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PALESTINE GOVT. ATTEMPTING TO SWING U.N. INQUIRY BODY AWAY FROM PARTITION SOLUTION

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government is making strenuous efforts to convince the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine that establishment of a "viable Jewish state" in Palestine is not practicable.

According to today's Hebrew press, when the government learned that some members of UNSCOP were leaning towards partition as the most feasible solution, it distributed to the committee written material aimed at showing that existence of a small independent Jewish state is not possible on purely economic grounds. The government made the following points:

1. The Jewish standard of living and wages makes Jewish industry unable to compete in neighboring and world markets.
2. The Arab boycott has had "disastrous consequences" on Jewish industry and the boycott would be tightened if a Jewish state were established.
3. As a result of these two factors a Jewish state would always depend on Jewish support from abroad, which is very small--the influx of Jewish money into Palestine up to last year was \$28,000,000, whereas the amount derived from British troops stationed in Palestine and from the government totalled \$96,000,000.

The government also put forward the objection that a Jewish state would clash with the Arab state not only on political, but on economic grounds. The Arab state, the official spokesmen say, would be so poor and backward that serious disturbances are liable to occur, which would necessitate the maintenance of strong armed forces by the Jewish state, which would be an additional stress on its finances.

It is reported that the government arguments greatly impressed some UNSCOP members, who discussed the question with several Jewish leaders with whom they have come in contact recently.

Probers Not Getting Clear Picture of Country's Problems

Whether the commission members accept the British arguments at face value will probably depend on how much they learn during their inquiry here, and most correspondents agree that the committee has not gained as much information as might have been possible.

Protocol, red tape and poor arrangements by the government--either deliberately or through inefficiency--have kept UNSCOP remote from the rank and file of Palestinians. The fear is expressed that unless UNSCOP changes its current investigation technique, it will depart from Palestine next month without having obtained a clear understanding of this country's problems and its people.

The committee has covered a great deal of territory, but much of the traveling has been fruitless, since it has been unguided. For instance, the committee drove from Jerusalem to Haifa by one route, and returned by another, a three-hour trip each way through a major part of Palestine. With a guide, such a tour could

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have been an education into what makes up the fabric of Palestine life; without it was a six-hour driving ordeal.

The committee members live in the isolated Kadina House on the edge of Jerusalem and have virtually no contact with the average Palestinian. They do not wander into town alone, visit the shops, take tea in the cafes, meet at the city's bar or visit private homes--all of which were done by the Anglo-American committee. When Dr. Victor Hoo, the chief of the U.N. staff accompanying UNSCOP, visited a friend at the Eden Hotel for tea, he was approached after a few minutes by a plain clothes officer, who suggested that it would be best for him to leave, presumably for "security reasons."

Most unfortunate, correspondents feel, is that so far the members are not obtaining the clearest picture of the wishes of the people of Palestine, as required by the inquiry's terms of reference. There seems no question that the British Government takes a hands-off attitude. Indeed, some British officials do not hide a scoffing suggestion that this committee is simply preparatory to still another. The result is that Arabs are led to believe the Mufti-inspired boycott is justified.

Press Barred From Arab Reception Because of Ban on Jewish Journalists

The committee ran into more difficulty with the Arabs today, when it visited the all-Arab town of Ramle, about an hour's drive from Jerusalem. The municipal council had adopted, prior to the committee's arrival, a resolution barring Jewish journalists from the reception given the commission. When it became evident that UNSCOP would not tolerate such discrimination, it was announced that all the press was barred, to which UNSCOP agreed. The official explanation was that there was not sufficient room for them.

A committee representing the Jewish detainees on Cyprus today appealed to UNSCOP to visit the island and study the camps' conditions which the internees charge are "worse than concentration camps in Europe." (The detainees had previously appealed to the International Red Cross to send an inquiry team to Cyprus.)

BRITISH PRIZE COURT IN PALESTINE ORDERS CONFISCATION OF SIX BLOCKADE RUNNERS

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) -- A British naval prize court today ordered the confiscation of six vessels intercepted during the past year attempting to run the air-sea-land blockade of Palestine with vesselless Jewish refugees aboard.

