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U.S. OPPOSES, SOVIET BACKS ARAB PLEA FOR FULL DEBATE; POLAND ASKS JEWISH REPRESENTATION

FLUSHING MEADOWS, April 29. (JTA) -- The U.S.-Soviet cleavage on international affairs was reflected at the General Committee of the United Nations today when the American delegate opposed and the Russian representative endorsed the Arab request for addition to the General Assembly agenda of a special item calling for the termination of the Mandate and the proclamation of Palestine's independence.

The Arab demand touched off such a bitter debate that the Committee was in session until early in the evening and the plenary session of the Assembly, which had been originally scheduled for today and was advanced until tomorrow at the request of the Arabs, has been postponed until further notice to allow continued debate by the General Committee tomorrow.

Herschel Johnson, the delegate of the United States, in a long statement outlining the position of this government on the question of solving the Palestine problem announced that he will vote against the Arab request because it prejudices the decision which the fact-finding commission to be appointed by the General Assembly must reach.

Andre Gromyko, speaking for the Soviet Union, said that he was ready to vote in favor of including the Arab item on the agenda since it would only mean a wider discussion of the Palestine issue at the present session, and not the adoption by the Assembly of any basic decision. A wide discussion by the Assembly of the fundamental problems underlying the Palestine issue can only prove helpful to the fact-finding body, Gromyko argued.

Gromyko's views were apparently not shared by the delegation from Poland, which usually votes with the Soviet Union. The Polish delegate, Joseph Winiewicz, announced that although the Arab request merits discussion, he would abstain from voting on it, since it would not be fair to grant their demand before the Jews are heard on the very important question of termination of the Palestine Mandate. He urged the admission of a Jewish representation to the Assembly, and was the only member of the General Committee to do so.

Arab Delegates Attack Stand Taken By United States and Poland

Canada supported the view of the American delegation that the Arab request be rejected because it would prejudice the work of the projected fact-finding committee. However, the delegates of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Saudi Arabia attacked the American opposition to inclusion of their item on the agenda.

The Polish delegation was also attacked by the Arab delegates for suggesting admission of a Jewish representative. Mahmoud Hassan Pasha, the Egyptian delegate,

argued that to admit the Jews would be contrary to the United Nations Charter and that the Jews could present their views to the fact-finding committee, if one is appointed.

All Five Arab States Allowed to Participate in Committee Debate

All the Arab countries were invited to participate in the General Committee discussion, although only Egypt is a member of the committee. The other four were seated without voting rights. All five delivered bitter attacks against "political Zionism" and four of them emphasized their opposition to the creation of a fact-finding committee. They insisted on immediate action by the U.N. on the Palestine issue.

The Iraq delegate, who was the first Arab representative to speak, voiced bitter opposition to the creation of a fact-finding committee and aggressively attacked "political Zionism." He said that political Zionism may affect the position of Jews in various countries where adherents of the Zionist idea could be considered to be practicing double loyalty. He demanded independence for Palestine now and said that the entire Arab world would stand behind the Arabs of Palestine.

The delegates from Syria and Egypt argued at length against the stand of the United States delegation, while the Lebanese and Saudi Arabian delegates advanced a number of reasons why action must be taken by the Assembly now on a final solution of the Palestine issue.

The Arab attacks on the United States elicited a reply from Johnson, who contested their "assumptions." He vigorously denied that U.S. opposition to the Arab resolution precluded independence of Palestine as an ultimate solution. He also termed "exaggerated" an Arab argument that the Assembly would send the committee to Palestine without terms of reference. He said that passage of the Arab resolution would "inflame passions" and add to the confusion. The purpose of this session, he reiterated, is to establish a committee to work in "quiet objectivity" and then to report to the next session of the Assembly in September.

Johnson Says Opinions Differ on Form of Palestine Independence

"Every member of the U.N. looks forward to the day when Palestine will be a free and independent state," said Johnson, but declared that opinions vitally differ "as to the form of independence." He added that the Assembly would give "very careful terms of reference" to the committee and would not exclude ultimate independence.

Earlier, Mr. Johnson said that the U.S. realized the full importance of Palestine to the whole world as well as to the interested parties and stated his belief that "this may be the last chance for a peaceful and fair solution." If this chance is missed, he added, serious disorders may result, leading to economic and moral ruin.

