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## JEWISH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN PALESTINE DISCUSSES U.N. AND CURBING OF EXTREMISTS

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- The line to be followed by Jewish Agency spokesmen when they testify before the United Nations inquiry commission and the problem of imposing "national discipline" on the extremists are the two major issues before the Assefath Hanivcharim, the Jewish National Assembly of Palestine, which today opened its fifth session, since the present body was elected in 1944.

The session was opened by David Remez, chairman of the Jewish National Council, who emphasized that the new Soviet policy on Zionism, as outlined by Andrei Gromyko at the U.N. General Assembly last week, opens new horizons. He reviewed the achievements of the Jews in Palestine and touched briefly on the necessity of curbing the activities of the extremist groups in the country.

Discussing the outcome of the U.N. Assembly Remez said that "we have built farms and villages, cities and suburbs, trade and industry, educational and cultural institutions, all with our own means, without state authority. It is that authority that we are now asking of the United Nations." Remez pointed out that the Jews pay millions of pounds in income tax annually, and receive virtually no services in return from the government.

### Battle on Partition Issue Is Expected

A battle is likely to develop on the question of partition. Those in favor of immediate independence, even if that means accepting a Jewish state in only part of Palestine, are expected to press for an unequivocal stand by the Assembly in favor of partition. Supporters of the Biltmore Declaration will demand that the Assembly reject not only partition, but also any proposals for a bi-national state.

Meanwhile, the problem of when and where to convene the Zionist Actions Committee is still unresolved. A meeting of the Agency executive on Sunday rejected a proposal that the Committee meet in Paris in July and passed by a slim majority of one, a motion that the Committee be convened in Jerusalem on June 10. However, this decision may still be changed.

The General Zionists, Mizrachi and Labor Mizrachi are demanding that the meeting not be held until after the U.N. inquiry commission completes its study in Palestine. The left-wing groups, led by the Mapai (Palestine Labor Party) and the Hashomer Hatzair (left Socialists) want a meeting before the U.N. probes arrive, in order to authorize the testimony to be given by Zionist spokesmen.

(Seven Revisionist members of the Actions Committee, all of whom are in the U.S. at present, today cabled to the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, demanding immediate convening of the Committee. They declared that "the Jewish Agency executive has no right to testify before the U.N. Committee or to appoint spokesmen with clear directives from the Actions Committee.")

REPORTED PREPARING TO OFFER LOANS TO ARABS AS APPEASEMENT FOR FAILURE AT U.N.

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- American embassies and consulates throughout the Middle East have received instructions from the State Department to approach Arab governments to find out if they need loans, the press here reports.

The U.S. Government is prepared to make loans for reorganization of Arab military forces, for the purchase of modern military equipment and for economic development of the Arab states, to appease the Arabs who failed to achieve their aims at the United Nations special session on Palestine, the reports state.

However, the newspapers also report that Arab extremist leaders are so impressed at the attitude of the Americans and the British at the U.N. that they will probably refuse the offers of financial assistance.

State Dept. Denies U.S. Offering Arms and Money to Arab Govts.

WASHINGTON, May 20. (JTA) -- A State Department spokesman today said that there was "absolutely no foundation in fact" in the report from Jerusalem that American diplomatic representatives in the Middle East were offering economic assistance and arms to Arab governments.

The spokesman said that the rumor might have been started by the fact that an Iranian government military mission is now here to arrange for the purchase of surplus military equipment for the refurbishing of the Iranian army for internal security purposes. He also pointed out that there have been various surplus property credit arrangements in Middle Eastern countries, and something like that might have touched off the rumor.

EXTREMISTS BLAST POLICE CAR IN TEL AVIV; FOUR BRITONS NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- Four British policemen narrowly escaped death today when the automobile in which they were driving was blown up on a Tel Aviv street.

The car was hurled through the air for a distance of several yards and was completely wrecked, but the four, members of the Criminal Investigation Division, suffered only minor injuries. The explosion was caused by an electrically detonated landmine.

Meanwhile, several score Jewish policemen from Tel Aviv have been transferred to the Saronna police unit and have been assigned to mobile and night patrols. The authorities apparently hope to avoid extremist attacks on the police by exposing a number of Jews to the same dangers as the non-Jewish policemen.

Twelve hundred Jewish refugees who arrived in Palestine on the blockade runner Latrun and were later deported to Cyprus returned to the Holy Land today. A baby was born during the 200-mile journey from Famagusta to Haifa.

An Arab constable was fatally wounded last night in Haifa by two unidentified Arabs. The motives for the murder are unknown.