The craft, which have been rusting at anchor in Haifa harbor awaiting judicial action, brought nearly 6,000 Jews to the Holy Land. They are the Haganah, Palmach, Four Freedoms, Katriel Jaffe, Henrietta Szold and the Haviva Reik. The Haganah carried 2,678 men, women and children, the largest number to arrive on one blockade runner.

A minor explosion occurred today in a garden adjoining the building housing the British military court in Jerusalem. It is believed that the blast was caused by a hand grenade. There were no casualties and only a few windows were smashed.

Earlier in the day, the court had been in session, sentencing a 17-year-old Jewish youth to five years imprisonment on charges of possessing a sackful of grenades and sticks of explosives. He was arrested near Ramath Gan April 18.

Two English-speaking gurnmen last night attempted to kidnap a 40-year-old Jew near the Mea Shearim quarter of Jerusalem, but were driven off by their intended victim, who resisted and shouted for help. It is believed that the kidnappers were members of the "British Military Organization," with which Major Roy Farran is connected.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY RIFT CAUSED BY DIFFERENCES ON SCOPE OF EINSTEIN'S AUTHORITY

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- The question of whether Prof. Albert Einstein should be given complete authority to select a president for the projected Brandeis University was the major cause for the split in the university's board, it was stated here today by George Alpert, president of the board.

The split resulted in the resignation of S. Ralph Lazrus and Prof. Otto Nathan from the board and in the withdrawal of Prof. Einstein from the university's fund-raising foundation, which bore his name. These resignations, Mr. Alpert told a press conference, will in no way impede the progress of the university.

He emphasized that plans are being made to open the Liberal Arts section of the university in 1948 with 500 students and to bring the total to 2,000 students at the end of four years. About \$2,000,000 in pledges have been secured up to now, he stated. Mr. Alpert revealed that the Einstein Foundation will be renamed the Brandeis Foundation.

He said that the board of the Einstein Foundation, without securing the agreement of the university's board, voted to authorize Prof. Einstein to select a president for the university and suggested the appointment of Prof. Harold Laski, British economist. The board's action, and particularly the naming of Prof. Laski, was strongly opposed by him as president of the university's board, Mr. Alpert declared, whereupon Mr. Lazrus and Prof. Nathan told the board that they must end their association with the university.

The opposition to the appointment of Prof. Laski was based to a great extent on the fact that Laski is not an American, Mr. Alpert stated, adding that he would continue to insist that the president of the university be an educator of high standard; an American, if possible; a person loyal to the principles of American democracy; and a good administrator.

An Educational Advisory Council which will make recommendations regarding the selection of a president is now being formed by Prof. Max R. Grossman, the university's provost, Mr. Alpert announced.

Wise Criticizes "Hurtful Squabbles" at Brandeis University

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- The "hurtful squabbles" that have developed in connection with the resignation from the board of directors of Brandeis University of Prof. Einstein, Prof. Otto Nathan and Mr. Lazrus were strongly criticized today by Dr. Stephen S. Wise in a statement issued here.

"One may rest assured that these eminent supporters of the Brandeis University would not have simultaneously announced their withdrawal if it had been possible for them to remain within it on the terms of self-respect," Rabbi Wise said. He emphasized that "the association of the names of Einstein and Brandeis was freighted with finest promise" and charged Mr. Alpert with "destroying all that."

NAZI COMMANDANT OF LODZ GHETTO HANGED; DIRECTED MURDER OF 250,000 JEWS

WARSAW, June 24. (JTA) -- Hans Bibow, Nazi commandant of the Lodz Ghetto, was hanged yesterday. He had been convicted of ordering and directing the murder of 250,000 Lodz Jews.

CANADA READY TO ADMIT 1,000 JEWISH ORPHANS FROM EUROPE; ONLY 150 REPORTED AVAILABLE

MONTREAL, June 24. (JTA) -- Although the Canadian Government has granted permission for the admission of 1,000 European Jewish-war orphans, only 150 children are available for immediate entry, according to reports received by the Canadian Jewish Congress from its representatives overseas.

