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106 EAST 41ST STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECONVENES TO EXTEND INVITATION TO PALESTINE ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE

LAKE SUCCESS, May 7. (JTA) -- The prestige of the United Nations suffered a damaging blow today when, under Arab pressure, the General Assembly reconvened for the sole purpose of adopting a resolution which would satisfy the "honor" of the Arab states and guarantee the appearance of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee before the Political and Security Committee.

The bewildering chain of events began this morning when the Political Committee adopted a surprise motion by Indian delegate Asaf Ali instructing Assembly President Dr. Oswaldo Aranha to call a plenary session of the General Assembly to endorse a resolution directing the Political Committee to hear the Arab Higher Committee, despite the fact that the Political Committee had already extended an invitation to the Arab group. The motion was adopted 28 to 5, with the Soviet bloc among the 22 nations abstaining. The U.S. and Britain voted for the motion.

Reluctant to assume sole responsibility for reconvening the Assembly, Dr. Aranha called a closed meeting of the General (steering) Committee, which met for two hours and wrangled bitterly over the Indian proposal. It is understood that Aranha argued that bowing to Arab pressure would undermine the prestige of the U.N. in the eyes of the world. It is also understood that at one point he threatened to resign the presidency, if the steering committee decided that the Assembly should reconvene to amend its earlier resolution, which directed that the Jewish Agency be given a hearing and provided that all other requests to be heard were to be ruled on by the Political Committee.

Aranha Backed by Russia, France, but Overruled by Steering Committee

In his fight against reconvening the Assembly to satisfy the Arabs, who had announced that they had been insulted and threatened to boycott future sessions, Dr. Aranha had the support of Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko and French delegate Alexander Parodi. However, the steering committee ignored his objections and adopted the following resolution--for passage by the Assembly--which was suggested by Sir Alexander Cadogan, the British delegate:

"The General Assembly affirms that the decision of the Political Committee to grant a hearing to the Palestine Arab Higher Committee gives a correct interpretation of the General Assembly's intention."

Immediately following adoption of the resolution by the steering committee, the Assembly met under Aranha and adopted the identical text, after Gromyko made a brief statement in which he said he failed to see the necessity for adoption of the resolution and declared that it would weaken the previous decision of the Assembly. The vote was 39 to 1, with 11 abstentions. Guatemala cast the sole negative vote,

the following delegations abstained: The Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Byelorussia, the Ukraine, Sweden, Colombia, Venezuela and Chile.

The Political Committee then reconvened and voted to adjourn until tomorrow, when it is expected to hear the representatives of the Jewish Agency and the Arab Higher Committee.

Jewish Agency Submits List of Delegates Who Will Appear Before U.N.

The Jewish Agency today notified the U.N. Secretariat that its delegation will be composed of David Ben Gurion, Abba Hillel Silver, Moshe Shertok, Nahum Goldmann, Isidor Greenberg, Rose Halperin and Emanuel Neumann. The Agency communication reached the Secretariat just as the sub-committee of the Political Committee announced its decision to reject the requests for a hearing submitted by the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation and other groups including an Arab North African group. At the same time, the sub-committee postponed a decision until Friday on the request of the Agudat Israel. Later in the afternoon, the Agudah was reported to have withdrawn its request.

At the Political Committee's morning session, chairman Lester Pearson assured the committee that no decision on the composition of the fact-finding commission and its terms of reference would be taken until the Jewish Agency and other non-governmental bodies expressed their views. This assurance was given after the Bolivian delegate insisted that discussion of the American and Argentine resolutions on the composition of the inquiry commission be postponed until the Jewish Agency was heard. Only then, the Bolivian delegate said, would the members of the Political Committee have a clear understanding which would enable them to decide both on the composition of the inquiry committee and its terms of reference.

The entire morning session was devoted to a general discussion of the resolutions offered by the delegations of the U.S. and Argentine with regard to the composition of the inquiry commission and the instructions under which the body is to conduct its investigations. Sen. Austin strongly defended his resolution urging that the inquiry commission be composed of seven neutral states without the Big Five and the Arab states. He was strongly supported by Cadogan.

Yugoslavia and other members of the Slav bloc opposed the American resolution and insisted that the Big Five must be included on the commission. Cuba also spoke against the American resolution. Some of the Latin American delegates supported the Argentine resolution, which was in direct contradiction to the American proposal, and suggested an eleven-member commission, including all the Big Five, one of the Arab states and the other five chosen by lot on a geographical distribution.