Johnson declared that the United States has from the beginning made known its view that only the British proposal for creation of a committee to study Palestine and report to the next General Assembly should be considered at this session. He contended that the proper approach to the Palestine issue by the Assembly requires preliminary work by the proposed committee and formulation of alternative recommendations so that the Assembly will have "clearcut proposals before it in September."

He called for an ultimate Assembly decision that would be not only fair but supported by world opinion. It will be "extremely difficult, if not impossible, he said, "to enforce any decision which does not rally the support of most of the people

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of the world." He declared further that the decision "must clearly have been reached in an atmosphere free from pressure by the big powers and behind-the-scenes intrigue."

Johnson said the Egyptian and Arab proposals attempt to prejudice the issue. Pointing out that they may not be "the best immediate solution," he suggested they may be an alternative solution for recommendation by the committee of inquiry. "An untampered discussion of the substance now" would not serve a fair solution in the regular session next September, Johnson continued. He urged formation of a committee with terms of reference giving "the widest possible scope" to all interested parties, and said that the next Assembly would remedy any deficiencies in the work of the committee.

Johnson called for "careful and impartial study on the highest level." He said he would be unhappy if his remarks were interpreted "as a desire to prevent the Arab states or any other interested parties from presenting their views at the proper time."

Agency Says Committee Proceedings Highlight Need for Jewish Representation

A spokesman for the Jewish Agency, commenting on the session this afternoon, said that "the proceedings before the General Committee today emphasized the urgency and justice of the plea of the Jewish Agency for Palestine for the opportunity to participate fully in the deliberations of the General Assembly. Although the question before the General Committee was solely a procedural one," he continued, "the delegates of the five Arab states, four of whom are not members of the committee, were in a position to go into the substance of the question and to present one side of the picture."

"The case of the Jewish people was not heard by the committee for they had no representative at the table to refute the Arab presentation. Accordingly the Arab states are permitted to use the highest forum in the world for the unchallenged dissemination of their propaganda. We trust that the U.N. will not permit a continuation of a proceeding so palpably unjust."

In a letter to Secretary of State Marshall, the American Council for Judaism today declared that it was opposed to the request of the Jewish Agency for recognition as a non-voting representative at the U.N., and to the formation of a Jewish state. The letter asked that the State Department notify the delegations at the United Nations of the Council's views.

The State Department announced tonight that Secretary Marshall would confer tomorrow morning with Warren Austin, chief U.S. delegate to the U.N. Austin came to Washington from Flushing Meadows to discuss the Palestine question with the Secretary.

The first Arab challenge to the British came this morning after the Indian delegate Asaf Ali demanded that Britain commit itself to accepting the U.N. recommendations on Palestine. He was joined by Hassan Pasha who asked "what is the use of our considering the Palestine issue at present, if Britain will feel free not to accept our decisions?"

Dr. Oswaldo Aranha, president of the Assembly, who is chairman of the General Committee, attempted to rule the Indian question out of order, but was opposed by Hassan Pasha and Gromyko. Sir Alexander Cadogan, the British delegate, then said that he would make a formal statement before the Assembly in a few days, but meanwhile he could state that the British Government would accept the Assembly decision, but would have to make a reservation about enforcing the recommendations without help.

JEWISH EXTREMISTS IN JERUSALEM PRISON PLOTTED JAILBREAK, PALESTINE AUTHORITIES REPORT

JERUSALEM, April 29. (JTA) -- The discovery of a plot by Jewish prisoners in the Jerusalem Central Prison to escape was announced here today by the authorities.

The statement said that an interior wall had been breached and that the main outer wall of the jail was partially penetrated before the plot was uncovered. The preparations for the jailbreak evidently went back a considerable period of time, and some sources assert that it was part of an attempt to save the lives of Dov Gruner and the other condemned extremists.

Michael Morris, 30, was shot and killed by a British soldier in Tel Aviv last night. Morris and his wife, who were returning to their home in a suburb of the city, were halted by a two-man patrol which was checking passes. While one soldier was examining his papers, the second shot him. His wife declared that he made no move which could have been interpreted as hostile.

Jewish National Council Cables U.N. Jewish Agency Only Body Representing Jews

The Jewish National Council, in a message to the U.N. session on Palestine, appealed for support of the Jewish cause in the name of "justice." It stated that "even had Hitler's cataclysm not overtaken the Jewish people in the war, you would have been duty bound to live up to the pledges made to us on the basis of historical truth and ultimate justice.