MARSHALL SAYS STATE DEPT. HAS NOT ACTED ON BRITISH PROTESTS AGAINST AMERICAN LEAGUE ADS

WASHINGTON, May 20. (JTA) -- Secretary of State George C. Marshall today told his press conference that the State Department has taken no action on British representations against newspaper advertisements by groups supporting the extremists in Palestine. It is known, however, that the Department is still trying to resolve the question of whether funds collected by the American League for a Free Palestine and similar organizations can be considered charitable funds and, as such, tax exempt.

MOSCOW RADIO CHARGES U.S., BRITAIN THWARTED DISCUSSION OF PALESTINE INDEPENDENCE AT U.N.

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- The United States and Britain were charged today by the Moscow radio with attempting to exert pressure during the recently concluded United Nations session on Palestine to prevent a discussion of the mandate's independence.

The broadcast reiterated that a joint Arab-Jewish state was the best solution to the problem, but if that were not feasible, partition could be discussed. It accused "certain British quarters" of using the feud between the Jews and the Arabs for their own selfish aims, which has resulted in delaying the development of Palestine.

The Manchester Guardian's Moscow correspondent, Alexander Werth, writes today that Gromyko's statement at the U.N. aroused considerable interest in diplomatic quarters in the Soviet capital. He asserts the Gromyko proposals follow along the lines of certain Arab-sponsored plans, adding that diplomatic circles are surprised at the Russian sponsorship of partition, which the Arabs are known to oppose, since the Soviets are unlikely to support any plan to which the Arabs object.

PALESTINE ARABS CONFERRING ON WHETHER TO TESTIFY BEFORE U.N. FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- The Palestine Arab Higher Committee and other Arab groups within the country are conferring on whether to appear before the United Nations inquiry commission when it holds hearings in Jerusalem, it was learned here today. It is not expected that the Arabs will reach a decision until just before the committee arrives.

The members of the Higher Committee delegation to the U.N. are expected to arrive in Cairo tomorrow when a plenary session of the group will open to discuss this problem. The ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, its chairman, is known to oppose an Arab appearance, but other members of the Committee are believed to be reluctant to pass up the opportunity to present their side of the case to an international body.

It is almost certain that the Committee members will approach various Arab governments to ask advice. Egypt, the recognized leader of the Arab League states, is expected to counsel appearance, because it is preparing to carry its dispute with Britain, over withdrawal of British troops, to the U.N. and will not desire to appear to be flouting the authority of the U.N.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Agency is feverishly preparing the documentation of its case for presentation to the probers. All government departments have already been ordered to prepare such material as may be desired by the fact-finding commission.

DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN, SUPPORTED BY DR. SILVER, SLATED FOR Z.O.A. PRESIDENCY

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- An announcement that Dr. Emanuel Neumann will run for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America, coupled with an appeal for his election, was made here last night by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, present ZOA president, addressing a meeting of Zionist district leaders at the Park Central Hotel.

Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann gave the meeting a political analysis of the proceedings of the U.N. special session on Palestine and indicated the line which will be followed before the inquiry commission which has been appointed. Daniel Frisch, chairman of the ZOA administrative committee, presided.

S. SHOULD TAKE LEAD IN ADMITTING DISPLACED PERSONS. SECRETARY OF STATE MARSHALL SAYS

WASHINGTON, May 20. (JTA) -- The United States should take the lead in offering sanctuary to the displaced persons of Europe, Secretary of State George C. Marshall said in a statement released today by the State Department.

The statement was made to representatives of several refugee aid groups who called at the Department a few days ago to discuss the displaced persons problem, and, especially, reports that some refugees were being forcefully repatriated to their countries of origin.

"It is my opinion that the solution for this tragic situation demands that the democratic countries of the world join in offering sanctuary to these displaced individuals," Marshall said. "Further, it is my opinion that the United States should take the lead in this matter."

The delegation that called on Marshall included representatives of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the American Friends Service Committee, the American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, the Refugees Defense Committee and the International Rescue and Relief Committee.

I.R.O. BODY ACTS TO FIND NEW HOMES FOR 10,000 JEWISH REFUGEES NOW IN SHANGHAI

LAUSANNE, May 20. (JTA) -- A resolution instructing Arthur J. Altmeyer, executive secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization, to make special efforts to find places of immigration and resettlement for 10,000 German and Austrian Jewish refugees now residing in Shanghai was adopted yesterday by the delegates to the Commission.

