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U.N. INQUIRY COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE OPENS FIRST MEETING TODAY; ARAES THREATEN BOYCOTT

LAKE SUCCESS, May 25. (JTA) -- The final version of the agenda for the first meeting of the United Nations inquiry committee on Palestine which will open here tomorrow at 3 p.m. was announced today by the U.N. Secretariat. It consists of:

1. Opening of the meeting by Secretary-General Trygve Lie.
2. Election of a chairman.
3. Discussion of the committee's plan of work.

It is not considered likely that the fact-finding commission will begin a discussion of its itinerary tomorrow. It is known, however, that informal talks have already taken place on the body's method of procedure and on the possibility of its visiting displaced persons camps in Europe to hear testimony from the refugees themselves. It is fairly certain that the probers will decide on European hearings.

Meanwhile, Faris El Khoury, Syrian delegate to the U.N., yesterday threatened an Arab boycott of the commission if it decides to visit the DP camps. Reiterating the oft-stated Arab position that there is no connection between the plight of the Jewish refugees and Palestine, El Khoury said: "It would be a cause of cutting off relations with the committee, I am afraid. Of course, I don't know; and we still reserve the position of our governments."

The Lebanese delegate, Charles Malik, declined to make any statement concerning his government's position on the matter. He stated that the Arab delegations had forwarded their recommendations to their respective governments, whose decisions would probably be announced early in June.

(In Cairo, the former Mufti of Jerusalem told a press conference that he was "painfully surprised" by the turn of events at the recent U.N. session on Palestine. Avoiding a direct answer to a question on the possibility of an Arab revolt in the event of an unfavorable U.N. decision, he declared: "I can only state that all Arabs are totally dissatisfied and will very likely press the Arab governments to support an armed uprising of the Arab peoples." He also revealed that the Palestine Arab Higher Committee will meet shortly to discuss its attitude toward Britain and the problem of Zionism.)

Yugoslavia Only Nation Which Has Not Yet Named Representative

With the exception of Yugoslavia, the eleven nations represented on the inquiry commission have already named their delegates. However, a number of them will not be able to arrive at Lake Success in time for the opening session and are expected later in the week.

Beside the organizational work, the members of the committee are expected to review quickly the written data already in the hands of the Secretariat. About ten days has been set aside for this work.

SILVER PUZZLED BY BEN GURION'S REPORTED PROPOSAL FOR PALESTINE PARTITION

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- Puzzled by reports from Palestine of David Ben Gurion's advocacy of the partitioning of Palestine into a Jewish state and continuation of the British mandate in the remainder of the country, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American branch of the Jewish Agency and head of the American Zionist Agency Council, issued a statement emphasizing that the Jewish Agency "has never approved any such proposal." The statement reads:

"Numerous inquiries have reached me concerning press reports of a statement attributed to David Ben Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, favoring the establishment of a Jewish state in those parts of Palestine that have been settled by Jews as well as the Negev, and continuation of the Mandate in the sections which Jews have not colonized.

"I find it difficult to credit these reports inasmuch as the executive of the Jewish Agency has never approved any such proposal, nor has the executive any authority to do so. The case of the Jewish Agency was officially presented by its representatives, including Mr. Ben Gurion, at the recent special session of the United Nations. There has been no change in policy since then. The same case, more fully documented, will undoubtedly be presented to the committee of inquiry of the United Nations under the General Council of the movement should prescribe a different course.

"Our movement has taken no position favoring either partition or bi-nationalism. If the committee of inquiry should propose these or any other solutions, our movement will have full opportunity to consider them and determine its attitude. It would be regrettable to have the situation made more difficult now by confusing versions of our position. We stand and will continue to stand upon the full Zionist program as adopted by the Zionist Congress at Basle, and as subsequently re-affirmed by the executive of the Jewish Agency at its recent plenary session in Jerusalem."

50 VISALESS JEWS ARRIVE IN CYPRUS; TWO WOMEN INJURED DURING TRANSHIPMENT

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA) -- The more than 1,450 visaless Jewish refugees from the blockade runner Mordei Hagetaot (Ghetto Fighters) who were deported to Cyprus yesterday, arrived in Famagusta this afternoon, according to a report from the island received here. They were immediately transferred to the Caracolos camps.

