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BEN GURION ASKS U.N. COMMITTEE FOR JEWISH STATE; HITS BI-NATIONALISM; HINTS AT PARTITION

JERUSALEM, July 4. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency today called upon the United Nations for a "great act of statesmanship" establishing Palestine as a Jewish state. The plea was made by David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Agency's executive, in the course of a 15,000-word address, which took two hours to deliver.

Ben Gurion firmly rejected continuation of the Mandate, whether under British or U.N. supervision, or a joint trusteeship. He declared that a bi-national state was "politically and biologically impossible" since it would be based on parity, which "would mean a permanent deadlock."

In a significant departure from his prepared text, Ben Gurion recalled that the Zionist executive, meeting in Paris in 1946, had resolved to consider any proposal for the establishment of a viable Jewish state in Palestine, and he said that this stand was reiterated by the Agency representatives who met with the British Government in a series of informal conferences in London early this year.

Seated at the end of the same round table around which both the Peel Commission and the Anglo-American inquiry committee had sat, Ben Gurion presented the Agency formula for solution of the Palestine problem as "immigration and statehood for the Jews, economic development and social progress for the Arabs."

Calls for Arab-Jewish Alliance and Abolition of White Paper

The United Nations, he said, "possesses the necessary authority to undertake that great act of statesmanship, which could change the face of the entire Middle East and free the energies of the Arab and Jewish peoples for a great constructive effort. You will achieve your mission successfully when you restore freedom to Palestine, give justice to the Jewish people and stability and progress to the Middle East," he told the commission. He said that "these objectives can be accomplished by the immediate abolition of the White Paper, establishment of a Jewish state and promotion of a Jewish-Arab alliance."

The Agency chairman said that the Jewish community heartily welcomed the commission's inquiry, although it does not have "any reason to believe that on this occasion the Mandatory will respect your views any more than that of your predecessors." He stated that England was in Palestine only as a trustee, and the U.N. had an obligation to see to it that such obligations as the Balfour Declaration were carried out. He cited the testimony of Lloyd George, Winston Churchill and others in this connection and then reviewed the Peel Commission recommendation of partition--interpolating at this point his remark about the Agency decision on a viable Jewish state--the issuance of the White Paper, and the murder of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe.

Before discussing the massacre of European Jewry, Ben Gurion declared that "no individual Jew can be really free, secure and equal anywhere in the world as long as the Jewish people, as a people, is not again rooted in its own country, as an equal and independent nation." His voice faltering, he then stated: "We suffered a greater disaster in Europe than the British Army. Can anybody realize what it means

that 6,000,000 were put to death? Can one realize that a million Jewish babies were burned in crematoriums? A third of our people, almost the entire population of Sweden, murdered. Who is prepared and able to guarantee that what happened to us in Europe will not happen again?"

Charges Palestine Govt. With Racial Discrimination and Police State Tactics

Declaring that there is only one safeguard for the Jews: "a homeland and statehood," he said that that was possible only in Palestine, and "the Jewish people cannot give up, cannot renounce these two fundamental rights, whatever may happen." He charged that the racial discrimination practiced by the Palestine Government, through the White Paper provisions, endangered the status of Jews throughout the world, "because if the Mandatory is able to enact such regulations, why not other governments?"

Ben Gurion said that the White Paper policy could be implemented only by force, resulting in Palestine having become a police state with civil liberties abolished. The Palestine Government's memorandum to the committee he described as full of half-truths and "an open confession of the administration's hostility to the Mandate."

Explaining why he opposed a mandate or a joint trusteeship, the Agency spokesman said that Britain has failed in its task of settling large numbers of Jews in Palestine and of solving the country's problems, and a joint trusteeship would do so "since an administration taking directives from different governments can hardly perform such a task."

Bi-nationalism would tend to preserve the status quo and freeze the development of the country, Ben Gurion asserted. He stressed, however, that the Agency rejects any implication that "a conscious Jew, who cherishes his beliefs and language, cannot cooperate with a conscious Arab, who cherishes his beliefs and language."

When Ben Gurion had concluded, Dr. Jorge Garcia Grenados, the Guatemalan delegate, said that he had several questions concerning the emergency defense regulations, which he would reserve until later. Ben Gurion began reading his speech at 9:45 a.m., and the chairman had allowed five minutes for photographs. There were no guards present in the YMCA building and no one was searched. One third of the chamber was reserved since a number of seats had been reserved for Arabs, who are boycotting the proceedings.

