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JEWISH AGENCY SUBMITS REQUEST TO U.N. FOR PARTICIPATION IN SESSION ON PALESTINE

LATE SUCCESS, April 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Palestine today formally asked the United Nations for an opportunity to participate, even without a vote, in the deliberation of the special session of the General Assembly on Palestine.

The request was submitted under the signature of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American branch of the Jewish Agency executive. It stressed that under the terms of the Palestine Mandate the Jewish Agency has been recognized as the authorized representative of the Jewish people in relation to Palestine.

It also pointed out that the granting of its request "appears to be a matter of simple justice" since Britain and the Arab countries will be in a position to participate in all discussions and to vote on the issues which the Assembly will take up.

The Jewish Agency request emphasizes that under the terms of Article 21 of the U.N. Charter, the General Assembly has complete authority over its own procedure. It can, therefore, effect a ruling to authorize the attendance of the Agency as a body representing the Jewish people under the Palestine Mandate. The Agency recalled the fact that though Albania was not a member of the United Nations and its government did not even receive general international recognition, the U.N. Security Council discussion on the British-Albanian dispute was delayed for weeks until the arrival of the Albanian representative.

General Assembly Can Act on Participation of Non-Governmental Agencies

Officials at the United Nations told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation submitted a similar request for participation. They pointed out that there is no rule under which such requests by non-governmental agencies can be acted upon by the Secretariat.

"The communications will have to wait until the General Assembly gets organized on Monday," a spokesman said. "The Assembly will then set up a steering committee which will have to decide as to what to do with the non-governmental agencies. In the event that no such committee is established, the General Assembly will itself have to make the decision. In the meantime, Secretary-General Lie is circulating the communications from the Jewish Agency and the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation among member states of the United Nations for their information."

Syria, Iraq, Lebanon Submit Requests for Termination of Palestine Mandate

Meanwhile, following the example of Egypt, the governments of Syria, Lebanon and Iraq today submitted identical requests to the U.N. Secretariat asking that an additional item, "termination of the Palestine Mandate and the declaration of the independence of Palestine" be added to the agenda of the special session.

A British spokesman today indicated that his government will oppose the request of the Arab countries for termination of the Mandate. Similar opposition is

pected from the U.S. Government. The attitude of the British Government toward the U.N. session remains unchanged, the member of the British delegation said, adding that Britain prefers that the session confine itself to establishing a fact-finding committee. He emphasized, however, that the Arab request is subject to the will of the delegates of all governments represented in the United Nations.

Agency Considers Arab Request Violation of International Covenant

The Jewish Agency issued a statement saying that the request of the Arab countries to have the mandate terminated and to declare Palestine an independent state would violate the international covenant to assist the Jewish people to reconstitute their National Home in Palestine."

"In the forthcoming sessions of the U.N., the Jewish Agency for Palestine will ask for the fulfillment of the Palestine Mandate, whose primary purpose was to insure the establishment of the Jewish National Home," the statement said. "If the agenda of the special session can be broadened to include items other than the appointment of a commission, the one urgent question demanding priority of consideration is the immediate relaxation of existing restrictions, which, in violation of the Mandate, bar homeless Jews from entry into their rightful home and subject the Jewish citizens of Palestine to an intolerable racial disability as regards freedom of settlement in their country," it pointed out.

Full Text of Jewish Agency Letter to Lie

The text of the Agency note to Mr. Lie asking representation at the Assembly reads as follows:

"A grave question arises in connection with this meeting owing to the non-representation in the General Assembly of the Jewish people which is so vitally and immediately concerned with the outcome of the Assembly's deliberations. By contrast, five states, members of the Arab League, who have completely identified themselves with the interests of another party directly involved, the Arabs of Palestine, will be in a position to participate in all discussions and to vote on the issues to come before the Assembly. Great Britain, whose record as Mandatory Power will be submitted to the judgment of the General Assembly, will also be entitled to speak and vote on questions concerning her own conduct.

"By the terms of Article 21 of the Charter of the United Nations the General Assembly has complete authority over its own procedure. The existing 'Provisional Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly' are, as their title implies, still in the process of development and are undergoing constant change. A ruling can easily be effected to authorize the attendance of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, as a body representing under the Palestine Mandate the Jewish people, at the meetings of the special session and its participation in the discussions. In this connection, it may be recalled that the Charter of the United Nations, in Article 80, safeguards the rights established by existing international instruments of peoples as distinguished from states. The Palestine Mandate of the League of Nations, as one of these international instruments, acknowledges the existence of the Jewish people and, pursuant to that Mandate, the Jewish Agency for Palestine has been recognized as the authorized representative of the Jewish people in relation to Palestine.

