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UNSCOP PARTITIONISTS APPROACHING AGREEMENT; DRAFTING PLAN FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GENEVA, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- After weeks of wrangling, the seven-delegate majority of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine was tonight approaching an agreement on the form and substance of partition, the principle of which they have already agreed upon. A coherent plan for submission to the General Assembly is now being whipped into shape.

Meanwhile, the nine basic principles on which both the advocates of partition and the supporters of federation agree were learned today. They are:

1. Palestine alone cannot solve the world Jewish problem.
2. Whatever the solution, it must be final.
3. Palestine cannot become an all-Arab state.
4. Palestine cannot become an all-Jewish state.
5. Palestine must ultimately have independence.
6. The British mandate must be terminated.
7. The transition period must be the shortest possible period.
8. The mandatory power (Britain) must carry out the UNSCOP recommendations with the assistance of one or more members of the United Nations.
9. Cooperation between the Jewish and Arab sections of Palestine is of absolute necessity.

The majority report will recommend the partition of Palestine into independent Jewish and Arab states bound together by a close economic treaty, according to forecasts here. The report will propose a two-year interim period prior to establishment of the independent states by September, 1949, during which 150,000 Jews should be admitted into the Jewish area.

Ten-Year Economic Treaty Between Jewish and Arab States Stipulated

The committee's partitionists base their conclusions on the fact that, regardless of the promises made in the past to both Jews and Arabs and the historical rights both claim, Jewish immigration into Palestine must be separated from any decisions by an Arab state while Arab fears of further Jewish encroachment must be removed.

The independence of the proposed new Jewish and Arab states would be recognized, according to the report, only after the two new states accepted a 10-year treaty of economic collaboration and gave specific pledges to the United Nations.

Each state will have a legislative body elected on the basis of proportional representation and an executive body responsible to the legislature. Their constitutions will be drawn up by constitutional assemblies elected by all persons over 20 who are Palestine citizens of either state.

It will be mandatory for the constitutions to declare that the state will not use force or the threat of force to settle international disputes, and to pledge that

the state will carry out recommendations of the Economic Board which are adopted by a majority vote. No projects for the development of Palestine will be taken up without agreement by both states.

The problem of economic viability of the two new states - which the pro-partitionists found to be one of their biggest headaches - would be solved, according to the expected majority report, by creating an economic union under a board composed of Arabs, Jews and appointees of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. This board would control the port of Haifa, the proposed customs union, the Palestine railways and communications and irrigation and reclamation projects. At the same time that the two independent states would be set up, an autonomous zone including Jerusalem would also be established.

Jewish Agency Would Be Responsible for Absorption of Immigrants

During the interim period, 150,000 Jews would be admitted into Palestine, into the Jewish state area on the understanding that the Jewish Agency for Palestine would be responsible for their absorption, that illegal immigration would be stopped and that the United Nations might be asked to halt illegal immigration. If such immigration should continue, the total of those entering the country illegally would be deducted from the two-year quota of 150,000.

No Jew could be settled in the Arab territory nor any Arabs in the Jewish territory during this interim period. The residents of both states, however, would be permitted to move freely in the territory of the other. After the interim period, each state would have the right to decide on the issuance of residential permits. After independence of the two states would be recognized, Arabs and Jews would become citizens of the states in which they reside with the right to opt, after one year, for citizenship in the other state.

Minorities in each state would be protected and enjoy freedom of language, worship and speech. Each state would be bound to ensure schools for its minorities in their own language and culture.

Any one of the United Nations would be authorized to call to the attention of the General Assembly any violations of the agreement; for instance, violation of the guarantee of minority rights or any other binding obligations between the two states. If a dispute arose as to interpretation of the facts, the case would go to the International Court of Justice.

The full Committee report, which awaits the 11 signatures, is divided into four general sections: the basic points of agreement; the political and social background of the Palestine problem; the majority proposal and the minority proposal. Although some delegates think the report can be completed and signed by tomorrow or Sunday, others believe that a few more days will be necessary.

JEWISH DP'S IN AUSTRIAN CAMP GO ON HUNGER STRIKE TO PROTEST ARREST OF THREE JEWS

VIENNA, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Jewish DP's in a camp near Salzburg began a mass hunger strike today protesting the arrest of three Jews suspected of taking part in the derailment of a British troop train by a mine on Aug. 12.

Two displaced Jews were detained today and the third has been under arrest since the train was wrecked. The DP's were arrested in the American zone of Austria, but it is believed that they will be turned over to the British authorities for questioning.

BRITISH COURT REJECTS PLEA FOR WRIT TO HALT DEPORTATION OF EXODUS REFUGEES

LONDON, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The High Court today rejected the Jewish Agency's appeal for a writ of habeas corpus to halt the deportation of the Exodus refugees to Germany.

The court ruled that their deportation was valid under the Emergency Defense Regulations of Palestine. It added that the deportation order had such extraterritorial effect as was necessary to implement it.