"Even were Jewish minorities loved and contented in all the countries, the world could not condemn it to remain forever as a minority without a state and without a homeland. We cannot believe that you regard the Jewish nation as less deserving of liberty and homeland than any other nation," it declared. Pointing out the role of the Jews in building up Palestine, the message stated that the Jews desire only peace with their Arab neighbors.

In a second cable to the General Assembly's president, Oswaldo Aranha, and Secretary-General Trygve Lie, the Council declared that the Jewish Agency was the only body representing the Jews. In a separate message Chief Rabbi Isaac Harzog and Ben Zion Uziel informed the U.N. that they will say special prayers for the success of the session.

From Cairo it was reported that Rassem el Khaldi, a Palestine Arab who has been living in exile in Egypt, has been refused entry to the United States as a member of the Palestine "observer" delegation to the U.N. The action was taken on the grounds that the British will not grant him a visa to enter Palestine.

LIVELY DEBATE ON PALESTINE EXPECTED AT BRITISH LABOR PARTY ANNUAL CONVENTION IN MAY

LONDON, April 29. (JTA) -- A lively debate on the Palestine issue at the forthcoming annual meeting of the British Labor Party which is scheduled to open at Margate May 26 was foreshadowed here today with the publication of proposed resolutions. Included among them are demands for the abrogation of the White Paper, ending of land purchase restrictions and surrender of the Palestine Mandate to the United Nations.

While four resolutions calling for reaffirmation of the Labor Party's pre-election program on Palestine have been submitted by delegates from areas with a large Jewish population such as London's East End, Manchester and Leeds and the Labour Zionist Party, two other resolutions contain no criticism of Britain's policy in Palestine--although they also ask for the surrender of the Mandate.

Z.O.A. GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK CITY JULY 3-6

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- The 50th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America will be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City, July 3 through July 6, according to a decision by the National Administrative Council of the organization.

The Palestine situation in all its aspects, particularly in the light of the discussion by the U.N., will be the major item at the political sessions of the convention, which will be presided over by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the ZOA. The convention will also be called upon to discuss and act upon projects for the reorganization of the regional structure of the organization, as well as plans dealing with education and youth.

RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA CALLS ON U.S. TO PRESS JEWISH CAUSE AT U.N. SESSION

DETROIT, April 29. (JTA) -- The United States was urged to take the initiative in championing the Jewish cause at the U.N. session on Palestine in a resolution adopted here today by the 11th annual convention of the Rabbinical Council of America.

The resolution also called on the U.S. Government to insist that the Jewish Agency be accorded full representation at the session. Further, it asked the American delegation to press Britain for an interim policy providing for large-scale Jewish immigration to Palestine and the removal of land purchase restrictions.

A second resolution embodying the report of the Council's Social Justice Commission was voted. It called for protection of labor's rights, adoption of Federal F.E.P.C. legislation, improvement of the national health program and the admission of more DP's as immigrants.

The convention also adopted a pension and health insurance plan. It decided to make available for the operation of the insurance plan one-third of a sum of \$30,000 set aside in the Schiff Fund for the use of Orthodox rabbis. The plan will provide monthly payments for retired rabbis and sick and disability benefits.

DISPLACED JEWS IN ITALY APPEAL TO U.N. TO OPEN GATES OF HOLY LAND, ABOLISH WHITE PAPER

ROME, April 29. (JTA) -- The Committee of Displaced Jews in Italy today appealed to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie, asking, in the name of the 20,000 Jewish refugees in Italy, that the U.N. order the "immediate opening of Palestine's gates to all Jews who wish to go there and the abrogation of the illegal White Paper." The committee also urged a place for the Jewish people in the family of nations as an independent state.

The cable to Lie reviewed the position of the displaced Jews two years after the capitulation of Germany, pointing out that they were living in camps under bad conditions and "eating the bread of charity." It asserted that most of the refugees must return to their lands of origin.

ARGENTINE JEWS ASK U.N. TO RATIFY INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS TO JEWS ON PALESTINE

BUENOS AIRES, April 29. (JTA) -- A plea to the United Nations to support the Jewish demand for a national home was yesterday sent the international organization by the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry.

The cable said: "Argentine Jewry hopes that the United Nations will ratify the moral and political rights of the Jewish people to Palestine and will impose fulfillment of solemn international obligations toward a Jewish home."

