeal sent to the United Nations by the U.S. Revisionists, asking for creation of a U.N. trusteeship for Palestine, and for newspaper advertisements calling for aid for the extremist forces in Palestine, has been deferred until Thursday pending receipt of information from New York.

WAR AND STATE DEPARTMENT AIDES ASSURE DP REPRESENTATIVES NO REDUCTION IN DIET PLANNED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews of Germany were assured today by Assistant Secretary of State Hilldring and Assistant Secretary of War Petersen that economic unification of the American and British zones of Germany would have no deleterious effects on Jewish displaced persons in the American zone. Petersen denied press reports that the higher American calory ration for DP's would be reduced to the 1,500 daily calories of the British zone.

The three leaders of the Jewish DP's, Leon Retter, Dr. Boris Pliskin and Samue Shlomovitz, also discussed with the American officials a work program to employ 36,000 Jewish DP's, in addition to the 30,000 now employed by UNRRA, the Army, JDC and the Central Committee of Liberated Jews.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REFUGEE COMMITTEE REPORTS FEW RESULTS OF ITS RESETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES

LONDON, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- While studying various projects for group resettlement of refugees and displaced persons, the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees has allotted only \$400,000 for the transportation of individuals to new homes overseas, it is revealed in the report submitted today to the sixth plenary session of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee by Sir Herbert Emerson, the organization's director.

The role of voluntary relief agencies in facilitating the emigration and resettlement of refugees was praised in the report, which cited the assistance given by the Joint Distribution Committee in transporting refugees from Shanghai.

YOUNG POLISH JEW TESTIFIES AT TRIAL OF 23 NAZI DOCTORS; TELLS OF SPERILIZATION

NUREMBERG, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A dramatic story of tortures in the "interests of science" related today by a 26-year-old Polish Jew at the trial of 23 Nazi doctors charged with war crimes, summed up the evidence presented by American prosecutors in one of the most brutal cases to come to trial since the end of the war.

The man, who wished to remain anonymous, described his life since the Nazis invaded Poland and placed him, his parents and sisters in the Warsaw ghetto. Later the family was sent to the Oswiecim concentration camp where the parents were gassed and he and his sisters were placed in a labor camp where they were frequently beaten into insensibility.

In Oct., 1943, he noticed a group of Jews taken into a segregated building. When they returned, none of them would talk of their experiences. A few days later he was sent to the mysterious building where he was exposed to sterilizing X-rays. The burn scars are still visible on his body, the witness said.

His testimony punctuated by sobs, the young Jew continued his story, telling of a later operation during which he was castrated by German camp doctors.

Other evidence, introduced at earlier court sessions, proved that the defendants had advocated and conducted sterilization experiments, and in letters to Hitler and Himmler had suggested various methods which could be used.

RESETTLEMENT OF DP'S VITAL IF MORALE IS TO BE MAINTAINED, HIAS DIRECTOR WARNS

BASLE, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Unless action is taken to settle the displaced Jews in new countries as permanent residents, the danger exists that their morale will be completely destroyed, Isaac Asofsk, executive director of the HIAS, declared here today upon his arrival from a tour of inspection in Austria, Germany, and Czechoslovakia.

U.N. ASSEMBLY CLOSES; APPROVES I.R.O. CHARTER, OUTLAWS GENOCIDE, FORMS TRUSTEESHIP BODY

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The General Assembly of the United Nations concluded the second part of its first session last midnight, approving the charter of the International Refugee Organization and a \$160,000,000 budget by a vote of 30 to 5. The negative votes were cast by Soviet Russia, the Ukraine, Byelo-Russia, Poland and Yugoslavia.

Earlier, the General Assembly established the Trusteeship Council which is to take over territories formerly administered under mandates of the League of Nations. It also declared genocide--the mass extermination of racial groups--a violation of international law and proposed an international convention against the crime.

At least fifteen member states of the United Nations will have to ratify the I.R.O. constitution before the organization is able to start the complicated job of dissolving the refugee camps in Europe and sending the displaced persons either to new countries or to their native lands. The first two countries to sign the I.R.O. constitution today were the United States and Canada.

A three-hour debate developed last night at the closing session of the Assembly when the Slav bloc made its last effort to defeat the I.R.O. constitution. The Eastern countries, led by the delegation from the Soviet Union, insisted on the deletion from the IRO constitution of the principle of resettlement of refugees who can be repatriated to their native lands. However, they made an exception for Jewish refugees and Spanish Republicans.

