CANTONIZATION PLAN FOR PALESTINE STUDIED BY UNITED NATIONS DELEGATES

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) — The nature of political thinking taking shape among members of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine may be seen from the federalization plan being considered by a delegation which has been exceedingly active in the Committee’s work.

The plan envisages immediate division of Palestine into seven Jewish and seven Arab cantonments, with a temporary ten-year federal government vested in a council composed of one representative from each cantonment and an equal number of non-Palestinian councillors appointed by the United Nations, presided over by a United Nations governor.

This program would call for immediate evacuation of the British; giving the Jews complete authority over immigration, health, education, land development and similar problems in all Jewish cantonments, including the Negev; placing trade, security and public works, including water pipelines and other improvements, under jurisdiction of the federal government.

Plebiscite To Be Held After Ten Years of Joint Arab-Jewish U.N. Rule

After ten years a plebiscite would be held in each cantonment to determine whether it wishes to continue the plan, unite more strongly, or desires partition into separate Arab and Jewish states.

Under the plan, the Jewish cantonments would include the region north of Safad; the Jericho area; the south-western section of the Beisan area; the coastal plain from Haifa to Jaffa, with the exception of the southern Jaffa district; the area south of Hebron; the area directly south of Beisan and north of the Dead Sea; and the entire Negev south of a line running about eight miles north of Beersheba.

Arab cantonments would include the Safad, Beisan, Nablus, Hebron, Rahmalesh, Jaffa and Gaza districts.

Advantages of the New Scheme over Partition Outlined

In the view of the delegates considering this plan, its advantages over partition are as follows: first, it would keep the country’s economy intact; second, it provides a period of observation to see if the Jews and Arabs can get along together under United Nations supervision; third, the divisions make civil war remote, as against the more dangerous possibilities under a two-state partition; fourth, security would be vested in UN-supervised police rather than in more extremist hands; fifth, partition is opposed not only by Arabs but also by certain sections of the Jewish population, including dissident groups and Communists.

Certain questions are raised by the plan. For example, it is said that it is impossible to map seven sizable cantonments in which there are Jewish majorities, except the Tel Aviv area, because the Jews have acquired Arab territory and there is
and to be an Arab majority in such areas. Also, there are many economic functions which depend on a federal government but which would be unfeasible under federalization—taxation and allocation of funds, for example. Since the solution does not give a Jewish state in the sense demanded, the Jews would probably reject it. Administration would be complicated.

Yet the fact remains that UNSCOP is trying to find the beginning of a path through the maze of complications. Members are currently vacillating between partition and federalization, with at least one group for bi-nationalism and one for partition. At least four delegations find themselves hampered by reluctance to accept any solution which might be considered anti-British or take steps which may end sovereign prerogatives.

MICHIGAN DEMAND CHRISTIAN SHARE IN PALESTINE RULE IN TESTIMONY BEFORE U.N. PROBERS

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- A plea for a Christian share in any future government of Palestine and the return of the entire country to the status of a "Holy Land" was urged today on the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine by the Rev. Clark-Kerr, moderator of the Church of Scotland Presbytery in Palestine. He also made cooperation of the three religions in the cultural and religious development of the country.

Rev. Clark-Kerr was preceded on the stand by Anglican Bishop W.H. Stewart, who claimed that Jewish and Moslem converts to Christianity were subjected to pressure on all sides. He charged that the government was too tolerant with the Moslem and Jewish faiths, which had a detrimental effect on the Christian minority. He cited instances where Moslem and Jewish converts had appealed to him for protection against their own communities. He also criticized the fact that UNSCOP held meetings on Friday.

Bishop Stewart, replying to a question by Chairman Emil Sandstroem, said that Christian share in a future government should be sufficiently strong to guarantee the Christian minority. He pointed out that, as in the case of the Jewish and Moslem world, the Christian world as a whole was interested in the fate of Palestine.

SE GETS RESOLUTION ASKING MARSHALL TO SECURE END TO PALESTINE DEFENSE LAWS

WASHINGTON, July 11. (JTA) -- Rep. Andre L. Somers, Democrat of New York, has introduced a joint resolution directing Secretary of State Marshall to request immediate abolition by the British Government of the emergency regulations now governing Palestine, re-establishment of a civil administration and restoration of the civil liberties of the people of Palestine.