"In these special circumstances, and having regard to the far-reaching import of the points at issue for the future of the Jewish people, the grant of the Jewish Agency's request appears to be a matter of simple justice. Decisions are vitally affected by the methods by which they are reached and contain the characteristics of their genesis. Just decisions are not likely to result from unjust procedures and it would offend the most elementary notions of fair play if one party to a controversy should be represented in its adjudication, while the other party should be ex-

cluded. Nor would inequitable procedures be consonant with the ideals and principles of the United Nations whose Charter, both in its Preamble and Article 1, recognizes justice and respect for international law as basic canons of conduct.

"There is, moreover, precedent for the representations before the United Nations of interested parties who are not members of the United Nations. Thus, it will be recalled that discussion before the Security Council of the British-Albanian dispute concerning the mining of the Corfu waters was delayed for weeks until the arrival of the Albanian representative. Not only was Albania not a member of the United Nations, but its Government had not received general international recognition.

"It is, accordingly, in conformity with equity, international law and the precedents of the United Nations that the Jewish people, through the Jewish Agency for Palestine, be afforded an opportunity to participate, even though without vote, in the deliberations of the General Assembly on the Palestine question, subject only to the powers vested in the President of the General Assembly.

"The Jewish Agency would greatly appreciate the transmission of a copy of this note to the President of the forthcoming special session of the General Assembly and to the heads of the Delegations to this session with the object of enabling its representatives to attend the session and to take part in its discussions."

Hebrew Committee Asks Seating of "Hebrew National Delegation"

In the communication addressed to Mr. Lie by the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation it requested that an item be added to the agenda of the special session providing that a Hebrew national delegation be seated and be accorded full power to participate, on a non member, non-voting basis, in the deliberations of the Assembly on Palestine.

The Committee also asked that it be authorized to constitute the Hebrew national delegation to consist of representative Hebrew leaders from Palestine and veterans of the Hebrew resistance against the Nazis in Europe.

13,500 INTERNEES CALL OFF HUNGER STRIKE IN CYPRUS; NEW REFUGEE SHIP INTERCEPTED

HAIFA, April 22. (JTA) -- More than 13,500 Jewish internees in Cyprus called off their hunger strike this afternoon, after refusing food for over 90 hours, it was officially announced here tonight. The announcement revealed that many children had joined the fast which began Friday night.

Meanwhile, a refugee ship carrying 730 visaless Jews has been intercepted by British naval craft and is being brought into Haifa. It is expected to arrive tomorrow morning. The vessel is named the Shear Yishuv. First reports said a boarding party had encountered no resistance.

The strike was called off by the central committee of the Caracolos camp following a discussion with representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency and following an appeal from the Jewish National Council for Palestine. It was called to protest the government's decision to cut the April transport of returnees to Palestine from 750 to 375 to make up for the 375 who are reported to have escaped from the vessel Susanna last month.

Rabbi M.L. Heilperin, representative in Cyprus of the British Chief Rabbi's Council, has cabled to Colonial Minister Arthur Cresch-Jones, declaring that the official account of the killing of Moshe Lehrer, one of the internees, last Friday, was false. The communique said he was shot and several others wounded when the refugees attempted to break out of one camp. Rabbi Heilperin states, however, that the guards fired on a peaceful demonstration.

TROOP TRAIN BLAST KILLS EIGHT AS UNDERGROUND SEEKS VENGEANCE FOR DEAD EXTREMISTS

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- One half-hour after last rites were recited this morning over the graves of Moshe Barazani and Meir Feinstein, the Jewish underground launched a campaign of reprisals, blowing up a troop train on the Palestine-Egypt line, a mile outside of Rehovoth. Eight persons were killed and at least 41 injured.

The train was blasted by a huge land mine which was detonated from an orange grove adjoining the tracks. Shortly before the explosion, passing vehicles were halted by unknown men who warned them not to approach the tracks.

Preliminary reports said that the dead included five soldiers, and three civilians, one of them a three-year-old child. Twenty-three soldiers and 18 civilians were injured, a number of them seriously. The scene of the explosion was strewn with the debris from the telescoped coaches, among which were severed limbs and bloodstained portions of human bodies. Rescue operations have begun, but they are hampered by the position of the wreck, which is situated on a narrow track cut out of the peak of a rocky promontory.