An official communique described the transshipment in Haifa harbor as having taken place without serious incident. But it stated that troops were forced to fire a volley of shots into the air and to use water hoses on the immigrants who, it asserted, attempted to beat down barbed wire barriers in the hold of the deportation ship.

A number of Jews suffered "minor abrasions," according to the government announcement. Other sources, however, stated that two women were hospitalized in Haifa as a result of the clash, which lasted nearly three hours. There were 904 men, 518 women and 37 children, including two born during the Mediterranean voyage, aboard the vessel.

The Haganah issued a manifesto during the week-end denying that the dissident groups had any right to assume responsibility for the problem of Jewish immigration. Referring to a recent Irgun offer of a truce if the government would cease "terror and deportation" of visaless immigrants, the manifesto declared: "Since when is immigration in your hands? Immigration, whether certificated or uncertificated, is our business."

Twelve armed men and women yesterday held up a bridge club in Tel Aviv and escaped with over \$3,000 in cash and jewelry. An unconfirmed report stated that the

members of the band were extremists. A second attempt to stage a hold-up at another club in the city was foiled, but the attackers escaped.

Government May Attempt to Carry Out Census Among Jews

A special regulation giving High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham permission to undertake a census in all or any part of the country was published in the Official Gazette yesterday. This is seen as indicating an attempt by the government to force a head count among the Jews, who up to now have refused to cooperate with the government census.

Two Arabs arrested last March transporting a truckload of bombs have been sentenced to life imprisonment by a military court.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION TO DISCUSS ARAB BOYCOTT OF JEWISH-MADE GOODS

GENEVA, May 25. (JTA) -- The question of the Arab boycott of Jewish-made goods from Palestine will be placed on the agenda of the International Trade Organization, affiliate of the United Nations, it was reported here today.

It is known that discussions on the subject have been taking place behind closed doors. It is also understood that representatives of the Western powers are opposed to any sort of an international trade boycott and have cited the draft of the ITO charter which would ban such actions.

Although the relationship between the organization and non-governmental agencies has not yet been settled, it is expected that the Histadruth will be able to bring the matter to the attention of the ITO through the World Federation of Trade Unions. The position of the Jewish Agency in relation to the ITO has not yet been clarified.

CLERGYMEN AT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ASSEMBLY CRITICIZE BRITAIN'S PALESTINE POLICY

LONDON, May 25. (JTA) -- The British Government's policy on Palestine was severely criticized during the week-end by delegates to the Assembly of the Church of Scotland, which is now meeting in Edinburgh.

The Assembly, which is devoting considerable time on its agenda to the Palestine problem, heard one minister term "tragic and blundering" the government's decision to delay action on Jewish immigration pending further consultation with the Arabs. A second delegate warned of the dangers of anti-Semitism in Britain, asserting that it would result in a "return to fascism."

S.Z. Shragai and Major M.A. Jaffe, representing the Jewish Agency, received a warm welcome from the delegates, who come from all parts of the world. Shragai appealed to the clergymen to make their voices heard in favor of opening the gates of Palestine. Following Shragai's plea, the chairman of the Assembly, urged cooperation among the Jewish Agency, the Government and the Church of Scotland, declaring that all were deeply interested in the problem.

47 JEWISH EMIGRANTS FROM BRITISH ZONE LEAVE FRANCE EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE

PARIS, May 25. (JTA) -- Three hundred and forty-seven Jewish refugees left Marseille for Palestine, yesterday, aboard the liner Providence. The emigrants came from the British zone of Germany and are being admitted to Palestine under the regular monthly quota.

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HUNGARIAN JEWS THANK STALIN FOR GROMYKO STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING JEWS' RIGHT TO STATE

SOFIA, May 25. (JTA) -- A resolution thanking Premier Josef Stalin for the Soviet's acknowledgment at the U.N. that Jews have a claim to statehood in Palestine was adopted today by a mass meeting sponsored jointly by the Jewish section of the War and Peace Front and the Jewish Consistory. A copy of the resolution was telegraphed to Stalin.

The meeting, which was called to discuss Palestine and the United Nations, and Zionists and non-Zionists hail the policy laid down by Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko at Flushing Meadow as implicit recognition of the right of Jews who so desire to emigrate from their present homelands to Palestine. The wide representation at the meeting augurs well for Jewish unity here.

HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPER REPORTS 10,000 JEWISH WOMEN RESCUED BY RED ARMY FROM NAZI CAMPS

BUDAPEST, May 25. (JTA) -- A report that about 10,000 Hungarian Jewish women were rescued by the Red Army from German concentration camps and are now in the Soviet Union was published here by the weekly newspaper Figyelő.

The writer of the article, Ethel Faludi, who recently returned from the U.S.S.R., says that the women are receiving excellent care and are recuperating from the harsh physical conditions in the Nazi camp. She writes that they are now housed in a camp at Motyinsky.

The first women's rally for Palestine since the end of the war was held here during the week-end under the auspices of the Womens International Zionist Organization.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT INCREASES SUBSIDIES TO JEWISH HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS FOLLOWING PROTESTS

BUCHAREST, May 25. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Ministry of Finance announced yesterday that the government will grant Jewish schools, hospitals and cultural institutions 25,000,000,000 lei (nominally \$165,000) during the coming fiscal year.

Earlier this month, the Ministry stated that it would only grant 8,000,000,000 lei. The increase in subsidies resulted from protests by various Jewish organizations and leaders. Responsible Jewish circles consider the increase insufficient to provide for full programs for the institutions involved.

JOSEPH C. HYMAN ARRIVES IN ROME; DISCUSSES REFUGEE SITUATION WITH JEWISH LEADERS

ROME, May 25. (JTA) -- Joseph C. Hyman, former executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Distribution Committee, has arrived here and conferred with representatives of the Central Committee for Jewish Refugees in Italy on the possible repercussions of the forthcoming closing down of UNRRA. He will also visit refugee camps and agricultural training centers.

CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE PROHIBITS PRINTING, POSTING RACIST LITERATURE

CHICAGO, May 25. (JTA) -- The Chicago City Council has passed an ordinance prohibiting the printing or posting of racist literature.

The measure provides a maximum of six months imprisonment or a fine up to \$100 for exposing an individual or racial or religious group to hatred or ridicule or to endanger the public peace. It will not affect newspapers and bona fide periodicals.

20,000 CELEBRATE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF FORWARD; JEWISH LEADERS LAUD PAPER

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- Jewish life in the United States for the last half-century was reviewed here today by prominent speakers at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Jewish Daily Forward, held at the Madison Square Garden and attended by more than 20,000 persons. The celebration was marked also by a special 162-page edition of the Forward containing articles on all aspects of American Jewish life.

Principal speakers at the celebration included Abraham Cahan, editor-in-chief of the paper, Alexander Kahn, general manager, Harry Rogoff, managing editor, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Messages of congratulations were received from President Truman, Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee; Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American branch of the Jewish Agency and president of the Zionist Organization of America; Edward M.M. Wartburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee; Henry Morgenthau, Jr., national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; Herbert H. Lehman, and other leaders of central Jewish organizations.

Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of the New York Times, and T.O. Thackery, editor of the New York Post, were among the representatives of the American press who sent congratulations. The New York Times and the New York Herald-Tribune carried editorials lauding the role of the Jewish Daily Forward in Jewish life in the United States and in the Americanization of Jewish immigrants.

MEETING CELEBRATING FREIHEIT 25TH ANNIVERSARY DEMANDS JEWISH-ARAB STATE IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- Immediate establishment of a Jewish-Arab independent state in Palestine was urged in a resolution adopted last night at a meeting in Madison Square Garden celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Morning Freiheit.

The resolution called for abrogation of the British mandate and withdrawal of British troops from Palestine. William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist party in the United States, spoke.

REMAINS OF MRS. BRANDEIS BURIED ALONGSIDE THOSE OF LATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, May 25. (JTA) -- The remains of Mrs. Alico Goldmark Brandeis, wife of the late Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, were today buried next to those of her husband at a ceremony on the grounds of the University of Louisville. Both were cremated after their deaths.

In a message marking the occasion, George Alpert, president of the board of trustees of the projected Brandeis University, said: "Louis D. Brandeis and his wife both had a consuming interest in education. Many years ago, the justice set forth the following concept as a basis for the growth of your institution: 'To be great, a university must express the people whom it serves, and must express the people and the community at their best. The aim must be high and the vision broad; the goal seemingly attainable but beyond immediate reach.' The trustees of Brandeis University have adopted this concept. In the years to come, we hope to grow in the manner prescribed by Justice Brandeis."