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BEN GURION ASKS INDEPENDENCE IN JEWISH PARTS OF PALESTINE, PRESENT MANDATE ELSEWHERE

JERUSALEM, May 22. (JTA)--David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, today demanded the immediate establishment of an independent Jewish state taking in those parts of Palestine that have been settled by Jews, as well as the Negev, and continuation of the British Mandate in the sections which Jews have not colonized.

Ben Gurion's proposal, which is a departure from the plans broached heretofore by Zionist leaders, was outlined to the Assefath Hanivcharim (Jewish National Assembly), which meets here to consider recent political developments. Reviewing the U.N. session on Palestine, the Agency chairman expressed satisfaction that the General Assembly had repulsed "the anti-Zionist onslaught," and had high praise for Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko, "who arrived at the conclusion that there is a necessity for a Jewish state." Ben Gurion cautioned against over-optimism, pointing out that Britain has not promised to implement the recommendations of the U.N.

At the concluding session, the Assembly adopted resolutions calling for the immediate establishment of a Jewish state and an agreement with the Arabs. It welcomed the stream of ships that are transporting immigrants from Europe and said that the Yishuv was willing to use force to safeguard immigration and colonization, but rejected the present British rule of force. It hailed those states which supported Zionist aspirations in Palestine and expressed special pleasure at the Gromyko statement.

Urges World-Wide Ban On Financial Aid To Extremist Groups

On the question of terrorism, which was one of the chief reasons for convening of the Assembly, the representatives called on Jews here and abroad to deny financial assistance to the extremist groups and scored terrorism as placing obstacles in the path of Jewish achievements and for creating Arab-Jewish tension. The Assembly stressed, however, that the fight on terrorism can be organized only by the Jewish community, without governmental assistance. The deportation of terrorists to Kenya was protested.

In the debate, which preceded adoption of the various resolutions, Rabbi Meir Berlin, Mizrachi leader, vigorously attacked all proposals for partition or a bi-national state. Goldie Meirson, Agency political chief here, challenged the contention of the Aliyah Hadasha (New Settlers Party) that the only point of difference between Britain and the Jews was the question of terrorism, citing the restrictions on immigration and land settlement.

In a statement issued here, A.L. Altman, Revisionist leader, challenged the authority of the present Assembly to speak for the Jewish community, since the Revisionists, the Sephardic community and some of the General Zionists were not represented, having boycotted the 1944 elections. He demanded new elections.

AB STATES WILL FIGHT U.N. DECISION ON PALESTINE IF INDEPENDENCE IGNORED, MINISTER SAYS

WASHINGTON, May 22, (JTA)--Fadhil Jamali, Foreign Minister of Iraq, announced day that the Arab states would refuse to abide by any United Nations decision on e future of Palestine except independence, even if backed by a majority of the U.N.

At a press conference prior to his return to Baghdad, Jamali, who was the raqui delegate to the special session of the U.N. on Palestine, reiterated previous tatements that continuation of immigration to Palestine would lead to "nothing t bloodshed." Asked about his predicted "declaration of war" made at the U.N., amali accused the press of misinterpreting his intention and said he stated that mposition of a Jewish state on us means a declaration of war on us and that of ourse means resistance by us."

Pressed to clarify his stand at the U.N. on his government's reservation f its attitude toward the inquiry committee, Jamali evaded a direct answer, declaring at the future actions of the committee would determine whether the Arab States ooperate with or boycott the committee. Asked whether the Arabs would resist by orce any solution distasteful to them, he replied, "that will be decided in time."

The foreign minister attacked "many New York newspapers" for "perversion f facts" in reporting the U.N. session, asserting they presented the Zionist view-oint to the exclusion or distortion of the Arab view. Some of the press, he lleged, is dominated by "certain economic and political interests." He likewise riticized Sunday School teaching of the Bible in the United States as "superficial" nd the interpretation of the Old Testament particularly as giving a distorted mpression of the relation of the Jews to Palestine.

The solution advanced by Soviet delegate Gromyko for a democratic bi-nation-l state of Palestine was unsatisfactory to Jamali, who insisted on an interpreta-ion of "one state and one people."