Norway, Russia Ask Body to Discuss "Substance" Now, "Procedure" Later

Norway proposed that the terms of reference of the inquiry committee should include a study of the problem of the homeless Jews of Europe and make recommendations for a solution. The Norwegian delegate urged separation of the problem of Jewish refugees and the future status of Palestine, while emphasizing the impossibility of dividing immigration to Palestine from the political question. He appealed to the U.N. members to accept Jewish refugees, either temporarily or permanently, to ease their suffering and to facilitate a political solution by the inquiry committee.

Gromyko strongly supported the Norwegian view, declaring that only the Norwegian had "spoken on the subject which we are supposed to be discussing." He said

that the other delegations, meaning the United States, Argentina and the United Kingdom, "began with the end rather than the beginning" in discussing the composition and instruction of the inquiry committee before a general discussion.

The Australian delegate, Col. Hodgson, proposed that if an eleven-member commission is set up it should consist of neutral members only and exclude the Big Five and the Arab states. As to the terms of reference, he expressed the view of his government that they should be made "wide and elastic and capable of a liberal interpretation." The commission should be free to go to Palestine or any other place and should also be free to take evidence from any source.

MARSHALL SAYS U.S. NOT PRESSING ITS VIEWS ON PALESTINE NOW ALTHOUGH POLICY IS UNCHANGED

WASHINGTON, May 7. (JTA) -- There has been no change in our attitude toward Palestine, Secretary of State George C. Marshall told his press conference today.

Marshall was asked if statements contained in his letter to Congressman Jacob Kevitt and 29 other Republican representatives, released yesterday, signified any change in the attitude of this government toward Palestine. He replied that there is no change in policy, but that we are just not pressing our point of view at this time. We believe, he said, that the matter should be settled at a high level at the special United Nations Assembly on Palestine.

We are concerned, he said, with the proper creation of a committee to investigate the problem and with giving directions to that committee. A committee composed of neutrals other than the great powers will have the best chance of reaching an acceptable conclusion, he declared.

Asked if his statement that our policy has not changed toward Palestine inferred that the U.S. still favors the admission of 100,000 Jewish refugees to Palestine, the Secretary repeated that all he could say was that we had not changed our views but were just not pressing them at this time.

Zionist Emergency Council Scores Marshall for Refusal to Outline Policy

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Emergency Council today termed "shocking" Secretary Marshall's statement in a letter to 30 Congressmen, released yesterday, which declared that it would be premature for this government to develop its policy toward Palestine until after the U.N. inquiry committee made its report.

Asserting that the U.S. Government through Presidential statements and letters and the Dec., 1946, Congressional resolution is already committed to a Palestine policy, the Zionist Council says that Marshall's statement "can only be viewed as a further step backward by our Administration" which has apparently been induced to cooperate with the British in "scuttling" pledges and obligations to the Jews. The statement insists that there would be little point to a stand by the U.S. after the inquiry commission makes its investigation and files a report.

OVER 600,000 JEWS NOW IN PALESTINE, GOVT. SURVEY SAYS; TOTAL POPULATION IS 1,900,000

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- There are more than 608,000 Jews in Palestine, a government statistical report revealed today. The survey, which shows that the Jews represent less than one-third of Palestine's population of 1,912,000, was apparently released at this time with a view to influencing the discussion on Palestine at the United Nations. It lists 1,077,000 Moslem Arabs, 145,000 Christians, 68,000 Bedouin Arabs and 15,000 Druzes or Assyrians.

MAN MAY AGREE TO BE AGENCY SPOKESMAN AT U.N. IN SEPT.; BEN GURION EN ROUTE TO N.Y.

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- Although Dr. Chaim Weizmann will not represent the Jewish Agency at the United Nations during the special session of the General Assembly, the possibility of his acting as the Zionist spokesman when the next regular session of the Assembly is held in September has not been ruled out, it was learned today.

It now appears that Dr. Weizmann was asked by the Agency executive to go to New York and speak for the Zionists at the special Assembly, but declined on the ground that he was unable to do so on the short notice given him. However, he did not exclude the possibility of appearing before the U.N. in September.

Meanwhile, David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Agency executive, left for New York today to join the Zionist delegation which has been invited to appear before the U.N. Political and Security Committee. The official invitation from Dr. Oswaldo Sala, president of the Assembly, was received today by the Agency and forwarded to its representatives in New York for a reply.

Commenting on the decision of the Political Committee to invite the Arab Higher Committee to testify, an Agency spokesman said that "the Arab states themselves undermined both the logic and justice of the demand for a Palestine Arab representation--in fact, the Arab Higher Committee, when and if it is heard, will be nothing but a sixth Arab voice pushing in the same direction."