This information was made public here at the first meeting of the Eastern Region Dominion Council held under the chairmanship of Monroe Abbey. The meeting discussed the anticipated movement of a number of displaced Jews who are to be admitted to Canada and other aspects of the immigration problem.

DISPLACED JEWS MAY BEGIN UNORGANIZED EXODUS FROM CAMPS, MOSES LEAVITT REPORTS

PARIS, June 24. (JTA) -- Thousands of European Jews are on the move and the displaced Jews in Germany, Austria and Italy may soon start an unorganized movement out of the camps, Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-president of the Joint Distribution Committee, stated today at a press conference prior to his departure for the United States. He has just completed a tour of eight countries in Western and Central Europe.

At present, he said, the three countries in which the movement of Jews is most evident are Austria, France and Italy. Into Austria, he declared, are coming thousands of Rumanian Jews fleeing starvation. The Army and UNRRA have refused them assistance and the J.D.C. is carrying the burden itself, Leavitt said.

Approximately 1,500 Jews enter France monthly, he reported. The French Government's attitude is sympathetic, particularly toward the Jewish children, he stressed. A like number are entering Italy every month, and when UNRRA is liquidated at the end of this month the J.D.C. will be the sole source of relief for them, Leavitt asserted.

He disclosed that the largest J.D.C. program in Europe is being carried out in Hungary. The government, he continued, desires to eradicate anti-Semitism in the country and aid the surviving Jews.

In summation, he pointed out that the J.D.C. was not a governmental agency and could not continue to carry the weight of the entire relief problem and that the International Refugee Organization must set its activities into motion quickly and on a large scale. He concluded that the only hope for the displaced Jews lay with the U.N. inquiry committee on Palestine.

INTER-AMERICAN PARLEY OF POLISH JEWS ASKS ADMISSION OF MORE JEWS TO LATIN AMERICA

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- An appeal to the governments of the United States, Canada and the countries of Latin America to admit a larger number of refugees from Europe, was voiced here tonight at the closing session of the first Inter-American Conference of the World Federation for Polish Jews.

The conference adopted a resolution "deploring" Britain's "undemocratic tactics" in Palestine and praising the Jewish community's "restraint" in the face of "provocations" by the Mandatory Power. It also called upon the "conscience of the world" to demand the abrogation of the White Paper and admission to Palestine of all the refugees detained on Cyprus. The delegates also demanded recognition for the Jewish Agency as the spokesman of world Jewry at the United Nations and other international bodies.

The parley voted a \$100,000 appropriation to establish an Institute of Publications. One of its first projects will be the publication, in cooperation with the Jewish Historical Commission of Poland, of an account of the sufferings of the Jews of Poland during the Nazi occupation.

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CONVERSION OF SYNAGOGUE INTO SYNAGOGUE-CENTER URGED AT RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY PARLEY

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- A program of action to convert the Conservative Synagogue into a synagogue-center to combat the growing tendency of large sections of the Jewish population to regard the synagogue solely as a house of worship was outlined here today by Rabbi Israel M. Goldman, of Providence, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America.

In his presidential address to the 47th annual convention of the Assembly, meeting at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Goldman said that the rise of the Jewish center has weakened the role of the synagogue in the community and has resulted in a view of Jewish life as ethnic-cultural in character, rather than based on Judaism as a religious faith.

Rabbi Goldman suggested the following program to revitalize the synagogue as a community institution: Appointment of a committee to formulate a pronouncement on the central position of the synagogue in American Jewish life. Conversion of the synagogue into a synagogue-center through the construction of synagogue buildings that provide adequate facilities for meeting the varied needs of the Jewish community. Expansion of the synagogue staff to include an executive director, a director of Jewish education, a director of youth and club activities and a director of social and recreational programs.