ALESTINE ARAB COMMUNISTS WILL ASK U.N. BODY FOR INDEPENDENCE WITHOUT PARTITION

JERUSALEM, May 22. (JTA)--Emil Touma, Arab Communist leader, said today hat the Palestine Arab Communists want an unpartitioned, independent Palestine and vacuation of British troops. He stated that this demand would be presented to the .N. inquiry committee before which the Communists announced they will appear.

The Arab press takes a very moderate tone today in discussing the clash etween the Haganah and an Arab robber band Tuesday night, during which several rabs were killed. The general reaction is that the incident was of local character nd had no political significance.

The Arab Higher Committee announced today that it has opened a special ffice in Jerusalem to tighten the boycott of "Zionist goods" and to assist Arabs n getting needed commodities from non-Jewish sources.

The Jerusalem military court which has been trying Mordechai Laufer, 3-year-old plant manager, for transporting illegal arms, today sentenced him to even years imprisonment "with special treatment." Laufer, in whose car a quantity f revolvers was found, said that he had been kidnapped and compelled to transport he arms.

ZECHOSLOVAKIA NAMES LISICKY AS ITS MEMBER OF U.N. PALESTINE INQUIRY COMMISSION

LAKE SUCCESS, May 22. (JTA)--The Czechoslovak Government has named Karel isicky as its representative to the Palestine Inquiry Committee, it was announced here today.

ARMY STILL PLANNING TO OUST 3,500 DP's FROM CAMP, BUT AWAITING RETURN OF JEWISH AIDE

MUNICH, May 22. (JTA)--The Army has not abandoned its plans to remove 3,500 displaced Jews from the Zeilsheim Camp, near Frankfurt, and convert it into quarters for Germans to be employed by Anglo-American bi-zonal headquarters, but will delay any final action until Rabbi Philip Bernstein, adviser on Jewish affairs to Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American commander in Germany, returns from the United States, it was learned today. The delay is reportedly due to the uproar and protests that resulted when news of the Army's intentions leaked out.

According to reports here today, Rabbi Bernstein will resign shortly after his return next month and may be succeeded by Judge Louis Levinthal, of Philadelphia, a former president of the Zionist Organization of America. At present, Bernstein's office is in charge of Maj. Abraham Hyman, his legal adviser. Chaplain Herbert Friedman, Bernstein's assistant, left for the U.S. today. He is scheduled to leave the army and assume a congregational post in Denver.

George Backer, world president of the ORT Federation, returned here today, after a five-day inspection tour of the Jewish DP camps, and voiced amazement at "the wonders performed" by the DP's with the limited materials for rehabilitation at their disposal. Backer said that he found that virtually all of the DP's are anxious to learn and work, and added that he was sure that the expanded ORT program would succeed as soon as more machines and materials could be brought in. Backer is leaving for Switzerland tonight.

HUNGARIAN MINISTER OF EDUCATION VISITS JEWISH SCHOOLS; PLEADS FOR FORGIVENESS

BUDAPEST, May 22. (JTA)--Minister of Education Gyula Ortutay today visited Jewish grammar schools and in a brief address to the students, expressed sympathy and understanding for the sufferings of the Jews under previous pro-Nazi regimes, but pleaded for "forgiveness and cooperation in the reconstruction of Hungary." During a demonstration Hebrew lesson, Ortutay, who is not Jewish, surprised both pupils and instructors, by helping out a child who was unable to translate some of the words.

The long-heralded and much-delayed Zionist weekly, "Jewish Way," which last week secured permission to publish, will appear next Thursday.

PARIS POLICE RELEASE THREE OF FIVE YOUTHS SUSPECTED OF CONNECTION WITH STERN GROUP

PARIS, May 22. (JTA)--Paris police today announced that they have released three of the five youths seized yesterday on suspicion of being connected with the Stern Group in Palestine.

The two still held are Jacques Martinsky and Robert Mizrachi. Five revolvers are said to have been found in Martinsky's apartment. The three released youths, all of whom are under 20, were only undergoing "terrorist training," the police asserted.

FIRST JEWISH REFUGEE TO BE GRANTED CYPRUS VISA LEAVES ITALY;WILL REPRESENT AGENCY

ROME, May 22. (JTA)--The first Jewish refugee to be given a visa for Cyprus left here today for the island, where more than 13,000 visaless Jews are confined.

He is Zwi Brik, former director of the Palestine Office in Lithuania, who sailed from Naples to become the Jewish Agency's immigration and welfare representative. Brik, who has been serving as a member of the executive committee of the Jewish Refugees Organization here, was accompanied by his wife and children.