Police and troops reinforcements, accompanied by police dogs, attempted to pick up the track of the dynamiters in the orange grove, but were unsuccessful. Rehovoth and the vicinity was cordoned off for a time and hundreds of persons questioned.

Jerusalem Still Under Dusk-to-Dawn Curfew; Tel Aviv Faces Restrictions

Jerusalem's curfew, which was lifted at 11 a.m. today, was reimposed at dusk. The municipal officials of Tel Aviv and Nathanya have been warned that curfews and other restrictions will be clamped down on the cities if any outbreaks occur in the vicinity.

A report, not yet confirmed, from Tel Aviv says that two Britons, believed to be policemen, have been kidnapped. Also from Tel Aviv, it is reported that an unidentified Jew this morning was deliberately shot at and wounded by troops. A passer-by who witnessed the shooting summoned police.

The family of Abhod Mizrachi, who was killed in Jerusalem last night, said today that he had not violated the curfew regulations in any manner, but had been hurrying home so as to arrive there before the curfew, which was announced suddenly--and in various forms--could prevent him from returning.

Another curfew victim, 14-year-old Zahava Albalag, is still confined to Hadasah Hospital with a leg wound. She was shot when jittery soldiers who had been given three different versions of the curfew regulations tried to enforce all of them, resulting in confusion.

Two Jews who were arrested yesterday after a military jeep was ambushed in the center of Jerusalem were released on bail today. Since bail is never granted to terrorists, it is assumed that the police have been unable to connect them with the incident.

The Stern Group distributed pamphlets tonight stating that it was responsible for the bomb which was planted in the Colonial Office in London last week by a still unidentified young woman. A Sternist broadcast warned of reprisals for the deaths of the extremists.

HEAVY MILITARY GUARD ESCORTS FUNERAL OF BARAZANI AND FEINSTEIN TO MOUNT OF OLIVES

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- Moshe Barazani and Meir Feinstein, who committed suicide in their cells at Jerusalem Prison a few hours before they were to be executed, were buried this morning in the ancient cemetery on the Mount of Olives, near the graves of Jewish victims of the pre-war Arab riots. Their bodies were placed in a common grave with Aboud Mizrachi, 45, a father of ten, who was killed in Jerusalem last night by British soldiers, who charged he was violating curfew regulations.

Although Barazani and Feinstein took their own lives, they were buried in consecrated ground under a dispensation granted by Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog. The only mourners allowed were the immediate families of the three men, including Barazani's and Feinstein's parents, and the brother and fiancée of the latter youth. Also Mizrachi's widow and children.

The funeral cortege, which consisted of two buses, one of which served as a hearse, was escorted by two heavy armored cars mounting cannon, a light armored car, three armored scout cars, an armored half-track, a police car and four motorcyclists. It started from the mortuary of the government hospital here and proceeded rapidly to the cemetery.

Outside the cemetery the procession halted, while the mourners and the men carrying the bodies continued up the stony path to a slope where a grave had been prepared. The soldiers and police waited near the vehicles. The traditional services were brief and then a rabbi and Feinstein's brother Benjamin eulogized the two youths.

Feinstein Told Fiancee: "Marry and Rear Sons Loyal to Our People"

Rabbi Jacob Goldman, a former resident of Rochester, New York, who was summoned to the prison a few hours before the executions were scheduled to be carried out, said the two doomed youths were in high spirits. After they had been confessed, they talked at great length, declaring that they did not consider themselves terrorists or gangsters, but patriots who were dying for the freedom of their people. They added that it was "better to die with a gun in your hands." They asked that the first two male children born in the Jewish community here after their death be named for them. Feinstein requested Rabbi Goldman to tell his fiancée to marry "and rear sons loyal to our people."

One of Feinstein's lawyers revealed today that when the curfew in Jerusalem was announced last night, he called the Acting Commissioner of Prisons and asked whether that meant the two men who were under sentence of death were to be executed, since he wanted to arrange for their families to pay a farewell visit. He was assured that no orders for the executions had been given.

According to one report today, the explosives with which Feinstein and Barazani committed suicide were smuggled to them in hollowed-out oranges brought by their last visitors, all of whom are being investigated. Another report said the explosives had been hidden in the cell for some time, perhaps placed there by Dov Gruner.

The dead youths were eulogized tonight by Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv, addressing a meeting of the city's municipal council. Rokach also paid tribute to the two refugees who were killed aboard the Theodor Herzl last week. "The Palestine Government remains deaf to the Yishuv's demand," he said. "No increase in the number of gallows, but opening of the gates of Palestine will halt the disturbances."