Rabbi Goldman reported that plans were under way to convene at an unspecified date a conference of all national rabbinic and synagogal bodies to discuss ways and means of insuring the unimpeded progress of the synagogue. Such a body, he added, could also study means of bringing the Jewish chaplaincy under the aegis of religious agencies, as is the case with the Protestant and Catholic churches.

He also advocated passage of the Stratton Bill, which provides for the entrance of 400,000 DP's to this country within the next four years and reiterated the Assembly's support of Jewish statehood for Palestine.

BARUCH AND HARRISON RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES AT YESHIVA UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- Bernard M. Baruch and Earl G. Harrison were the recipients of honorary degrees today at the annual commencement exercises of Yeshiva University. Mr. Baruch received the degree of Doctor of Law, and Mr. Harrison that of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Fifty-five graduates received diplomas at the ceremonies, which were presided over by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the university. Dr. Belkin expressed the hope that the U.N. Palestine committee would seek a solution motivated not by expediency or power politics, but by the needs of the Jewish people, to whom Palestine was promised in the Bible.

MEXICO BANS MEETINGS OF ANTI-SEMITIC GROUP AFTER ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE PROTESTS

MEXICO CITY, June 24. (JTA) -- The Mexican Government has banned a number of recent meetings of the "Golden Shirts," a pro-fascist anti-Semitic organization here, following protests by the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League in Mexico.

The "Golden Shirts" activities were declared illegal during the war. The Jewish press here has asked whether the government has lifted the war-time ban, because the organization has held a number of public meetings.

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BRITH SHOLOM CONVENTION SUPPORTS STRATTON AND IVES BILL; ASKS U.S. ACTION ON PALESTINE

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- The 41st annual convention of Brith Sholom, fraternal organization, adopted resolutions calling for passage of the Stratton Bill to admit 400,000 displaced persons during the next four years and the Ives Bill to establish a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission.

The delegates urged the President, Secretary of State, the U.S. delegation to the United Nations and both Houses of Congress to support the "traditional policy" of the United States, favoring establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine, to insist that pending a solution of the Palestine problem unrestricted Jewish immigration be permitted, and to condemn the "cruel and lawless" British administration in that country. The parley also pledged support of the United Jewish Appeal and the activities of the Jewish National Fund.

THREE GROUPS PLEDGE \$2,500,000 TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL DRIVE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- Three sub-divisions of the Greater New York U.J.A. with a total goal of \$2,500,000 held dinners here tonight as the \$65,000,000 New York drive entered its final phase.

The annual dinner of the Lawyers Division of the U.J.A., which has assured a \$1,000,000 goal, heard Bartley C. Crum, former member of the Anglo-American inquiry commission on Palestine, plead for consideration of the problem of Palestine and the displaced Jews of Europe as a humanitarian one, with all other considerations laid aside.

The Advertising and Publishing Division, which has also agreed to raise \$1,000,000, heard Billy Rose and Samuel Cherr, vice-president of Young and Rubican. Former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the national U.J.A., was the principal speaker at the annual dinner of the Women's Neckwear and Scarves, Lace and Embroidery Division, which has a \$500,000 goal.

SUMNER WELLES WILL ADDRESS OPENING SESSION OF Z.O.A. 50TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- Former Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles will be the main speaker at the opening session of the Zionist Organization of America's 50th annual convention, which will be held here from July 3 to 6, it was revealed today. Two thousand delegates are expected to attend.

The four-day parley will discuss action on the political situation affecting Palestine in the light of possible recommendations of the United Nations General Assembly session in September. It will also consider the problems of education and youth work and organizational issues.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will deliver the presidential address opening the conference, and James G. McDonald, former member of the Anglo-American inquiry committee on Palestine, and former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., will address various sessions.

JACOB STEINBERG, NOTED HEBREW AND YIDDISH POET, AUTHOR, DIES AT 60

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) -- Jacob Steinberg, noted Hebrew and Yiddish poet and author, died here today of a heart attack. He was 60. He had published numerous volumes of poetry, essays and short stories in both languages. Born in the Ukraine, he lived in Kiev and Warsaw until 1914, when he migrated to Palestine.

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