The Preparatory Commission also decided on nutritional standards for refugees, which shall under no circumstances fall below that of the local population in the areas where their centers are located. Moreover, where the local diet is below minimum health standards, the DP's will receive supplemental rations to the extent permitted by I.R.O. resources.

The Commission, whose second session is expected to conclude tomorrow, adopted several resolutions preparing the way for assumption by the I.R.O. of the functions of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee and UNRRA. The Intergovernmental Committee's executive committee has convened a plenary meeting of the parent body for May 30 to discuss measures to be taken to transfer its functions to the I.R.O. and to arrange for its own liquidation.

The Preparatory Commission adopted a resolution authorizing its executive secretary, Arthur J. Altmeyer, to conclude agreements with the Intergovernmental Committee and UNRRA for the taking over of some of their functions, activities, assets and personnel. He was also given the power to conclude agreements with governments and occupation authorities necessary for the performance of the I.R.O.'s functions. An advisory committee was also decided upon to assist him, but has not yet been chosen.

FRENCH REFUSE TO HALT PALESTINE-BOUND IMMIGRANTS IF THEY HAVE VALID LATIN-AMERICAN VISAS

PARIS, May 20. (JTA) -- The recently concluded Anglo-French negotiations here on the immigration of displaced Jews to Palestine by way of French ports were without results, it was learned today. The French conferees informed the British representatives that only persons with valid passports and visas are admitted into France and allowed to depart from here. They added, however, that if Jews possessing Latin-American visas seek passage through France, they cannot be refused, even though it is suspected that their eventual destination is Palestine.

FIRST RESTORED SYNAGOGUE SINCE HITLER REGIME OPENED IN MUNICH; GEN. CLAY ATTENDS

MUNICH, May 20. (JTA) -- General Lucius D. Clay, American military commander in Germany, Ambassador Robert Murphy, his political advisor, and numerous other American military leaders, German civilian officials and Jewish leaders today were present at the opening of Munich's first post-Hitler synagogue. Some 800 persons attended the two-hour ceremony while hundreds of German onlookers stood outside the building.

The synagogue, first built in 1928 and destroyed by the Nazis in 1938, has been restored according to its original plans. Most of the religious ornaments date from the founding of the synagogue and were hidden during the Nazi regime. The Torahs and other equipment were donated by other congregations.

Gen. Clay paid tribute to the millions of Jews murdered by the Nazis, declaring: "We must not and shall not forget those who suffered, but it seems to me that today is a new day and that we should look forward not backward." Major Abraham Hyman, legal aide to Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, Gen. Clay's advisor on Jewish affairs, unveiled a plaque to the Jewish war dead.

Dr. Ahron Ohrenstein, rabbi of the restored synagogue, conducted the first services. Speakers at the ceremony included Dr. Philip Auerbach, Bavarian Commissioner for Persecutees, Rabbi Alexander Rosenberg, Military Government liaison officer, and David Treger, chairman of the Jewish Central Committee of Germany.

NINE GERMANS IN AACHEN TO BE TRIED FOR PARTICIPATION IN NOVEMBER, 1938, POGROMS

BERLIN, May 20. (JTA) -- Nine former members of the police and fire departments in Aachen will be tried shortly for "crimes against humanity" arising out of the pogroms of Nov., 1938, it was announced today.

There are several hundred persons awaiting trial on charges relating to the pogroms, which were **nation-wide**. The synagogue in Aachen was totally destroyed and Jewish shops looted.

GESTAPO AGENT WHO LIQUIDATED VILNA YIVO CAPTURED; WAS MASQUERADING AS JEWISH DP

WARSAW, May 20. (JTA) -- Herbert Gothart, a special agent of Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler, under whose direction the Yiddish Scientific Institute in Vilna was liquidated, has been captured in Lubeck, in the British zone of Germany, it was reported today.

Gothart, who speaks fluent Hebrew and Yiddish, was masquerading as a Jewish DP. At the time of his arrest he was a member of the Jewish Committee in Lubeck. His identity was disclosed to the Jewish Historical Committee in Lodz, which notified Polish officials in Berlin. The latter communicated with the British authorities, who ordered Gothart's arrest. He will be tried in Poland.

Gothart was responsible for the removal from Vilna and the subsequent destruction of many valuable Jewish manuscripts. He also turned over to the Gestapo Neah Prilucki and other YIVO staff members, all of whom were murdered.

Karl Gallasch, assistant commander of the Grossrosen concentration camp, has been sentenced to death in Wroclaw (Breslau.) His property, most of which was seized from Jews, was ordered confiscated. Gallasch was recognized on the street by a Jewish woman who had been one of his victims.