Fishman Disavows Theocratic State; Horovitz Says Immigration Aids Absorptivity

Rabbi Judah L. Fishman, Mizrahi member of the executive, followed Ben Gurion. Speaking in Hebrew, he disavowed any desire on the part of religious Zionists to establish a "theocratic state" in Palestine and said that there would be full freedom for all inhabitants in a Jewish state. Any regulation which restricts Jews from entering Palestine is not only devoid of legality, "but positively sinful," Rabbi Fishman declared. "This land was once ours, and by the grace of Heaven it shall be ours."

David Horovitz, head of the Agency's economic department, testified that Palestine's absorptivity was adequate for any amount of Jewish immigration, since immigrants bring skill, money and determination to build the country, which facilitates settlement of more immigrants. He pointed out that when modern agricultural and industrial methods are employed, the potential of a piece of land or a factory can be increased six and seven-fold. Citing the fact that the Arab immigrants in Palestine tend to settle mainly in the Jewish-populated areas, Horovitz said that Jewish immigration has tended to raise the Arab standard of living and decrease the mortality rate.

The hearings concluded after Horovitz' testimony. They will be resumed on Monday morning, when Eliezer Kaplan, Agency treasurer, is scheduled to be heard.

EMANUEL NEUMANN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA AT 50TH CONVENTION

NEW YORK, July 4. (JTA) -- Emanuel Neumann was today elected national president of the Zionist Organization of America, after the 50th annual convention of the ZOA had beaten down a move to postpone elections until discussion of the political issues before the meeting had been completed. He succeeds Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Rabbi Irving Miller was named chairman of the National Administrative Council, and Mortimer May, of Nashville, and Jacob Richman, of Philadelphia, vice-chairman and secretary of the Council, respectively. The following national vice-presidents were chosen: Rabbi Leon Feur of Toledo; Daniel Frisch of New York, Abraham Goldstein of Hartford, Abraham Goodman of Miami, Abraham Redelheim of Brooklyn, Bernard Rosenblatt of New York, Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh and Eliahu D. Stone of Boston.

James G. McDonald, former League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and one-time member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, told the convention earlier that "national self-interest quite as much as common honesty require that the British and we should expedite the fulfillment of the Jewish dream of Palestine." He added that "the obsession of British and American experts with 'geopolitik' does not even have the justification of being sound from a selfish British or American point of view; it is not merely immoral, it is unrealistic and self-defeating."

Judge Morris Rothenberg, head of the American Jewish National Fund, reported that American Jews have donated some \$14,000,000 to the J.N.F. during the past nine years. He sharply criticized the Palestine Government's interference with the Jews' attempts to reclaim and cultivate the Negev. Rendering an account of the J.N.F.'s achievements during the past three years, he revealed that it had transferred \$1,000,000 to the parent body in Palestine in that period. The J.N.F. also provided land for founding 24 colonies in the three years and defrayed a considerable part of the expenses of their establishment, he said. Referring to the setting up of 12 new settlements in the Negev last October, in a dawn-to-dusk period, he called it a "bold proclaimed pioneering saga."

Silver Asks U.S. to Take Lead in Finding Palestine Solution

Addressing the opening session of the conference last night, Dr. Silver called on the United States to take the lead in finding a just solution of the Palestine problem. He said that Secretary of State George C. Marshall's statement to a group of congressional leaders earlier this week, to the effect that the U.S. traditional policy on Palestine had not been changed, was "gratifying," but called for a more positive declaration of policy to allay apprehensions concerning the American Government's position.

Describing the government's attitude at this time as "tight-lipped," and charging that no one was sure of where it stood, he declared that "if America continues to lean in Britain's corner" all recommendations of the United Nations will be "utterly doomed." He expressed fear that Britain and the U.S. would come up with a new version of the British plan to "federalize" Palestine into autonomous areas under a British-dominated central authority. He also voiced his opposition to partition.

Referring to Andrei Gromyko's speech at the special session of the U.N. General Assembly in May, he said that the Soviet Union's position was "a positive and substantial gain for our movement."

Continuing his review of the political situation in Palestine, Dr. Silver said that the Z.O.A. has never recognized the rights of dissident groups to carry resistance activities in defiance of national discipline. But, he insisted, "we urged that a way should be found to coordinate the activities of all elements in

Palestine who are determined to resist the iniquitous regime of the White Paper." In his report on the state of the Zionist movement in this country, he said that "American Jewry today is overwhelmingly Zionist."