In arguments prior to the decision, Denis N. Pritt, Independent M.P. who acted as counsel for the Agency, charged that the deportees were placed on the transports which carried them from Haifa under false pretenses, since leaflets distributed to them said that they were being taken to Cyprus. He insisted that this was a test case, since if the refugees could be lawfully transported to Hamburg, they could be taken anywhere, even "to the lion's cage in the zoo."

An affidavit from Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin, by the Solicitor General, said that the deportation order had been issued by the High Commissioner under the Emergency Defense Regulations and that the refugees had been removed from the Exodus by "the Palestine military authorities." It added that the refugees were not suffering from curtailment of their liberty, except as was necessary "for the safety of themselves or the ships."

Replying, Pritt said that there was no such body as the "Palestine military authorities," since they were British troops. Pritt clashed several times with the Solicitor General, who charged that he was injecting politics into a legal proceeding. At one point when Pritt said that it had been established that Palestine was to be a Jewish National Home, the Solicitor General interrupted to say that the statement was not supported by evidence. Pritt replied he was merely quoting the provisions of the Mandate.

EXODUS JEWS SAIL FROM GIBRALTAR; SPOKESMAN SAYS REFUGEES EAGER FOR FINAL "SHOWDOWN"

LONDON, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The three British vessels returning the 4,400 Exodus refugees to Germany sailed today from Gibraltar, escorted by three battle-class destroyers, it was reported by Reuters.

The report said that a spokesman for the Jews on the Runnymede Park declared: "We have now been caged on these ships for nearly a month and a half and we are eager for the final showdown at Hamburg. If this delay is intentional on the part of the British, it will not do them any good because we are all the more determined to resist disembarkation."

Of the six refugees who landed at Gibraltar yesterday because they required urgent medical attention, two, who were found not to be seriously ill, chose to return to the ships today.

Meanwhile, High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham conferred with the Colonial Office today on the Palestine question. A Jerusalem dispatch to the London Jewish Chronicle said that Cunningham would attempt to persuade the government to change the destination of the Exodus refugees. The dispatch also said that if Cunningham fails in his mission, he might resign.

TOP BRITON SAYS ARMS WILL BE USED IF EXODUS REFUGEES ENDANGER BRITISH LIVES

LUBECK, Germany, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. William Bishop, deputy chief of staff of the British Control Commission for Germany, said today that "lethal weapons" will be used if British lives are endangered during the disembarkation of the Exodus refugees, but every effort will be made not to use arms and to exert a minimum of force.

He told a press conference here that the transports will probably not arrive before the end of next week, and that newsmen would be informed in advance.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE ADOPTS COMPROMISE RESOLUTION ON TERRORISM

ZURICH, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The issue of terrorism, which has dominated the deliberations of the Zionist Actions Committee, was settled today by the adoption by the Political Commission of a compromise resolution recommended by the executive. The vote was 23 to 5, with one abstention. Three Revisionists and two Mizrahi delegates were opposed.

The resolution, which voices support of that adopted at the World Zionist Congress in December, calls for urgent educational and persuasive measures to curb terrorism and to deprive it of financial and moral support. It declares that support of the extremists--the Irgun and Stern Group are specified--constitutes a violation of Zionist discipline. However, it does not call for armed resistance to the dissidents.

Passage of the resolution by the Political Commission came after the executive had convinced the group that it was the best method of dealing with terrorism. Both the right-wing Revisionists and the left-wing Hashomer Hatzair criticized the resolution, for different reasons. David Ben Gurion said he was in sympathy with the Hashomer Hatzair objections, but the resolution was the only feasible compromise. Prof. Selig Brodetsky stated that the Actions Committee could only outline a policy, leaving it to the executive to fill in the details.

The Political Commission will resume meeting tomorrow night when it will hear a report from Moshe Shertok, who has been in Geneva the last day or two in connection with the UNSCOP report. The commission will also have to decide on the establishment of a political committee in New York to advise the executive on the U.N. General Assembly session and the role of the non-Zionists in the Agency. The Organization Commission has tentatively voted against reducing the size of the Actions Committee, but the question is still fluid and will be discussed by the Political Commission.

TEL AVIV MUNICIPALITY DEMANDS GOVERNMENT FILE CHARGES AGAINST ROKACH OR RELEASE HIM

TEL AVIV, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv municipality today adopted a resolution demanding that the Palestine Government either make public the charges against Israel Rokach and the other Jews detained at Latrun for the last two months or else release them immediately. The municipality also sent a message of encouragement to the Exodus refugees.

An unsigned letter from the Latrun detainees released here today denied the British report that living conditions in the camp were good. The letter complained of inadequate sanitary facilities, water and protection from the mid-summer sun.

An Irgun Zvai Leumi statement to the press issued tonight called on the Jews all over the world to assist Egypt in her struggle for freedom against Britain.

"Sulcha," the traditional Arab peace-making ceremony, took place today in the Yemenite quarter of Tel Aviv between the Jewish and neighboring Arab residents

to mark the close of the recent disturbances which resulted in the loss of life and heavy property damage.

