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JEWISH AGENCY WELCOMES UNSCOP REPORT; WANTS SHORTEST POSSIBLE INTERIM PERIOD

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Welcoming the report of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, although expressing the hope that certain of its recommendations would be modified by the General Assembly, Mrs. Goldie Meirson, political chief of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, today urged that the interim period preceding independence for the Jewish state be as short as possible.

Mrs. Meirson appealed to both the United Nations and the Arab states to cooperate in securing a shorter transition period. She reiterated the desire of the Jews to maintain friendly relations with the Arab nations, and asked the Palestine Arabs to cooperate now in initiating "good neighborly" relations so that when the two states are established, a friendly treaty can be concluded without delay.

She paid high tribute to the efficiency and "deep insight" of the Committee, expressing regret that its report had not been unanimous. Mrs. Meirson said that she was particularly sorry that the Yugoslav delegation had supported the minority federation plan, which, she claimed, would mean an Arab state with a Jewish minority. She expressed the hope that the Yugoslav Government would support the majority plan at the General Assembly. Mrs. Meirson also voiced regret that UNSCOP had stated that a solution of the Palestine problem would not mean solution of the Jewish problem.

Meirson Says Report Confirms That Partition Is Only Solution

The Agency political spokesman commented that the recommendations of the Peel Commission ten years ago in favor of partition and UNSCOP's report indicated that there was no other solution of the Palestine problem. She voiced regret that the Committee had failed to include Jerusalem in the Jewish state, pointing out that the Peel Commission had envisaged international or British control of only the old city of Jerusalem.

Mrs. Meirson termed a "sorrowful omission" the inclusion in the Arab state of Western Galilee, since it has a very small Arab population and makes little numerical difference to either the Arab or the Jewish state. Assigning this area to the Arabs would deny the Jews a common frontier with Christian Lebanon, "with whom we have always maintained good neighborly relations and which seemingly has neighborly feelings towards the Jews," she added.

However, Mrs. Meirson concluded, it is hoped that the General Assembly "will rectify these wrongs."

The UNSCOP recommendations were greeted with great satisfaction by the Yishuv, particularly the decision to admit 150,000 immigrants in the next two years. It is felt that implementation of this recommendation would hamper extremist activities. The Arab masses have been quiet, although their leaders have issued bitter statements attacking the report. (See story on page 3.)

(FULL TEXT OF OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF UNSCOP REPORT APPEARS IN ATTACHED SUPPLEMENT)

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION TO STUDY UNSCOP RECOMMENDATIONS

ZURICH, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- A closed session of the Zionist Actions Committee this evening began consideration of the report of the U.N. Palestine committee. The delegates will hear Moshe Shertok, chief of the Jewish Agency political department, who has just returned from Geneva, where UNSCOP wrote its report.

The Actions Committee, which was scheduled to adjourn tomorrow morning, will probably continue to meet through tomorrow evening or Wednesday, with an all-night session possible. The American delegates have postponed their departure to enable their participation. A meeting of the executive may be held here following adjournment of the Actions Committee.

Although there will be no official comment before the Committee meets, the unofficial reception was mixed, depending on the individual delegate's attitude to partition. One prominent delegate pointed out that the UNSCOP report was significant for two reasons: it recognizes the necessity for a Jewish state and admits the Jews are entitled to the land they have developed. There was some dissatisfaction, however, as to the boundaries of the Jewish state.

Set Up 13-Man Committee To Advise Executive on U.N. Matters

The Political Commission yesterday established a thirteen-member committee to advise the executive on U.N. matters. The members, who will be named by their own parties, include four General Zionists, three Mapai representatives, two Mizrahi representatives and one each from the Hashomer Hatzair, the Revisionists, the Achduth Avodah and the Aliyah Hadasha.