CRITICAL SITUATION FACING JEWS OVERSEAS WITH END OF UNRRA, MORGENTHAU REPORTS

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA)--"With UNRRA going out of existence on June 30th, the next 40 days will be one of the severest testing period for the conscience and generosity of the American people," Henry Morgenthau, Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury and general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal campaign, said today at a press conference.

Mr. Morgenthau deplored the liquidation of UNRRA, which ends all its operations in Europe on June 30, "at a time when crucial needs are confronting not only 250,000 Jewish displaced persons, but a total of a million refugees of all faiths in the displaced persons camps of Germany, Austria and Italy." Pointing out that the U.S. Army has adopted a policy of no assistance for additional refugees entering the American zone, he said: "When UNRRA goes out of business on the morning of July 1, there will be increased hardship placed on the DP's by the withdrawal of its services in Germany and Austria, unless the American people rise to meet this emergency situation through increased voluntary aid."

Mr. Morgenthau emphasized that because no adequate substitute inter-governmental assistance organization has yet been put into operation to replace UNRRA, the agencies of the U.J.A. were faced with great emergency needs. In addition to the increased burden being placed on the U.J.A. and the J.D.C. with the liquidation of UNRRA, he said that lack of sufficient funds has made it necessary to drop thousands of Jews from the relief rolls.

Mr. Morgenthau announced that he had just received an urgent cable from Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the J.D.C., outlining the greater needs of the 250,000 displaced Jews, and the increasing difficulties facing 750,000 other Jews in areas of Eastern and Western Europe where UNRRA does not operate.

A.J.C. BACKS FEDERAL AID FOR SCHOOLS, BUT OPPOSES GRANTS TO RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

WASHINGTON, May 22. (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress favors increased federal aid to schools, as a means of combatting intolerance by spreading education, but is opposed to the use of public funds for religious schools, the House Sub-Committee on Education was told today.

Testifying in favor of the McCowen Bill, which would permit the use of federal funds to guarantee an annual expenditure of at least $40 per public school child, Alexander Ginsberg, Congress spokesman pointed out that "anti-Semitism, as well as all other forms of racial prejudice, is the offspring of ignorance and cannot exist where ignorance does not exist. We believe that the harmonious living together of persons of different races and religions is more likely to be secured if opportunity for education is made truly available to all people. Denial of a basic education because of the accident of poverty is as inconsistent with true democracy as denial because of the accident of race," he added.

Ginsberg said the American Jewish Congress favored the expenditures of a minimum of $100 a year for each school child instead of the $40 floor set by the McCowen Bill. He said the organization "warmly endorses" provisions in the bill requiring "just and equitable apportionment" of funds in states where separate schools are maintained for "minority races."

He added that the Congress would like to see the bill amended to eliminate a provision permitting the use of federal funds by non-public schools. "Expenditure of public funds for religious education is inconsistent with the American principle of separation of church and state," he pointed out.

ERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE OUTLINES PLAN FOR CONVERSION INTO PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- An outline of the proposed permanent organization to succeed the American Jewish Conference was given here today by Louis Lipsky and Dr. Maurice Eisendrath, leaders of the Conference, who announced that the blueprint has already been approved by the Interim Committee of the Conference.

The new organization, Mr. Lipsky and Dr. Eisendrath told a press conference, would include within its scope both domestic and overseas affairs. It would act as "the unified voice of American Jewry" vis-a-vis the government and international organizations and Jewish communities overseas. In the fields of defending Jewish rights in the U.S. and extending relief to Jews abroad, it would work through the recognized Jewish agencies.

Elections for the new body - whose creation will be decided upon at the fourth session of the Conference, which is to be held in Chicago over Labor Day week-end - would be "on the most democratic basis possible," the Conference leaders stressed, with representation to national organizations and individual communities. The ruling body of the group would be a national council of 750, elected on the following basis: 250 to be chosen by recognized national organizations on a basis of parity; 100 to be elected from New York City; and the remainder to be named by more than 400 communities.

Will Cooperate With Domestic Jewish Groups and Jewish Agency

The text of the plan approved by the Interim Committee of the Conference was released at the press conference. It defines the purpose and scope of the projected organization as follows:

"An organization, democratic in structure and representative of the American Jewish community, shall be established to secure and protect Jewish rights and to promote the general welfare of the Jewish people, here and abroad; and to enhance the contribution of the Jewish community to American democracy.