Neumann Denies Zionist Movement Is Anti-British

Dr. Neumann, who spoke after Dr. Silver, scouted the charge that the Zionist movement was anti-British. Nonetheless, he asserted, "a sense of political realism should reconcile the British Foreign Office to the fact that American Zionism will continue to offer political resistance to any plans or proposals which would defeat the aims of Zionism."

Reporting on the activities of the American Zionist Emergency Council, Harry D. Shapiro, executive director, stated that the U.S. Congress had demonstrated that it is not prepared to let the Palestine issue rest with the passage of pro-Zionist resolutions. He asserted that leaders of both parties have shown that they mean to make these resolutions translated into action. He pointed out that the Council has been active in "counteracting the falsehoods and misrepresentations spread by Arab and pro-Arab propagandists in this country," who are backed in part by certain oil companies and anti-Zionist elements in the State Department.

Aaron Wright, head of the British section of the J.N.F., who followed Judge Schenbergh, rounded out the picture of J.N.F. activities in Palestine. He maintained that the Arab population has grown most rapidly in the areas where the J.N.F. has been most active in acquiring land. He urged American Jews to invest in house building in Palestine, both as an investment and as an aid to relieving the housing shortage in that country.

Mendel Fisher, executive director of the J.N.F. in this country, reported that the parent body has purchased some 900,000 dunams (225,000 acres) of the 27,000,000 dunams of land in Palestine. Since the inception of the J.N.F. 45 years ago, American Jews have supplied 51.8 percent of the organization's world income, he stated.

Dr. Harris Levine, chairman of the ZOA committee on J.N.F. activities, announced that the ZOA would acquire 50,000 dunams of land in Palestine to commemorate its Golden Jubilee anniversary.

Earlier in the day, special Independence Day exercises were held at the convention. Speakers included Albert D. Schanzer, co-chairman of the ZOA War Veterans Committee, and Benjamin Kaufman, Past National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., representing the present head, Milton H. Richman.

Progressive Zionist District 95 of New York has been suspended by the Z.O.A. requesting a separate hearing before the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, it was announced yesterday. Dr. Morris Zucker, president of the suspended district, declared: "Whatever the pretext given for this suspension the real reason is that those in control of the Zionist movement do not dare stand up in open democratic debate to defend the political tactics over the years which have led to the present stalemate in Palestine."

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION WILL PURCHASE \$5,000,000 WORTH OF SUPPLIES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, July 4. (JTA) -- Corporations affiliated with the Palestine Economic Corporation will purchase some \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 worth of industrial supplies and agricultural machinery in the United States this year, if Britain grants necessary import licenses, Julius Simon, president of the P.E.C., declared at a conference here. He announced that the corporation was seeking to buy as much as \$1,000,000 worth of pipe for the construction of water lines.

PROPERTY LEFT BY HEIRLESS CZECH JEWS GOES INTO GENERAL FUND; UNAVAILABLE FOR JEWISH NEEDS

PRAGUE, July 4. (JTA) -- A bill incorporating heirless property left by Czech victims of the Nazis in a general currency fund, to reimburse persons whose funds were blocked immediately after the liberation, was adopted yesterday, despite protests by the Council of Jewish Communities. Property belonging to missing Jews will now be placed in this fund and not be available for specifically Jewish causes, as the Jewish community had been promised.

The Czech Legion, war veterans organization, and Jewish student and veteran groups have cabled Palestine High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham, asking a pardon for Jacob Weiss, one of the three Irgunists condemned for participation in the Abu Hana prison break. Similar cables were sent to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie and to the U.N. inquiry commission. They point out that Weiss fought heroically as a soldier and partisan. Weiss' sister, who lives in Slovakia, is en route to Palestine to see her brother.

JEWS CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS IN HUNGARIAN SLAVE LABOR UNITS REPATRIATED TO TRANSYLVANIA

BUCHAREST, July 4. (JTA) -- The first group of Jewish repatriates from the U.S.S.R. who were forced into Hungarian slave labor battalions during the war and captured on the Soviet front arrived in Transylvania yesterday. Hungarian Jewish organizations have made repeated demands for their return.

Jews throughout Rumania today observed the sixth anniversary of the Jassy massacre during which some 14,000 Jews lost their lives. In Bucharest Chief Rabbi Alexander Shafraan conducted the services which were followed by a mass meeting at which a resolution was adopted demanding a speedy trial of the persons responsible for the horror.