The committee is to meet under the following conditions: first, after the official publication of the UNSCOP report, which may mean in Switzerland in about ten days; or, secondly, during the U.N. General Assembly sessions on Palestine; or, thirdly, at any other time decided by the executive; or fourthly, when a majority of the committee members decide they wish to meet.

Deputy delegates will also be named. It was decided that the members will not have the right to negotiate privately with U.N. delegates or Government officials. Spokesmen of the Ichud, Mizrahi and General Zionist parties warned that private negotiations in the past had widened the disunity in the ranks of the Zionist movement.

The Commission adopted a proposal to set the next meeting of the Actions Committee now and subsequently decided that the Committee should meet within a month following the U.N. General Assembly discussions on Palestine.

Abraham Granovsky, director of the Jewish National Fund, reporting to the Financial Commission, disclosed that the J.N.F. will have redeemed more than 50,000 dunams of land this year despite the restrictions imposed by the White Paper. Granovsky pointed out that in addition to the land-purchasing program, the Jewish National Fund had entered into other fields such as providing supplies and funds for new settlements. Granovsky said that 29 new settlements had been established on J.N.F. land this year. Describing the Negev water irrigation project, he revealed that the undertaking will require \$3,000,000, half of which will be provided by the Agency and half by the J.N.F. Disclosing that the income this year of the Fund will reach \$18,000,000, Granovsky said expenditures will come to \$24,000,000. Next year, he added, the J.N.F. will require \$32,000,000.

The Financial Commission has worked out details for a Control Office and it is expected that Emil Shmorak will be appointed Comptroller, with deputies from the Mizrahi and the Mapai to aid him. The Commission decided to adopt a three-month budget pending the final outcome of the U.N. deliberations on Palestine.

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PALESTINE ARABS WILL FIGHT U.N. RECOMMENDATIONS, HIGHER COMMITTEE SAYS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Emil Ghouri, speaking for the Palestine Arab Higher Executive, said tonight that the "Arabs will fight the (UNSCOP) recommendations with all their might and the help of the Arab states."

He told a press conference that the Palestine Arabs were unalterably opposed to partition and the establishment of a Jewish state. The recommendations of the U.N. committee justify "our decision to boycott it," Ghouri added. He said, however, that a special Arab delegation from Palestine will be sent to Lake Success to fight the UNSCOP recommendations.

A meeting of the Arab executive was held in Cairo today, under the chairmanship of the ex-Mufti. After discussing means of combatting the UNSCOP recommendations, the conference decided to call an emergency session of the executive in Cairo later this week.

FOREIGN OFFICE MAY NOT COMMENT ON UNSCOP REPORT UNTIL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- A Foreign Office spokesman said today that the government would probably have no comment to make on the report of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine before the recommendations had been discussed by the General Assembly, and definitely not before the full report was received by the Colonial and Foreign Offices.

Initial British press comment was moderate, with most papers inclined to feel that the best solution was for Britain to wash its hands of the Palestine problem. The Daily Express said that the government should act on the "invitation to end the mandate." It urged that Britain refuse to agree to administer the U.N. plan in the interim period, even with the help of another power.

The Evening Standard, owned by Lord Beaverbrook, urges that Britain accept the partition plan, as does the influential Yorkshire Post. The Post states that partition is the only solution, adding that the United States is preeminently fitted to help in ensuring the peace in Palestine. It asks if Washington will now take some positive action.

HEBREW COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION ATTACKS REPORT OF U.N. COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Committee for National Liberation, in a statement issued tonight, opposed the report of the U.N. Committee. Samuel Arlin, secretary-general of the group, said that the report was objectionable for the following reasons:

"1. It limits in principle the rights of all Hebrews in exile to be repatriated to their national territory. 2. Further partitioning of Palestine will make all repatriation of all Hebrews in exile practically and economically unfeasible. 3. The new partition plan, as its predecessors, will prove unworkable when faced with economic, social and political factors involved. 4. Jerusalem, from time immemorial, was and will remain forever, the center and capital of the Hebrew Nation, though we are wholeheartedly for the internationalization of the holy places proper. There is an inconsistency between granting statehood to the Hebrews on one hand and the assertion that 'any solution for Palestine cannot be considered as a solution of the Jewish problem in general' on the other."