Jewish Agency Says I.R.O. Amendment Will Not Affect Palestine Immigration

The Jewish Agency office in New York today issued a statement emphasizing that the clauses contained in the I.R.O. constitution urging the organization to take into consideration the "apprehension" that might be felt by "the indigenous population of the non-self-governing countries" in settling refugees in their lands, can in no way affect Jewish immigration to Palestine. These clauses, the Jewish Agency pointed out, cannot over-ride rights granted to Jews under the Palestine mandate. The statement of the Agency reads as follows:

"The Jewish Agency is satisfied that this stipulation has nothing to do with Jewish immigration into Palestine and resettlement therein, should the IRO undertake to be of assistance in that respect. The international law governing the facilitation of Jewish immigration into Palestine by the Mandatory Power is the Mandate for Palestine whose binding force has been recognized by Art. 80 of the United Nations Charter and the resolution of the last Assembly of the League of Nations of April 13, 1946, concerning mandated territories. Only through an amendment of the Charter in accordance with the procedure established in Article 108 or through the replacement of a new regime for Palestine would the binding force of the Mandate be abrogated.

"The Jewish Agency for Palestine is furthermore aware of the limited purpose of this provision. As part of the IRO's terms of reference it has been designed for the IRO's own particular activities in the sphere of resettlement and can apply only to that one specialized organization."

TWO JEWISH LAWYERS COLLECT CHANUKAH GIFTS FOR DP CHILDREN FROM WAR CRIMES STAFF

MUNICH, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Phyllis and Robert Rosenthal, a young married couple who are employed as attorneys on the American war crimes staff, have collected \$1,000 and gifts worth \$500 from members of the staff of the international tribunal for displaced Jewish children. The couple said they thought the children needed Chanukah presents.

BRITISH OFFICIAL LINKS THREATENING PHONE CALLS TO ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN

LONDON, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Following the receipt of three more phone calls last night threatening the destruction of various public buildings in London, the Daily Herald this morning publishes an interview with a high government official who links the "hoax calls" to an anti-Semitic organization.

The official said that the phone calls, which are made by a man who identifies himself as a "Jewish terrorist," are most likely the work of an anti-Jewish organization and are aimed at stirring up anti-Semitism in Britain. "For months men and women formerly allied with the fascist movement and institutions have been trying to fan anti-Semitism into violent hate in Britain," he declared.

Today the caller made several more threats warning of bomb explosions in an apartment house block as well as government offices, while police were setting up new procedures aimed at trapping the caller before he left a phone booth. Thus far fast mobile police cars have arrived too late to snare him.

The Daily Telegraph in an editorial today applauded the action of the World Zionist Congress in suspending a number of American Revisionists. The newspaper says the move will tend to curb Anglophobes in the United States and is a move toward control of "bomb throwers and gunmen" in Palestine. It also asserts that Jewish participation in the London conference on Palestine would be "some assurance" that Jewish leaders are prepared to consider the "middle ground" in the Palestine situation.

IRGUN THREATENS BRITISH OFFICERS WITH 18 LASHES IF SIMILAR PUNISHMENT IS GIVEN JEW

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Irgun Zvai Leumi last night threatened British officers in Palestine with 18 strokes of a cane, if the authorities carried out a military court's sentence of 18 strokes of the lash as well as 18 years imprisonment passed on 16-year-old Benjamin Kimchin, who was convicted of attempting to rob a bank in Jaffa.

The broadcast on the Irgun's secret transmitter, "Voice of Fighting Zion," termed Kimchin a "Jewish soldier taken prisoner by the enemy." The announcer paid tribute to the British airmen who assisted in the rescue of the 750 Jews shipwrecked on Sirini island. However, he added: "This episode does not change the fact that we are in a state of war with a cruel enemy endangering our very existence."

SIRINI REFUGEES EMBARKED AT YUGOSLAV PORT, BRITISH PARLIAMENT FEARS

LONDON, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The vessel which foundered off the Dodecanese island of Sirini last week-end, stranding nearly 800 Jewish immigrants for several days was purchased by a Jewish resident of Athens several months ago, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Christopher Mayhew told the House of Commons today. Replying to a question, Mayhew said that flag flew either the Greek or Panamanian colors, and sailed from the Yugoslav port of Backa on Nov. 26.

JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PALESTINE INVITED TO ATTEND INTER-ASIATIC CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council of Palestine has been invited to send a delegation to represent Palestine Jewry at the Inter-Asiatic Congress which is to be held in New Delhi, India, at the end of March to discuss the economic, social and cultural problems faced by all Asiatic peoples. Eight delegates and eight alternates have been assigned to Palestinian Jews.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES MUST RAISE \$215,000,000 FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS PROGRAMS IN 1947

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The 267 communities affiliated with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds will be called upon to raise more than \$215,000,000 for local, national and overseas programs in 1947, with the bulk earmarked for the \$170,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, Arnold Gurin of New York, director of budget research for the Council, told 300 delegates assembled here at the Central Atlantic Regional Conference. The delegates represent fifty major communities in New Jersey, Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

The conference which was called to map a program designed to help American Jewish communities meet their responsibilities next year, also heard a report from H.L. Lurie, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, on the increased contribution to American Jewish life being made by federations, welfare funds and community councils throughout the country. He emphasized that "current American factors are tending to make the Jewish group more homogenous."