COMMITTEE DECIDES TO PROBE U.S. IMMIGRATION SYSTEM; WILL STUDY DP ISSUE

WASHINGTON, July 11. (JTA) -- A resolution authorizing the Senate Judiciary Committee to make a thorough investigation of the immigration system of the United States was approved by that committee today and is now in the Rules Committee awaiting scheduling for floor debate.

If approved by the Senate, the resolution would authorize the Judiciary Committee to study the immigration system with reference to the history and development of U.S. immigration policy, the administration of immigration and deportation laws, the extent, "if any," of illegal immigration, the situation with respect to the displaced persons of Europe, and the possible effect on this country of any change in the immigration laws. Co-sponsor of the resolution is Sen. Chapman Revercomb, Republican of West Virginia, who is a foe of immigration.
PESTINE GOVERNMENT CHARGED WITH PROVOKING OUTBREAKS DURING U.N. COMMITTEE HEARINGS

LONDON, July 11. (JTA) — The charge that the Palestine Government is provoking outbreaks in the country in an attempt to prove to the United Nations that 15,000 occupation troops must be maintained there, was made here by an authoritative British Agency source.

The same source, who recently returned from Jerusalem, declared that the British authorities in Palestine are supporting the Arab boycott of Jewish-made goods and Arab "defense" armies and have persuaded Arab moderates who wanted to testify before the U.N. Special Committee on Palestine not to appear. This tactic, he asserted, will keep the Arabs and UNSCOP apart and give the government the opportunity to challenge the committee's report on the grounds that the Arab case was not heard.

He reported that Palestinians believe that Maj. Roy A. Farran, who escaped under arrest in connection with the alleged murder of Alexander Rubovits, a 17-year-old Jewish youth, surrendered only when assured that he would be tried for Rubovits' murder, but for breaking Army discipline. He also pointed out that the government's handling of the Farran case goaded the extremists, who had slackened their activities, into violent reprisals.

Predict Britain Will Seek Delay in U.N. Decision on Palestine

The Agency source predicted that the British Government will do all in its power to delay a U.N. decision because Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, who is reported to have believed a few months ago that Britain would withdraw from Palestine within a year, has now changed his mind. He insisted that high British Army officers have informed Bevin that West Africa cannot be developed as a major military base for another five to ten years and that Palestine is needed until then.

He also disclosed that Jewish observers in Palestine believe that UNSCOP is divided into three groups: the largest consisting of delegates prepared to whitewash the British administration of the Mandate and to recommend its continuance with British control of immigration; the second preferring a form of partition, probably less than that desired by the Agency; and the third, and smallest group, favoring an independent Arab state. Palestine Jews do not expect much from the committee since each representative must consult his government before voting, he said.

He interpreted the United States' silence at the Special General Assembly meeting as meaning that it would fully support any British solution at the September session. The policy of silence, he maintained, was instituted to forestall criticism in America until it is too late.

FOUR JEWS TO STAND TRIAL IN PARIS FOLLOWING POLICE DISCOVERY OF TWO ARMS CACHES

PARIS, July 11. (JTA) — The trial of four Jews arrested in connection with the discovery of two arms caches in this city is expected to begin shortly. An investigating magistrate was appointed today.

It is believed that the hoard of arms and explosives was collected by the Irgun Zvai Leumi. The detained men are Moise Zizak, Stanislas Mazner, Bernedette Pointard and a man identified only as Eisman. Fifteen other persons also questioned following the unearthing of the weapons have been released.
WARSAW, July 11. (JTA) — The first anti-Jewish statements on the floor of the new Polish parliament were made this week by Deputy Ziegmut Zulawski, a former leader of the Polish Socialists, who broke with the party and is the only "independent socialist" member of parliament.

Criticizing the present regime, the aged Socialist also attacked the Jews. He said that "the Jews in Poland today are a privileged element" and blamed them for the anti-Semitic tendencies in the country, asserting that "anti-Semitism is a reaction Jewish behavior." He particularly criticized the fact that "Jews are occupying high positions in government offices."

Prof. Joseph Sack, one of the Jewish deputies, replying to Zulawski's charges at the Jews received special treatment in the government budget, pointed out that the sum which the Jewish Central Committee receives from the government is less than 1 percent of the committee's budget. Ninety-five percent of the budget, he asserted, is covered by Jewish contributions from abroad. "The largest part of our budget is being spent on constructive work which also serves the interests of the country," he added.

Sack, who is vice-chairman of the Jewish Central Committee, emphasized Polish Jewry's support of the present government. He lauded the government's policy of granting the Jews "full and actual equality," of encouraging Jewish national life within the country, and of taking "a positive attitude toward the emigration tendencies prevailing among a large part of the Jewish population." He also praised the attitude taken by the Polish delegation at the United Nations special assembly on Palestine.