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WEIZMANN HOPES UNSCOP WILL BE LAST COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE PALESTINE PROBLEM

RASLE, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, addressing a meeting here to mark the 50th anniversary of the Zionist movement, told a cheering audience that he hoped that the UNSCOP would be the last commission to investigate the Palestine situation, "because we have stated repeatedly what we wanted."

Thanking the Swiss authorities for their continued friendliness to Zionist aspirations and Swiss Jewry for the honor accorded him in inviting him to speak, Weizmann traced the history of the movement from the time of the publication of Herzl's "Judenstaat" up to the current concern of the Jews throughout the world for the Exodus refugees.

The meeting hall was decorated with Zionist flags and a huge picture of Theodor Herzl hung over the rostrum. Attending the meeting were several veterans of the first Zionist Congress and a group of members of the Zionist Actions Committee, who came here by special train from Zurich.

ROKACH TRANSFERRED TO C.I.D. HEADQUARTERS; QUESTIONED UNTIL LATE INTO NIGHT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Mayor Israel Rokach was transferred last night from the Latrun detention camp to Criminal Investigation Division Headquarters in Jerusalem. Together with Hillel Teur, a Methany councilor who is accused of being a member of the jury which sentenced two British sergeants to hang, Rokach was questioned by C.I.D. officials until late into the night.

Meanwhile, Magistrate R. Stultz turned down a request that he conduct an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the abduction of 16-year-old Alexander Rubowitz, who was allegedly seized and murdered by Major Roy Farran. Stultz based his refusal on the grounds that Farran was already in custody on a "holding charge of murder" by the Army and, therefore, there was no need for another inquiry.

Eliahu Sandes, a member of the Irgun who is serving a seven-year military sentence imposed last year, was apprehended today after he had succeeded in escaping from the Central Jerusalem Prison disguised as a policeman.

The death of an eleven-year-old Jewish girl near Pardes Hanna on Friday night, as a result of indiscriminate shooting by British soldiers, was protested today by a Jewish Agency spokesman. The spokesman also demanded a statement by the Government as to who was responsible for the shootings in Tel Aviv and Rishon-le-Zion three weeks ago.

The Agency representative also asked the Government to explain why the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force is in Palestine. Several months ago, the same question was asked by the Agency, but no reply was received.

SCANDINAVIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET TO DISCUSS U.N. ACTION ON PALESTINE

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministers of Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Iceland met here over the week-end to discuss various aspects of recent United Nations actions, including the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT ISSUES ULTIMATUM TO 280 AFGHAN JEWS TO LEAVE COUNTRY WITHIN MONTH

BOMBAY, India, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The new Indian Government has issued an ultimatum to a group of 280 Afghan Jews who have been living in India since early this year, after fleeing persecution in Afghanistan, that they must leave the country by Sept. 24, which falls on Yom Kippur.

PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER CONFERS AGAIN WITH FOREIGN OFFICE ON EXODUS CASE

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Palestine High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham, returning to London unexpectedly from a holiday in the country, conferred with officials of the Foreign Office on the Exodus case.

It is understood that Sir Alan is continuing to press the government to reverse its decision to disembark the deportees in Hamburg. He believes that returning the DP's to Germany would be a mistake on both political and humanitarian grounds. Cunningham will probably meet later in the week with members of the Cabinet and may see Prime Minister Attlee, when the latter returns from Wales.

Meanwhile, the High Commissioner refused to comment on press reports that he would resign if the government went ahead with its plans to transport the Exodus refugees to Germany.