"In the field of international affairs, the organization shall act for American Jewry in all representations before the United States Government and its departments, intergovernmental agencies and the United Nations, and in all public relations connected therewith. The organization shall endeavor to cooperate with the organized Jewish communities of other countries and with such international Jewish agencies as are or may be established.

"In all matters affecting the rights and status of the Jewish people with regard to Palestine and its upbuilding, the organization shall endeavor to cooperate with the Jewish Agency for Palestine and may request organizations and agencies engaged in activities in this field in the United States to submit reports periodically.

"In the defense of Jewish rights in the United States and in opposing all anti-democratic forces and tendencies in American life and in combatting anti-Semitism in all its forms, the organization shall act through recognized Jewish agencies, affiliated with the organization, operating in these fields, without affecting their autonomy, it being understood that such agencies shall be invited to report to the organization periodically in order that the organization may be in a position to consider their policies and work, and recommend proposals to promote their objectives.

"In the field of overseas relief and rehabilitation, the organization shall act through recognized Jewish agencies, affiliated with the organization, operating in these fields, without affecting their autonomy, it being understood that such agencies shall be invited to report to the organization periodically in order that the organization may be in a position to consider their policies and work, and recommend proposals to promote their objectives."

2,000 JEWISH CHILDREN IMPRISONED IN CYPRUS CAMPS; MAY CONSTITUTE "LOST GENERATION"

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA)--A "city of Jewish children," about 2,000 in number, are imprisoned behind barbed wire in Cyprus detention camps to which the British Government has been sending Jews attempting to enter Palestine, it was reported today at an emergency conference called by Hadassah at Hotel Pierre. Unless they are removed at once, they will constitute a "lost generation of Jewish youth," 300 district chairmen of the organization were told.

The report on Cyprus was made by Mrs. David de Sola Pool, Hadassah leader, who visited detention camps there last month. "Though the British permit Cyprus inmates to run their own services, prepare their food, and arrange for work and recreation, the bitter fact remains that nearly 20,000 Jews who are incarcerated there are literally in prison, surrounded by soldiers with machine guns, and living behind barbed wire enclosures, just as they did in concentration camps," Mrs Pool said. "The reception camp on Cyprus is a disgrace to civilization. Overcrowding, squalor, lack of sanitation and even the simplest amenities are filling the newcomers with despair."

The sum of $1,305,720 has been raised by Hadassah since last October for the maintenance and education of some 8000 children now undergoing Youth Aliyah training in Palestine, Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, national Youth Aliyah chairman of Hadassah, reported. The nearly 14,500 graduates of the Youth Aliyah system of combined work and study in cooperative colonies and special schools "have made a highly successful adjustment to Palestinian life and become productive citizens of their communities," she stated.

AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS HELP TO BUILD 38 SETTLEMENTS IN PALESTINE, SAYS ELIEZER KAPLAN

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA)--Contributions from American Jews have made possible the establishment of twenty-four agricultural villages in Palestine since October of last year and will finance the initial costs of construction of fourteen more settlements, "many of them before the report of the United Nations inquiry committee is completed," Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who has just arrived in the United States, announced last night at a closed meeting of the board of directors of the United Palestine Appeal.

At the same time, Mr. Kaplan, who is in this country to negotiate American financing of the Jewish Agency's development plans, disclosed that the British Government and the Jewish Agency have completed negotiations permitting Jewish industrialists in Palestine to purchase immediately an additional $2,000,000 worth of machinery and water pipelines from American manufacturers with funds raised by the U.P.A. "The purchases will be paid for by American gift dollars accruing to the Jewish Agency, and the industrialists in Palestine will repay the Jewish Agency with British pounds," Mr. Kaplan said.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ACQUIRES WORLD'S OUTSTANDING COLLECTION OF SPINOZA'S WORKS

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA)--The world's outstanding collection of Spinoza's works and associated material, including some 4,000 items, was turned over to Columbia University today.

The donors are Dr. Simon L. Millner, director of the Spinoza House in the Hague; Mrs. Thomas S. Lamont, Corliss Lamont and Christian A. Zabriskie. The collection was formed by Adolph S. Oko and Carl Gebhardt, both of whom have since died.

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