BUDAPEST JEWS SCORE ANTI-SEMITIC TENOR OF STATEMENT BY HUNGARIAN CARDINAL

BUDAPEST, July 11. (JTA) — Both Jewish and democratic circles here are up arms over the interview given to the Vienna newspaper Die Welt am Abend by Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Catholic primate of Hungary.

The Cardinal told the Austrian paper that not 600,000 but "only" 500,000 Hungarian Jews were killed during the fascist regime and that several thousand deportees probably returned to the country, further reducing the toll.

The Jewish weekly Uj Elet attacks Cardinal Mindszenty's "anti-Semitic statements" in its current issue. The rabbi of a prominent Budapest synagogue told his congregation that "in a country where a prelate may speak thus with impunity I can only say to Jewish youth: 'Get out of here.'"

SWEDISH AUTHORITIES ORDER CONFISCATION AND BAN SALE OF ANTI-JEWISH PUBLICATIONS

STOCKHOLM, July 11. (JTA) — The Chief Public Prosecutor has ordered the confiscation of five anti-Jewish pamphlets published and circulated by Einar Aberg, internationally-known Swedish anti-Semite. Distribution of any copies which have not been seized has been prohibited.

The action was taken in connection with the indictment brought this week against Aberg by the prosecutor. Aberg is president of the so-called Swedish Anti-Jewish League.
ARGENTINE JEWS TO EXPAND PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES, STRESS ROLE OF JEWS IN COUNTRY

BUENOS AIRES, July 11. (JTA) — The DAIA, central Argentine Jewish body, will expand its activities in the field of public relations and seek to enlighten public opinion concerning Jewish contributions to the development of Argentina, Dr. James Goldman, DAIA president, told a general assembly of the organization.

Reporting on the DAIA's activities in the past 12 months, Dr. Goldman recalled an intervention with the authorities to secure visas for stranded Jewish immigrants from Europe and to check anti-Semitic excesses. He stressed that the Jewish community took no stand on domestic political affairs.

Dr. Goldman reaffirmed the DAIA's solidarity with the Zionist Organization and the World Jewish Congress and hailed the recent unification of relief campaigns here.

WAR MINISTER LAUDS JEWISH VETERANS WHO SERVED IN "ARMY OF LIBERATION"

PRAGUE, July 11. (JTA) — Gen. Ludvik Svoboda, Minister of War, today praised "excellent" the record of the Jews who served in the Czechoslovak Army of Liberation. The sacrifices of the Jews are "indisputable," he said, addressing a congress of Jewish veterans of both World Wars.

The opening of the all-European Zionist convention has been postponed until just 12, it was announced here today. The Czech Foreign Ministry has stated that it will grant visas to all delegates desiring to attend the conclave. The Post Office, issuing a special stamp with a Hebrew text on its face in honor of the conference, has arranged to broadcast the more important addresses on a short wave transmitter.

WORLD CONGRESS FOR JEWISH STUDIES DECIDES TO ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) — The establishment of a world academic union for Jewish studies was agreed upon today prior to the closing of the first world congress on Jewish studies convoked under the sponsorship of the Hebrew University and attended by Jewish scientists and educators from Palestine and many other countries.

The delegates also decided to hold triennial conventions of the union. During the various sessions the delegates heard over 200 papers on many historical and scientific subjects in the field of Jewish studies.

ROMANIAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS COOPERATING TO SET UP SUMMER CAMPS FOR 7,000 CHILDREN

BUCHAREST, July 10. (JTA) — A number of Jewish organizations have joined in a campaign to provide summer recreation for some 7,000 Jewish children from poor homes throughout Rumania, it was reported here today. The OSE, Hechalutz, Agudas Israel and the Bucharest and Cluj Jewish communities will establish 17 summer camps for the children.

In expectation of a fuel shortage, the Rumanian branch of the Joint Distribution Committee has begun collecting and storing firewood for the coming winter. Some 2,000 families will probably be provided with additional fuel in this fashion.

NAI B’RITH HILLEL FOUNDATIONS RAISE $132,775 FOR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) — The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations on college campuses throughout the country have oversubscribed their quotas to the United Jewish Appeal. Reports from 52 of the 64 foundations show that $132,775 has been raised, exceeding their $129,034 goal by more than $3,500.

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