Harold Laski, former chairman of the Labor Party, in a letter to the French Socialist organ, Le Populaire, congratulated France on its attitude in the Exodus case "despite British pressure. Having deeply blundered at the beginning of its career on the question of Palestine, it would have been more honorable for a Socialist Government to have started on a new basis, recognizing its mistakes, rather than be hypocritical and make France an accomplice to its injustices," he added.

A dispatch from the Reuter correspondent accompanying the deportees said today that they had received with "restrained satisfaction" the reports of the recommendations of UNSCOP. Spokesmen said they could not comment until they studied the report, particularly regarding its effect on the Exodus Jews. The correspondent reported that the three transports and their escorts have to for a half-hour today while burial services were held for an infant who died aboard one of the ships.

Remove Jews From Regiment Which Will Supervise Disembarkation

HAMBURG, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- All Jews in the Foresters Infantry Regiment, which is to conduct the disembarkation of the Exodus refugees, will be temporarily transferred to other units, it was learned today. Some have already been given new assignments.

The soldiers assigned to the disembarkation, most of whom are young conscripts who have had no battle experience, have been receiving gas training and practice in the use of gas masks. Tension between the authorities and the Jews in the British zone is growing as the date of the prison ships' arrival nears.

Meanwhile, the Central Committee of Jews in the British zone, together with several private aid agencies, today issued a statement in which they pointed out that they will provide assistance to the Exodus Jews only after removal of the armed British guards and the barbed wire surrounding the two camps where the deportees are scheduled to be housed. The statement also conditioned their help on the removal of the "prisoner status" of the Jews and only if the refugees themselves ask for assistance. The voluntary agencies added that in the interim period they will extend aid to the ill and children wherever such aid may be necessary.

U.S. Seamen's Union Urges British Seamen Not to Man Prison Ships

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The National Maritime Union of America has cabled an appeal to the National Union of Seamen of Great Britain urging that British seamen be instructed not to serve on the vessels forcibly returning the Exodus Jewish refugees to Germany, it was revealed here today by the American Jewish Labor Council. The message was signed by Ferdinand C. Smith, national secretary of the N.M.U.

SECRET EXODUS TO U.S. ZONE OF GERMANY CUTS VIENNA DP POPULATION BY 3,000

VIENNA, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- A secret exodus to the West and South of Rumanian Jews who had recently arrived here started in the middle of August. United States military authorities revealed today. About 3,000 Rumanian Jews crossed the Russian-American demarkation line at the River Enns in one week.

The figures given by the Americans have been confirmed by Jewish sources, who stated that the number of Rumanian Jews decreased from nearly 10,000 a week ago to less than 7,000. The stream of Rumanian Jews halts in the United States zone, but only part of the refugees remain. There is a continuous march to Italy, it was stated. Fear of cold as winter approaches and the difficulty of finding adequate accommodations in Austria are obvious reasons for the exodus but authorities believe that its ultimate objective is Palestine.

On the request of Austria, the Soviet authorities permitted the transfer of 3,000 Rumanian Jews to the United States zone up to the end of last week, but the Americans refused to accept them because the British and French authorities turned down the Austrian demand for admission of some of the Rumanian Jews in their zones. Another reason for the American refusal is that the Austrians failed to provide adequate accommodations in the United States zone.

JTA Correspondent Finds Increasing Unrest in Camps

A tour of the Jewish DP camps in the U.S. zone during the past few days by a JTA correspondent revealed increasing unrest at the prospect of spending another winter in the camps. The unrest has been heightened by the Army's order merging small camps, in accordance with the economy policy laid down by Congress.

The Jews in the Badgastein Camp refused to go to the Ebelsberg Camp, pointing out that it was a former Nazi concentration camp. They demonstrated against any Army order. About 300 Jews "disappeared" in the last week. The remaining 1,000 DP's announced that they would resort to passive resistance against the evacuation. Jewish leaders are trying to calm the panicky, but they voice fear that they will be unable to prevent further demonstrations. They have informed the United States military authorities that they will not assume responsibility for peace.