MILITARY GOVT. SEES LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF PROMPT ACTION ON RESTITUTION IN U.S. ZONE

MUNICH, April 22. (JTA) -- There is no property restitution law in effect in Germany and there is no immediate prospect that such legislation will be promulgated, a high Military Government source today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The MG official said that considerable misunderstanding exists in America as a result of the action taken by the Minister-Presidents of the four states in the American zone at a meeting in Stuttgart on March 12. At that time, the German officials approved a measure providing for restitution, but included several provisos, containing the recommendation that the law be extended to all zones.

Top MG authorities assented to this reservation and have decided not to place the law in effect until they can confer with the directors of the French, Soviet and British zones on the possibility of promulgating uniform legislation. However, similar conferences were held more than a year ago without any result, and it was then that the Americans decided to go ahead with drawing up laws for their own zone.

BAN ON ADMISSION OF INFILTRERS TO DP CAMPS IN U.S. ZONE PLACED IN EFFECT

FRANKFURT, April 22. (JTA) -- The recently announced policy under which infiltrers from Eastern Europe will be barred in the future from DP camps in the U.S. zone went into effect today.

DP leaders and voluntary agency officials have expressed surprise at the move by Gen. Lucius D. Clay and voiced apprehension that it foreshadowed a cut in DP food rations. They point out that infiltration in recent months has been negligible and that nobody expects any noticeable increase in coming weeks. The DP leaders said that the Clay announcement will result in resentment among refugees and had already been interpreted as meaning that new restrictions will be forthcoming soon.

However, official bodies, such as the Central Committee of Liberated Jews, have decided not to make any protest. Their decision has met with considerable opposition among some elements in the camps, who are already at odds with the DP leaders for their failure to support the demonstration last week protesting the execution of Dov Gruner. The dissident elements represent a considerable section of the camp populations. They are led by the Revisionists, who polled 30 percent of the votes in the recent elections of representatives to the Central Committee.

Jewish DP's Demonstrate in German Towns to Protest Palestine Executions

MUNICH, April 22. (JTA) -- More than 500 displaced Jews in the northern Bavarian town of Regensburg today staged an orderly demonstration before the community synagogue today to protest the executions of members of the Jewish underground in Palestine. Smaller demonstrations were held in Stuttgart, Kassel and Pocking.

Although Revisionist leaders here denied direct responsibility for today's demonstrations, they admitted that they had sent out orders to about 150 local branches in the U.S. zone, suggesting that meetings be held. The Central Committee of Liberated Jews reiterated that all such observances were "unauthorized."

UNRRA TRAINING DP'S FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT AS AGENCY'S LIQUIDATION NEARS

ROME, April 22. (JTA) -- The UNRRA mission in Italy has started to reduce its staff in anticipation of the agency's liquidation on June 30. Only a few hundred of the 1,200 welfare workers will be retained after this month. In an attempt to strengthen DP self-government, UNRRA is operating a school here where potential refugee administrators are taught the principles of welfare and psychological work.

NEW YORK GROUP FORMED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY; \$15,000,000 NEEDED

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- The New York Associates of Brandeis University was organized here today at a luncheon sponsored by the Albert Einstein Foundation as the opening gun of the Foundation's campaign to raise New York City's share of the national quota of \$15,000,000 for the University, which is scheduled to begin functioning at Waltham, Mass., in the fall of 1948. The University will be the first Jewish-sponsored non-sectarian institution of higher education in the United States.

S. Ralph Lazrus, president of the Foundation, stressed that although the institution was founded by Jews and will be supported by Jews, its doors will be open to all students regardless of race, religion or sex. Mr. Lazrus announced that the climax of the fund raising campaign in his city would be reached at a dinner meeting at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on June 5. He said he was certain "that New York City would bear the full responsibility in meeting the national goal of \$15,000,000 for the establishment of America's first non-sectarian, Jewish-sponsored university."

George Alpert, president of the University's board of trustees, reported that \$1,000,000 had already been contributed or pledged in Boston. In describing the aims of the educational institution, Mr. Alpert declared: "Our purpose in establishing Brandeis University is not as an answer to academic anti-Semitism. I prefer to look on this project as an affirmative expression by the Jews of America of their contribution to American culture."

Other speakers at the luncheon were Mrs. Susan Brandeis Gilbert, Justice Louis Brandeis' daughter, and a member of the New York State Board of Regents, and Prof. Otto Nathan of New York University, who represents Prof. Albert Einstein on the Foundation's Board of Directors.