JEWISH REFUGEES FROM EASTERN EUROPE PILING UP IN AUSTRIA; FEAR TO ENTER GERMANY

VIENNA, April 29. (JTA) -- Jewish refugees from Poland and Rumania are beginning to pile up here just one week after the U.S. Army announced that it would no longer permit "infiltrates" to enter DP camps in Germany.

As of today there are about 500 "infiltrates" in Vienna and another 1,000 are reported to be at the Rumanian-Austrian frontier headed in this direction. Although the U.S. Army has not closed the borders of Germany, the "infiltrates" fear to enter Germany because of the uncertainty of their fate there.

At present the DP's are housed in a shelter maintained by the Jewish Refugee Committee. They receive no assistance from official quarters and Joint Distribution Committee food supplies while increasing are still not adequate. A recent group of arrivals have been quarantined for two weeks, because a case of chicken pox cropped up in their midst.

The first group of Austrian Jews to return from Palestine arrived here today. Two-thirds of the repatriates have been lodged by the municipality in small hotels, while the others will stay with relatives. They declared that they had returned because they could not stand the climate in Palestine and were attracted by the reports of restitution legislation in Austria. They said about 800 Austrian Jews now in Palestine wish to return to their homeland. Small groups of Austrian Jews from France, Italy and the Soviet Union arrive every week.

GERMAN WOMAN INVOLVED IN CLASH DURING WHICH DP'S WERE INJURED TO BE TRIED FRIDAY

MUNICH, April 29. (JTA) -- Helga Reitz, a German woman who last week precipitated a riot during which a number of displaced Jews were beaten in a restaurant here, will go on trial before a military court Friday on charges of disorderly conduct and inciting to riot, Brig. Gen. Josiah Dalby, U.S. commander of the Munich area, announced today at a press conference.

Gen. Dalby reported that military authorities have been questioning the Agudas Israel members involved in the incident. He said that the Jews have failed to cooperate in identifying the military policemen involved. Attributing the failure to possible fear of antagonizing the MP's, Dalby said that they "could not get any place that way."

He also revealed that Jacob Rosenheim, world president of the Agudas Israel Organization, had cabled to Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American military commander in Germany, asking for a full report of the incident. Dalby reiterated his explanation of the clash and said that the same facts were being sent to Rosenheim.

CZECH COURT TRYING THERESIENSTADT COMMANDER HEARS 33,000 JEWS DIED FROM ILLS IN GHETTO

PRAGUE, April 29. (JTA) -- Thirty-three thousand Jews died at Theresienstadt from illness brought on by mistreatment and lack of food, Dr. M.R. Stein, former head of the health department in the ghetto city, testified today at the war crimes trial of Karl Rahm, former Nazi commandant of Theresienstadt. Dr. Stein said that 1,200 tuberculars were deported to death camps in one transport.

Vaclav Nosek, Czechoslovak Minister of the Interior, who also testified, said that Rahm, despite his denial, was aware that the Jews deported from Theresienstadt were murdered. Another witness told of seeing Jews strangled with towels in the ghetto.

ATTORNEY GENERAL BACKS BILL EASING IMMIGRATION LAWS FOR ALIENS HERE OVER FIVE YEARS

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- Attorney General Tom Clark, testifying before the House Judiciary Committee today, gave his full support to the Fellows Bill, which would grant him broad discretion in certain cases involving deportation of aliens.

Clark told the committee that he was very anxious that it should design some legislation which would allow him broader discretion in adjusting the status of deserving aliens. The bill would enable the Attorney General to suspend deportation in the case of an alien "of good moral character" who has resided in this country for five or more years or, if racially ineligible for naturalization, to remove that bar if the alien has been here for seven years or if his deportation would cause economic detriment to his dependents.

Ugo Carusi, Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, told the committee that the number of aliens affected would likely be very small. He estimated that the bill would cover about 1,000 or 1,500 cases a year for the first two or three years and then decrease measurably.

Clark told the committee that he thought there should be a statute of limitations on acts involving violation of the immigration laws just as there is for other offenses. He saw no reason, he said, why a man should remain deportable all his life even though he may have entered the country illegally.

The bill provides that quota numbers to legalize the entry of such aliens be taken from the current year's quota. Clark pointed out that while this would detract from the number of available quota numbers, it did mean that we would know what we were getting in the case of the alien who has lived here and already proved himself, whereas under the quota system, no one could tell what kind of a citizen an immigrant would make when he entered the country.