Presided over by Kurt Peiser, executive director of the Philadelphia Federation of Jewish Charities, the conference also heard Samuel H. Daroff, president of the Philadelphia Allied Jewish Appeal, laud the \$170,000,000 U.J.A. quota as the best possible news for the 250,000 displaced Jews in the camps in Europe. "Thank God that the sacrifices we shall gladly make can prove so effective in restoring the self-respect and dignity of our fellow-Jews abroad. I have not the slightest doubt that every Jew in America will respond with unprecedented generosity to help attain our goal," he said.

Racial Hatred in "Marked Evidence" in U.S., Delegates Are Told

Group hatreds and prejudices, "in flagrant violation of democratic concepts," are in marked evidence in the United States," Jules Cohen, coordinator of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, reported. "The projection of civil and religious rights and the building of friendlier group relations," he said, "must constitute an important part of future world planning." He urged Jewish communities to assume their share of this responsibility by "initiating and developing effective local community relations programs." He stressed that such programs must include "the exposure of undemocratic organizations, individuals and incidents. Such action places the organized Jewish community behind every community effort to enact progressive social legislation. It promotes mutual respect and understanding through year-round interfaith and interracial activities."

U.S. Federal Judge Phillip Forman, who recently returned from Europe where he attended the Paris Peace Conference and the International Conference of Christians and Jews at Oxford, England, reported on the conditions of Europe's 1,500,000 Jewish survivors. He declared that "only the emphatic insistence upon the part of the United States that these homeless people be permitted to avail themselves of the National Homeland in Palestine in conformity with the true objectives of the Balfour Declaration, their acceptance in reasonable number in the United States and other countries and a continued generous financial contribution to supplement their necessities by the Jews of the United States will stave off their mass extinction."

Bernard Alexander of Trenton, regional president, reported that during the past year, Jewish communities in the Central Atlantic region raised more than \$17,000,000. He was re-elected regional president by the conference. Other officers chosen were: vice-presidents, I.B. Finkelstein of Wilmington, Gus Kaplan of Harrisburg and Israel November of Richmond; treasurer, D.Beryl Manischewitz, Newark.

Leon Retter, general secretary of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in Germany and Samuel Shlomovitz, chairman of the Jewish refugee committee in the Frankfurt region, were among the speakers. They reported on conditions of life among displaced Jews.

BERNARD BARUCH AWARDED "AMERICAN HEBREW" MEDAL FOR PROMOTING INTERFAITH UNDERSTANDING

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Bernard Baruch, head of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, has been awarded the American Hebrew medal for 1946 for his contributions during the current year toward the promotion of better understanding between Christians and Jews, Joseph H. Biben, editor of the American Hebrew, announced today.

Among Mr. Baruch's contributions cited by the awards committee of 65 judges representing three faiths were his recent speeches on Jewish refugees, displaced persons and the situation in Palestine, his aid and advice to Presidents Roosevelt and Truman and his public services in the economic and political fields. The recipient of last year's award was General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

AGUDAH YOUTH COUNCIL LAUNCHES \$1,000,000 CAMPAIGN FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF, RESETTLEMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A nation-wide campaign for \$1,000,000 for the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of orthodox Jews in displaced persons camps in Europe and for the strengthening of religious life in shattered Jewish communities throughout Europe was launched today by the Refugee-Immigration Division of the Agudah Israel Youth Council of America.

Heading the campaign, which has for its objectives the resettlement of orthodox Jews still living in D.P. camps and large-scale shipments of kosher foodstuffs and religious articles to Jewish communities in Central and Eastern Europe, are Lester Udell, president of the West Side Institutional Synagogue, and Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, honorary president of the Synagogue Council of America.

11TH WORLD CONFERENCE OF WIZO OPENS WITH MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR MARTYRED JEWISH WOMEN

BASLE, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The eleventh world conference of the Women's International Zionist Organization opened here today with a ceremony honoring the millions of Jewish women who were killed by the Nazis.

In a darkened hall representatives of 53 branches of the organization from countries throughout the world marched in a procession, each carrying a lighted candle which she placed in a menorah on the speakers' dias.

Following a tribute to the martyrs by Chayele Grossman of Warsaw, Rebecca Sieff, president of the WIZO, reported on the organization's activities during the past seven years and its rescue work since the liberation of Europe. Hadassah Samuel, an officer, spoke of the future work of WIZO.

JDC WORKER IN GERMANY DIES AFTER ACCIDENT; HAD SERVED AMONG DP'S SINCE 1945

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Miss Rebecca E. Kapelsohn, National Council of Jewish Women welfare worker, attached to the European staff of the Joint Distribution Committee, died as the result of an accident last night at Darmstadt, Germany, where she was engaged in work in behalf of displaced Jews, it was reported today in a cable received from the European headquarters of the Joint Distribution Committee. She was 26 years of age.

Miss Kapelsohn, a native of Brooklyn, had recently been assigned to duty at Darmstadt. She served in Germany for more than a year, having previously been stationed at the displaced persons camps at Cham and Bamberg for the JDC. She joined the professional staff of the National Council of Jewish Women in October, 1945.