Referring to the Agudas Israel's request for an independent hearing by the Political Committee, the spokesman said that the Agency "regarded it as a pity that there be a separate approach, and we regret it particularly since it is additional proof of the abnormality of the Jewish situation in the world."

Palestine Jews Shocked by U.S. Support of Britain

Replying to a question, he said that the Jewish community is generally pleasantly surprised by the Soviet Union's stand at the U.N., but added that this cannot be taken in any sense as "something political."

The average Jew here has been more articulate than the Agency in describing his reaction to the U.N. sessions. Most Jews are shocked and disappointed at America's lining up with Britain in opposing a full hearing for the Jews. They interpret the U.S. stand as evidence that power politics are the dominant factor at the U.N., and that American fear and suspicion of Russia are sufficient to compel the U.S. to follow the British line.

The Soviet insistence that all Jewish bodies be heard surprised the Jews only to the extent that they feel that normally and morally it should have been the other way around: America insisting on a fair hearing for the Jews; and Russia, avowedly anti-Zionist, opposing it. Their gratification at Russian support is tempered, however, by the acute awareness of basic Russian policy towards Palestine--which has as its number one objective getting the British out by any means.

HASHOMER HATZAIR, MAPAI UNITY NEGOTIATIONS BREAK DOWN ON QUESTION OF PARTITION

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- Unity negotiations between the Hashomer Hatzair and the Mapai (Palestine Labor Party), which have been proceeding for some time at the initiative of David Ben Gurion, broke off when they were almost at a successful termination as a result of the Hashomer Hatzair's refusal to go along on the question of partition, it was reported today. Although the two groups had agreed on a number of internal matters, such as the question of terror and Histadruth problems, the Hashomer Hatzair balked at signing the agreement when the Mapai refused to withdraw its support of partition.

PALESTINE DETENTION CAMP ALERTED WHEN HIDDEN EXPLOSIVES FOUND; REPORT ESCAPE ATTEMPT

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- The Latrun detention camp was thrown into a hurry today when a quantity of explosives and over \$100 in cash were found in an empty box which had contained kosher meat brought to the camp from Jerusalem. (An unconfirmed report said that a Jewish prisoner had hidden in the box in an attempt to escape.) Alarmed guards tightened security precautions in fear that an attack on the camp might be imminent.

The Irgun radio tonight defended its attack on the Acre Prison, declaring that it had "succeeded in tearing down the enemy's prestige and also proved that it was unable to rule the country." The broadcast replied to a Jewish Agency statement that the assault had been "suicidal" by asserting that while it regretted the heavy casualty toll, such things occur "in time of war despite the most careful preparations." It added: "If 'leaders' ask was the operation worth so many casualties, we reply: did we ask the Haganah whether it was worthwhile losing 17 in blowing up bridges (last year), or whether it was worthwhile to blow up the Patria (in Nov., 1940) and lose the lives of 220 refugees?"

Meanwhile, it is learned that ex-Sgt. Bernard Cohen, who led the raid and was killed in the retreat, arrived in Palestine in 1938 on an illegal immigrant ship. He joined the British Army a month after the war broke out and participated in the French campaign. He returned to Palestine later and volunteered for a Commando unit which served in the Eritrean campaign, where he was in the same company with Dov Gruner. After the war he was appointed commander of the Irgun in Jerusalem and remained in that post until he was captured and deported to Eritrea, from where he escaped and rejoined the Irgun.

Brigadier J.G. Bedford, commander of the Jerusalem area, last night informed the chairman of the Jewish Community Council that the alleged mistreatment of Jews by drunken and disorderly soldiers was being investigated. He urged Jews to report the incidents to the military authorities.

20 Jews Who Fled Acre Were Irgunists; Most Were Serving Long Terms

LONDON, May 7. (JTA) -- Twenty of the 29 Jews who escaped from the Acre prison on Sunday were members of the Irgun and 16 were serving sentences of 15 years for carrying and discharging firearms imposed in April, following attacks on railways, Lord Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Lords today. Hall, who is the government spokesman in the upper house on colonial matters, said that eight of the other nine escapees were members of the Stern Group.

In Commons today, Colonial Minister Arthur Creech-Jones, replying to a question, said that collective punishment was still being considered as a means of curbing terrorism in Palestine. He reiterated that the military and civil authorities have a free hand in putting down terrorism. Several Jewish MP's, including Samuel Silverman, Barnett Janner and Maurice Edelman, protested any moves to make the entire population of the country responsible for the activities of the extremists.