Clark said he favored a suggestion made by committee member Ed Gossett, Democrat, of Texas, to limit the introduction of private bills to those cases where the Attorney General certified that there was no provision for administrative relief.

Asked about testimony of a representative of the American Legion, who said his group flatly opposed any further immigration of any sort, Clark remarked that he was "pretty sure" they did not understand the meaning of the bill and said he wished he could talk to them about it.

CONGRESSMAN CHARGES CAMPAIGN OF DISTORTION ON DP IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- In a speech to the House today, Rep. Arthur G. Klein, Democrat, of New York, pointed out that there is "apparently a conspiracy of distortion and misrepresentation" now under way to confuse the public and Congress on the subject of displaced persons.

Speaking in support of the Stratton Bill, recently introduced in the House, which would permit the use of wartime quota numbers for the entry of 400,000 displaced persons within the next four years, Klein labelled "false propaganda" reports that great numbers of refugees are entering the country illegally every day. He cited Immigration and Naturalization Commissioner Ugo Carusi to the effect that illegal entries from the European area are less than 100 a month and that practically every stowaway is apprehended and usually returned from whence he came.

Another "false charge being disseminated," he said, was that most of the DP's are Jewish, while actually only 20 percent of them are Jews. The other 80 percent are of Catholic and Protestant faiths. Among the 20 percent who are Jewish, he said, an overwhelming majority desire to emigrate to Palestine and not to the United States.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE TO HOLD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON CURBING IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE

LONDON, April 29. (JTA) -- A Foreign Office spokesman today announced that Anglo-French discussions "on a technical level" will be held soon to discuss French "cooperation" with the British drive to cut off visaless immigration to Palestine. It is expected that the parley will be held in Paris.

Although the spokesman still declined to release the contents of the French note on the matter, he said the aim of the discussions would be a "general attempt to tighten immigration regulations." Asked whether the French note was satisfactory, he answered: "It is a step forward." He also stated that the discussions will not cover the same ground as an earlier British-French-American meeting on illegal immigration from Germany, and will be a purely Anglo-French matter.

Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Christopher Mayhew announced in Commons that Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin has been in touch with Lord Inverchapel, Ambassador to Washington, on reports of a new drive by the American League for a Free Palestine to raise funds for visaless immigration.

BRITISH, EGYPTIAN AGENTS IN EGYPT SEARCHING FOR REPORTED PALESTINE EXTREMISTS

CAIRO, April 29. (JTA) -- All hotels and boarding houses in Cairo, Alexandria and Port Said are being closely watched by British and Egyptian agents following receipt by political police of information that alleged Palestine extremists have entered the country.

It is understood that after the execution of Dov Gruner, the underground threatened to retaliate against British officials in Egypt. Embassy sources yesterday disclosed that a British official formerly attached to the Palestine police force has been missing since April 4. Prominent British officials and British buildings are being guarded and Egyptian police have arrested a number of suspects in widespread searches.

ARGENTINE FOREIGN OFFICE DENIES REPORT CONSULS ORDERED NOT TO ISSUE VISAS TO JEWS

BUENOS AIRES, April 29. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Foreign Office today denied reports that Argentine consuls have been instructed not to issue visas to Jews wishing to enter the country for business or other reasons. Ernesto Campolongo, director of the administrative department of the Foreign Office, said rejection of visa applications was never due to racial reasons.

CHINA SIGNS IRO CONSTITUTION; WILL SEND DELEGATE TO PREPARATORY COMMISSION IN LAUSANNE

FLUSHING MEADOWS, April 29. (JTA) -- In a ceremony at Flushing Meadows today, Dr. P.C. Chang, Chinese representative on the U.N. Economic and Social Council, signed the constitution of the International Refugee Organization and the interim arrangements for a preparatory commission to bring the I.R.O. into operation as soon as possible. He announced that China would send a delegate to the preparatory commission meeting in Lausanne, which opens on Thursday.

BREAK GROUND IN PALESTINE FOR BUILDING OF NEW HADASSAH-UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL

JERUSALEM, April 29. (JTA) -- James G. MacDonald, former U.S. member of the Anglo-American inquiry committee, participating today in the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Biology building of the Hebrew University-Hadassah medical school, lauded the project as an "exceptional contribution toward lifting the health standard of millions of people." Representatives of the University and Hadassah also participated in the ceremony.

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