Jewish leaders at Salzburg complained that few United States immigration visas have been issued and that Washington has not authorized the small number provided for by law. On the other hand, Jewish leaders regard the Americans as their sole bulwark against increasing anti-Semitism in Upper Austria and Salzburg. Indications of organized propaganda against the Jews are ascribed to resurgent Nazis. These Nazis spread rumors that the Jews are responsible for infantile paralysis, venereal diseases and food scarcity.

The United States military authorities arrested 20 Austrians in Bad Ischl who were demonstrating and accusing the Jews of responsibility for the cut in the milk ration. The Jews fear that after the withdrawal of the United States troops the Austrian Nazis, who are gradually regaining their former position, will intensify their anti-Semitic propaganda.

Jews who have returned from Palestine and Shanghai regret that they have come back. One hundred and fifty arrived during the weekend from Palestine. Another 130 repatriates arrived from Shanghai.

100 JEWISH REFUGEES REFUSE TO MOVE INTO NEW CAMP IN BOLOGNA; SAY CONDITIONS "INHUMAN"

ROME, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Four hundred Jewish refugees moving from Milan to a new camp in Bologna refused to leave their train today because they complained that conditions in the new camp were "inhuman."

Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European JDC director who is visiting Italy, Jacob Trobe, JDC director in Italy and I.R.O. officials are discussing the situation here, it was learned. The I.R.O. is reported to be pressing the JDC to assume greater responsibility in Italy, particularly in the agricultural training centers for Jewish youths.

184-YEAR-OLD Touro SYNAGOGUE IN NEWPORT, R.I., DEDICATED AS NATIONAL SHRINE

NEWPORT, R.I., Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Touro Synagogue, the oldest synagogue in the United States, was dedicated yesterday as a national religious shrine, a designation conferred upon it by the Department of the Interior.

Terminating a three-day celebration which marked the consecration of the 184-year-old house of worship, the dedication ceremonies were attended by national, state, city and religious dignitaries, with Speaker of the House Joseph Martin, Jr., delivering the principal address. A message from President Truman (published last week) was also read during the ceremonies.

Mr. Martin declared: "Symbolic of our deep-rooted tradition of religious freedom, this long-revered house of worship now testifies to the spirit of mutual goodwill and brotherhood that prevails among Americans of every faith." Other speakers included Governor John O. Faure, of Rhode Island, Senator Theodore F. Greene, Rhode Island, Mayor of Newport Edward G. Gladding, Dr. David de Sola Pool, of New York, and Carl Van Doren, historian.

AGUDATH ISRAEL YOUTH COUNCIL CONVENTION SCORES CONGRESS FOR DELAYING STRATTON BILL

HIGHMOUNT, N.Y., Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The 25th annual convention of the Agudath Israel Youth Council, attended by more than 500 delegates from 20 states and Canada, adjourned here today after adopting a resolution criticizing Congress for "its inexcusable, indifferent attitude in pigeon-holing the Stratton Bill."

Other resolutions adopted called on President Truman to "effectively implement" his repeated statements demanding that the British permit Jewish DP's to enter Palestine in large numbers; urged, "in the name of the Torah," that Jewish agencies in Europe provide all surviving Jewish orphans in the DP camps with a religious upbringing in accordance with the "wishes of their martyred parents;" and advocated that the Council assist "pioneer groups" of Orthodox youths in the United States to go to Palestine to help in the country's religious upbuilding.

In a message to the organization, President Truman praised the Council's activities for "inspiring American youth with high ideals and a keen sense of civic responsibility."

Michael G. Tress was re-elected national president of the organization; Herman Weiss, vice-president; Solomon Septimus, chairman of the executive board; Nathan Tress, treasurer; Harold Halbert, co-treasurer; Dr. Arnold Wolf, secretary, and Abi Morris, executive director.

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