ANGLO-FRENCH TALKS ON MIGRATION WILL NOT BE CONFINED TO JEWS, QUAI D'ORSAY SAYS

PARIS, May 7. (JTA) -- A Foreign Office spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the Anglo-French talks on migration, which are scheduled to begin here on May 12, will be merely an exchange of views between experts.

The agenda will include the question of the seaworthiness of ships bearing immigrants, and the authenticity of passports. The talks will not be confined to the movements of Jews, but of foreigners generally. Apparently the French are endeavoring to confine the talks to technical discussions, despite British pressure.

LAUSANNE, May 7. (JTA) -- There were 170,000 displaced European Jews on relief rolls at the end of February, Arthur J. Altmeyer, executive secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization, revealed at the commission's meeting today.

Altmeyer's breakdown listed 125,600 in the U.S. zone of Germany, 12,000 in the British zone, 2,330 in the French zone, 7,860 in Austria and 22,520 in Italy. In the U.S. zone there are 125,000 living in DP camps and 28,000 outside the centers. Fifty-five thousand are men over 18 years of age, 41,000 women over 18 and 11,900 children under the age of six.

Further, there are about 5,000 unaccompanied children registered with UNRRA throughout Europe, Altmeyer said. He stressed that the figures are incomplete because many children are constantly on the move, secretly leaving for unknown destinations.

Altmeyer also reported that since the last meeting of the commission in February, UNRRA has provided sufficient stocks to carry over the refugee population in Italy until June 30, its termination date. UNRRA has also consolidated all its camps into nine large centers in northern or southern Italy. He also recommended to the commission that it establish an international or European tracing bureau to replace the present tracing office in Germany.

The commission session has split into several sub-committees to study the DP problem and to make recommendations for caring for the refugees. The first sub-committee, consisting of the chiefs of all delegations, is to recommend to the commission the best ways of assuring "uninterrupted carrying out of all the necessary functions and activities dealt with by the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees and by UNRRA" and the orderly transfer of these functions and activities to the IRO.

The second sub-committee, headed by P.T. Holson of Canada, is to assess the total numbers and the situation of displaced persons and refugees. It is expected that the committee's country-by-country analysis will disclose approximately one million persons in need of care. The figures which are reached will serve as the basis for the IRO's budget.

BELGIAN COMMISSION IN ITALY TO RECRUIT WORKERS; REPORTED FAVORABLE TO JEWISH DP'S

ROME, May 7. (JTA) -- A Belgian commission, which has been negotiating with Italian Government and UNRRA for the recruiting of coal miners, is reported to have reacted favorably to a proposal by UNRRA officials that it choose some of its immigrants from among the displaced Jews who, the officials pointed out, constitute half the total number of refugees in Italy.

The Association of Polish Jews in Italy, representing some 8,000 Jewish refugees, adopted resolutions at a country-wide conference praising the Polish Government and its embassy in Rome for "their understanding of our problems" and thanked the American Federation for Polish Jews for its aid. It was also decided to launch a drive to raise money to plant a forest in Palestine on Jewish National Fund Land to commemorate the Jewish martyrs of Poland. The conference condemned British policy in the Holy Land.

GERMAN TRADE UNIONS AND POLITICAL PARTIES HIT MILD SENTENCE GIVEN NAZIS WHO KILLED JEW

BREMEN, May 7. (JTA) -- German labor unions and leftist political parties today protested the lenient sentences imposed by a German court on two SS men who killed a Jew during the 1938 pogroms. They demanded that the death penalty be imposed. During the week-end local Jewish groups protested the court's action.

ANTI-SEMITIC ORGANIZATIONS WOOING VETERANS, ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE SURVEY REVEALS

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- The domestic rabble-rousers and their "hate" organizations and publications are directing much of their activity at the 10,000,000 veterans in the country, it was revealed today, with the release of a nation-wide survey on anti-Semitism by the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League. However, the survey points out that "it is a tribute to the clear-mindedness of the nation's veterans that they are emphatically refusing to be drawn into the organizing webs of the hate merchants."

It notes that anti-Semitic organizations have re-emerged from war-time inaction as "bold and articulate as ever," but that their influence on public thinking has been limited. Anti-Jewish activity in 1946 was offset "by strong positive action on the part of an informed American public," Justice Meir Steinbrink and Richard E. Guststadt, chairman and director, respectively, of the ADL, said in making the survey public.

The survey, which was conducted by the League's 18 regional offices in several hundred cities and rural centers, found that the large number of anti-Semitic organizations cooperate, although they appear to have no nation-wide organization or leading personality in command. It reveals that there are 47 regular propaganda publications, in addition to a large volume of anti-democratic leaflets, pamphlets and books.