JUDAISM PARLEY DEPLORES ANTI-LABOR LEGISLATION; RABBIS DEFEND LABOR RIGHTS

CHICAGO, April 22. (JTA) -- The Institute on Judaism, Management and Labor, sponsored by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, at its concluding session yesterday adopted a resolution deploring all legislation "which would liquidate the improved status which labor has enjoyed since the passage of the Wagner Act."

"It is our belief," the resolution said, "that management and labor unions should peaceably resolve their differences without the necessity of Congress attempting to club the unions into submission." The resolution condemned "the excesses of the Hartley Bill, which among other things have the vindictive purpose of crippling the labor movement of this country, by eliminating the closed shop and industry-wide bargaining." The Hartley Bill was passed by the House of Representatives last week.

The relation of Judaism to labor-management problems was summarized by Dr. Abraham J. Feldman of Hartford, Conn., vice-president of the Conference, who said "Judaism teaches us the dignity of labor; the sinfulness of oppressing the laborer, that labor has rights, that high standards of ethical conduct must prevail, that men are entitled to the blessings of plenty for the necessities of life, that the employer has rights and by the same token employee has duties to his employer, that the laborer has the obligation to make an honest return for the compensation he receives."

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman of St. Louis saw in current labor-management difficulties the occasion again for Judaism to defend social gains, to strengthen them, as it has in the past. "Reaction is in the air," he said. "Many good people who have opposed all reforms are out to destroy recent social gains. Rabbis and Jewish laymen must speak out as champions of justice and righteousness."

ZIONIST LEADERS CONFER WITH CANADIAN CABINET MINISTERS ON U.N. SESSION ON PALESTINE

MONTREAL, April 22. (JTA) -- The Canadian delegation to the forthcoming U.N. session on Palestine has been urged by a Jewish delegation to press for fulfillment by Britain of the international obligations it assumed under the Mandate and to support Jewish immigration and settlement.

The delegation, which was headed by Moshe Shertok for the Jewish Agency, Samuel J. Zicks, president of the United Zionist Council of Canada and Sir Ellsworth Flavelle, chairman of the Canadian Palestine Committee, saw Acting Prime Minister Louis S. Laurent, who is Canada's Foreign Secretary, and three other Cabinet ministers.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS LAUD LATE KING CHRISTIAN'S AID TO JEWS; JOIN DANES IN MOURNING

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee, the World Jewish Congress and other Jewish organizations today expressed sympathy to the people and government of Denmark on the death of King Christian.

Lauding the late king for his "heroic stand against Nazi barbarism" during the German occupation, Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, sent a message to the Danish Minister in Washington stating: "The shining sense of honor of King Christian was reflected in the conduct of the Danish people toward the Jews of their own and of neighboring countries. It is a solemn duty at this time for us to be mindful of this page of honor in Denmark's history and to record our gratitude and sense of obligation on the passing of your great sovereign."

The World Jewish Congress, in a message cabled to the Danish Prime Minister, said that "the just and democratic ways" of the late king "endeared him to freedom-loving people the world over and his noble defense of the Danish Jewish community under the tyrannical regime of the German invaders enshrined his memory forever in the grateful hearts of the Jewish people." The cable was signed by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president, and Dr. A. L. Kubowitzki, secretary-general.

JEWISH DAILY FORWARD BEGINS THREE-MONTH CELEBRATION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish Daily Forward, largest Yiddish daily newspaper in the world, today began a three-month celebration of its 50th anniversary which will culminate at a mass-meeting at Madison Square Garden on May 25, arranged by more than 100 labor organizations, with Abraham Cahan, 87-year-old editor of the Forward, as guest of honor.

The newspaper's jubilee will also be celebrated in Chicago, Philadelphia, Newark, Boston, Baltimore, Detroit and Los Angeles where the Forward has branch offices. Founded in 1897, the Forward is a non-profit newspaper devoted to strengthening the labor union movement among Jews. It is pro-Zionist and anti-Communist and has been a Social-Democratic organ since its inception.

J.D.C. PRODUCES DOCUMENTARY FILM DEPICTING POSITION OF JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- The first documentary film on post-war conditions of 1,500,000 Jewish survivors of Nazism in Europe was presented by the Joint Distribution Committee today in a showing held at the Museum of Modern Art. Titled Report on the Living, it is a 16 mm sound picture consisting almost entirely of original footage filmed expressly for the J.D.C. in Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, France and the displaced persons' camps of Germany, Austria and Italy. Report on the Living records the recent trip of Edward M.L. Warburg, chairman of the J.D.C., to observe the use and distribution of relief supplies and to develop new J.D.C. programs of relief, resettlement and reconstruction.