Forty Arabs, as well as local Jewish merchants, participated in the ceremony. An observer pointed out that no prominent Arabs attended since this section of the Arab population is under the direct influence of the Arab Executive. However, peace between both parties has nevertheless been achieved.

The Tel Aviv Diamond Trust Center was robbed this afternoon of \$50,000 in diamonds when three armed youths entered the offices and, at pistol point, took \$20,000 in diamonds from the staff. Simultaneously, a girl employee of the Trust arriving at the building with \$30,000 worth of diamonds found her taxi diverted by a small car into a deserted street where several armed youths forced her to surrender the gems.

IRO CUTS OFF FOOD TO JEWISH DP CAMP IN ITALY WHEN REFUGEES BAR BRITISH DIRECTOR

ROME, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Two thousand displaced Jews at the Polese Camp in northern Italy have been cut off from food supplies by the International Refugee Organization following the DP's refusal to allow the British director of the camp to enter.

The incident began during the week-end when the refugees barricaded the camp and barred the director. The reason for their action is not known here. When they refused to accede to the IRO authorities' request to end the demonstration, food supplies to the camp were halted early Monday.

Displaced Jews and Italian Jews throughout the country observed yesterday as a day of fasting to protest the return of the Exodus refugees to Germany.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CALLS EMERGENCY MEETING OF JEWISH LEADERS FOR NEXT WEEK-END

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- A two-day national meeting of American Jewish leaders to blueprint a program of action to meet the rising needs of Europe's 1,500,000 Jewish survivors in the light of continued slashes in intergovernmental relief programs will be held at the Hotel Astor on September 6th and 7th, it was announced today by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the \$170,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

The emergency conference, which will be attended by representatives of Jewish communities in all sections of the United States, will hear first-hand reports of current conditions in Europe and Palestine as they affect the lives of the homeless Jews on the continent, and will adopt special measures to stimulate the collection of funds to assure the reconstruction of the Jewish survivors through the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement programs of the U.J.A., Mr. Morgenthau said.

REBI ARTHUR LELEVELD NAMED HEAD OF B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATIONS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The appointment of Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, of New York City, as national director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations was announced today by B'nai B'rith president Frank Goldman at the concluding session of a two-day meeting here of the National Hillel Commission. He succeeds Dr. Abraham L. Sachar, of Los Angeles, who was elected national chairman of the Hillel Commission.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIAN WAR MINISTRY DECORATES JEWISH PARTISANS FOR ACTION DURING WAR

PRAGUE, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Seven members of the Maccabee sports organization in this country were today awarded the Czechoslovak War Cross by the War Ministry for their activities in the resistance movement during the war.

The awards were conferred on the seven former partisans in the Jewish Town Hall here with leaders of the Jewish community participating. Tribute was paid to the Maccabee organization for the part its entire membership took in combatting the Nazis throughout the occupation.

Meanwhile, it was announced here that Representative Adolph J. Sabath, veteran member of Congress from Illinois, has been named an honorary citizen of Zabori, his birthplace.

BIALYSTOK SURVIVORS COMMEMORATE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF LIQUIDATION OF GHETTO

WARSAW, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Several hundred survivors of the Bialystok Ghetto today commemorated the fourth anniversary of the liquidation of the ghetto. Processions bearing banners representing all Jewish and Polish organizations marched to the spot where thousands of Jews were executed.

Later the survivors placed flowers on the ruins of the synagogue where 2,000 Bialystok Jews were burned to death in 1941.

BRILLE EDITION OF BIBLE PUBLISHED IN HEBREW BY JEWISH INSTITUTE FOR BLIND

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Publication of the first section of a Hebrew Braille edition of the Bible was announced today by the Jewish Braille Institute of America. This will be the first time in history that blind persons will be able to study the Bible in its original language in Braille.

The cost of producing the Bible in Hebrew Braille will be \$20,000 and will require two more years to complete. To date only the Pentateuch has been published. Among the leading scholars on the advisory council sponsoring the project are Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the Jewish Institute of Religion, Dr. Theodor Gaster, of the Library of Congress and Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University.

PROF. BEHAR, FRENCH ZIONIST LEADER, ARRIVES IN NEW YORK TO CONFER WITH U.S. LEADERS

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Prof. Nissim Behar, a leader of the Zionist movement in France, arrived here today from Paris to confer with Zionist leaders in the U.S. He will also meet with heads of various Jewish institutions of higher education on problems of Jewish education. Prof. Behar, who is vice president of the Union Zionist Francaise, intends to remain in the United States for several months.

AMERICAN JEWISH ORTHODOX YOUTH CONVENTION OPENS; 600 DELEGATES ATTENDING

HIGHMOUNT, N.Y., Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The current Palestine problem and European relief will be the keynote topics of the 25th Annual Convention of the Agudath Israel Youth Council of America, which opened here today, attended by 600 delegates from 20 states and Canada.