The report also points out that the professional bigot relies, in large part, on the printed word because of special postal privileges extended to the general press. "Clearly if un-American propaganda must be allowed to go through the U.S. mails, it should at least be denied special postal rates," the survey declares. "As it is, the American taxpayer is, in effect, partially underwriting the cost of this activity."

Discrimination on Up-Swing in Employment, Housing and Education

Dealing with discrimination in the social, economic and cultural fields, the report says: "Tension increased in urban centers where the housing problem upset the established neighborhood patterns; greater difficulties were experienced by minority groups in obtaining equal consideration for employment opportunity; resorts and hotels sought new devices to avoid restrictive legislation, and to conceal a growing policy of discrimination; increased college enrollments accentuated the degree of discrimination at colleges and universities."

Listing the major "hate" groups, the survey states that the Ku Klux Klan is the organization which most nearly approached national scope and importance. It also mentions "Herwin K. Hart's National Economic Council and Joseph P. Kamp's Constitutional Educational League" as constituting serious threats to democracy because of their "somewhat higher level, intellectually and socially" and because of "their acceptance 'by the best people.'"

The ADL also released a copy of a letter to Secretary of State George C. Marshall calling for the barring from this country of Norman Jaques, anti-Semitic member of the Canadian Parliament, who has been appearing on public platforms with Gerald L. K. Smith and has supported his doctrine of bigotry.

The National Institute of Arts and Letters is preparing to expel one of its members, William Hunt Diedrich, a well-known sculptor, for mailing anti-Semitic material under the Institute's name, it was revealed yesterday at a press conference by Douglas Moore, president. Diedrich sent out copies of the forged Benjamin Franklin "Jewish Prophecy" letter, a series of speeches by Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry on UNRRA and a mimeographed statement attacking the issuance of Joseph Pulitzer three-cent stamps. On the first two items he stamped "Censored by the Jewish Press."

746 IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK FROM GERMANY; USNA, JDC, HIAS ASSIST REFUGEES

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- Seven hundred and forty-six refugee immigrants of all faiths were scheduled to arrive here tonight on the Marine Marlin from Bremerhaven. The majority of the passengers were Jews.

The United Service for New Americans provided corporate affidavits for 194 of them and the Joint Distribution Committee made immigration arrangements for them abroad as well as advancing passage costs to those with no American kin. One hundred and thirty-four arrived under HIAS auspices. The European-Jewish Children's Aid, a JTA affiliate, will care for the 21 orphaned children among the immigrants, until cooperating agencies of all faiths place them in foster homes.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR AID TO EUROPE'S JEWS MADE TODAY ON SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF V-E DAY

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- Declaring that the plight of European Jewry is in many respects worse now than it was on the day of liberation two years ago tomorrow, the five chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York called upon the people of New York City to help "make liberation come true for the first and greatest victims of fascism" in a special statement issued on the second anniversary of V-E Day.

The statement, signed by Mrs. David M. Levy, Barney Balaban, Samuel Hausman, Herbert H. Lehman and Edward M.M. Warburg, pointed out that although much was accomplished for European Jewry through the agencies of the Appeal, the outlook remains bleak and disheartening for most of these "tragically unfortunate people."

Maintaining that "V-E Day has no significance if it does not help achieve the four freedoms for the peoples of the earth," the five chairmen indicated that liberation was but a false dawn for the Jews of Europe. They said: "Each succeeding day further dims its once bright hope. It is true that Jews no longer need dread the crematorium, the gas chamber, or the cruelty of bestial Nazi guards. But it is just as true that they are still homeless, still uprooted, still unwelcome in many lands and still forsaken by the great nations."

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE OF AMERICA MERGE

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- The merger of the American Friends of the Hebrew University and the Hebrew University Committee of America was announced here today following a meeting of representatives of the two groups. The officers of the single group, which will continue to be known as the American Friends of the Hebrew University, are: Dr. Israel S. Wechsler, president; Eugene Untermeyer, Rudolf G. Sonnenborn and David B. Greenberg, vice-presidents; Walter E. Meyer, treasurer; and Philip G. Whitman, secretary.

ZOA Offers Five Hebrew University Fellowships

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- Five fellowships at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem are being offered by the Zionist Organization of America, according to an announcement by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, ZOA president. The fellowships are for the academic year commencing Oct. 1947, or the academic year commencing Oct. 1948, and are open to graduates of recognized colleges or universities, without restriction as to sex, race or creed. Three winners of last year's awards are currently studying at the Hebrew University. One fellowship will be in the amount of \$2,500, and four, \$1,500 each.