LATIN AMERICAN PARLEY OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PROTESTS VISA DISCRIMINATIONS

BUENOS AIRES, July 4. (JTA) -- The Latin American Conference of the World Jewish Congress concluded here after adopting resolutions protesting against discrimination in immigration as practiced by "several Latin American governments" and asking for free Jewish entry into Palestine. The conference also urged more active participation of Jewish youth in community life.

The conference urged that Jewish relief work be conducted not along philanthropic lines but with "national reconstruction" as its aim. It decided to establish a Latin American World Jewish Council with headquarters in Buenos Aires for the purpose of coordinating the activities of the organization in each of the Latin American countries. The council will be composed of eleven representatives from Argentina, two from Brazil, three from Chile, two from Mexico, two from Uruguay and one from each of the other countries which participated in the parley.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, concluding the general debate, said that the Congress must engage in relief work. He spoke in reply to Jacob Hellman, leader of the Congress in Buenos Aires, who suggested that the organization continue its relief activities.

(Dr. Goldmann was received yesterday in Montevideo by Uruguayan Foreign Minister Juan Manuel de Castro, who expressed sympathy for Jewish efforts to build a homeland in Palestine and to rebuild the shattered communities of Europe. While in Montevideo, Dr. Goldmann gave a luncheon attended by vice-president Dr. Battle Berez and many senators and deputies. Later he spoke to a crowded meeting at the Ateneo Hall.)

SPONSOR OF BILL FOR ADMISSION OF DP'S INTO U.S. PREDICTS SENATE PASSAGE OF MEASURE

WASHINGTON, July 4. (JTA) -- Senator Homer Ferguson, Republican of Michigan, who Wednesday introduced into the Senate, with the co-sponsorship of eight other Senators, a bill to admit an unstated number of displaced persons to the United States over a four-year period as non-quota immigrants, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today he was hopeful that the Senate Judiciary Committee would set hearings on the measure within the next few weeks. He expressed confidence that the measure would be passed.

The measure purposely did not fix the number of DP's to be admitted, as does the Stratton Bill in the House. Ferguson explained that whatever refugees were to be brought here should be admitted immediately, "so they'll know there's some hope," instead of having to wait four more years. Having viewed the DP camps just after liberation in 1945, Ferguson declared, "anybody who had seen them couldn't object to this bill."

Senator Hatch, Democrat of New Mexico, one of the bill's sponsors, hopes for "prompt action" to fulfill the "moral obligation" of the United States toward the refugees. "I do not see how we can possibly take the position of insisting that other nations fulfill similar obligations resting upon them," Hatch said in the Senate, "unless we evince a willingness to perform some part in the discharge of our own obligations." Expressing the same opinion, Senator Smith, Republican of New Jersey, added that "America throughout her history has grown in stature and vision by her welcome to immigrants from other countries."

ALL-OUT EFFORT TO SPEED EMIGRATION OF SHANGHAI REFUGEES, DP SAILINGS FROM GERMANY

WASHINGTON, July 4. (JTA) -- Reports from JDC representatives and U.S. consular officials in Shanghai indicate that "an all-out effort" is being made to facilitate the emigration of the thousands of Jewish refugees in that city, Reuben B. Resnik, director of community relations for the United Service for New Americans, reported yesterday, following a conference with the State Department.

Mr. Resnik informed the State Department that its ruling granting the USNA the right to issue corporate affidavits for the Shanghai refugees has raised the number of the 12,000 displaced Jews in the Chinese seaport. (Five hundred refugees from Shanghai arrived in San Francisco yesterday. Most of them had visas for permanent settlement in the U.S., while the others were en route to Canada and countries in South and Central America.)

The emigration of displaced Jews in Germany and Austria will continue "at a rapid pace," Mr. Resnik said, pointing out that a new visa year began on July 1. He has been assured by the State Department that issuance of visas will continue without interruption. During the next three months two ships will carry on the special emigration service between Bremerhaven and New York, and more vessels will be added, if needed.

HADASSAH ESTABLISHES \$30,000 FELLOWSHIP FUND TO MARK MAGNES' 70TH BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, July 4. (JTA) -- The creation of a \$30,000 Fellowship Fund to mark the 70th birthday of Dr. Judah L. Magnes, who will be 70 years old tomorrow, was announced today by Hadassah. Bearing Dr. Magnes' name, the fund has been designated for a dual purpose: \$15,000 is to be used for fellowships for members of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem who are slated to teach pre-medical sciences in the new undergraduate medical school which Hadassah and the Hebrew University will open next year; and the remaining \$15,000 is for vocational education scholarships.

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