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NO U.N. ACTION ON PALESTINE EXPECTED BEFORE NEXT WEEK; VISHINSKY MUM ON ISSUE

FLUSHING MEADOW, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The Palestine issue was at a stand-still today at the General Assembly, except for back-stage efforts to find a chairman to head the ad hoc Committee on the question. It was officially announced that the Committee would meet Monday to elect officers.

Andrei Vishinsky, chief of the Soviet delegation, made no mention of Palestine in a lengthy reply to Secretary of State Marshall's statement of yesterday. It had been expected that Vishinsky would, at least, touch on the Palestine issue.

The first Arab statement on Palestine came from Gen. Noury As-Said, head of the Iraq delegation and president of the Iraq Senate, who followed Vishinsky. He urged the Assembly not to rush into a decision on Palestine, but to keep an open mind until all the facts are laid before the ad hoc Committee. He added that he had not intended to raise the Palestine issue at this time, and only did so because Secretary Marshall had referred to it. The Iraqi spokesman recited the usual anti-Zionist charges, alleging, among other accusations, that 30,000 Jews who wanted to leave Palestine for their homelands were terrorized into remaining. He also charged that criminals and kidnapped children were aboard the Exodus.

No developments of importance are expected within the next few days, until the General Assembly approves the establishment of the Palestine Committee. Oswaldo Aranha, president of the Assembly, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that approval by the Assembly would not come before the end of the present debate on general problems. This will probably last until the end of the week. Secretary-General Trygve Lie expressed the same view.

Chairmanship of Palestine Committee Still Undecided

Negotiations for the chairmanship of the Palestine Committee have so far found no one willing to accept the post. Lester Pearson, Canadian Under-Secretary of State for Internal Affairs, and a member of his country's delegation, was prominently mentioned as chairman, and was favorably viewed in Zionist circles because of the attitude of the Canadian representative on UNSCOP. Canadian sources indicated to JTA, however, that Pearson would be needed in Ottawa too often to allow him to accept the chairmanship, which is considered a full-time job.

Swedish Foreign Minister Ostenunden and Belgian Prime Minister Spaak are possible candidates. Those previously approached have declined the chairmanship. In informed circles it is said that it had been intended to assign some committee chairmanship to Sweden. Since Sweden did not get a chairmanship of any of the six regular committees, and since Sweden was a member of the UNSCOP committee, the possibility of Swedish chairmanship for the ad hoc Committee is not unlikely.

United States representative Warren Austin told JTA that it is a "natural inference" that the chairman would be selected from one of the eleven countries composing the UNSCOP committee, but stressed that nothing has yet been decided.

WEIZMANN CONDUCTING IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS IN LONDON; MAY ADDRESS U.N. ON PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who is now in London, is conducting important negotiations with top officials of the British Government in connection with the future of Palestine, it was learned here today. It was reported that Palestine High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham and Lt. General Gordon H.A. Macmillan, the civil and military commanders of Palestine, are participating in the meetings.

Dr. Weizmann is expected to leave soon for the United States where he may appear at the United Nations Assembly during the presentation of the Jewish views on the report of the U.N. Special Committee on Palestine. David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, may remain in Palestine to cover any developments here. The make-up of the Jewish delegation to the U.N. Assembly has not been decided upon, since the Agency has not yet received a formal invitation from the United Nations.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Government is going ahead with plans to adjust the country's economy to the present economic situation in Britain. It is learned that the government is preparing to increase customs duties on goods from the United States and other countries. At the same time, it will allow the importing of more raw materials to increase the output of Palestine's industries. If the problem of securing modern machinery--which is complicated by the scarcity of dollars and of import licenses--could be solved, Jewish industry could fill all local needs and help to some extent to alleviate Britain's shortages.

A message from Transjordan's King Abdullah attacking the United Nations has been published in a new Arab magazine which was this morning suppressed by the police for failure to submit its material for censorship. The U.N., the Arab ruler declared, has no reason for intervening in the Palestine affair because, among other reasons, it is "located at the furthest end of the earth--America, country of disputes and ambitions." He called on Britain to honor its pledges to the Palestine Arabs.

Vatican Reported Favorable to Majority UNSCOP Recommendations

LONDON, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The majority recommendations of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine are considered by the Pope to be the most workable solution of the Palestine problem, it is reported today by Reuters from Vatican City.

The report says that although no official statement is forthcoming from Vatican circles on the UNSCOP report, the majority recommendations are looked upon there with great favor.

HAGANAH SMASHES EXTREMIST COUNTERFEITING RING WHICH FORGED U.S. NOTES, CHECKS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The Haganah announced tonight that it had been instrumental in smashing an extremist counterfeiting ring which has been turning out forged U.S. banknotes, as well as checks on American banks.

The Haganah statement said that following complaints by many Jews who had been victimized by the forged checks, it assigned investigators to the extremists. These agents discovered that the counterfeiters' headquarters were in Herzlia, under the direction of a German non-Jew who entered Palestine illegally in 1939. As a result of the Haganah action, police raided the headquarters and discovered equipment for making 20 and 50-dollar bills.

ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION PRAISES MAJORITY RECOMMENDATIONS OF UNSCOP REPORT

LONDON, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The Anglo-Jewish Association last night adopted a resolution expressing satisfaction with several sections of the report of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine and declaring that the most likely possibility of solving the Palestine issue lay with the majority recommendations of the body.

The resolution, passed at a special meeting of the Association, also expressed the hope that the report would bear fruit at the present session of the U.N. General Assembly. It commended the unanimous recommendation of UNSCOP that the fate of the Jewish refugees be considered and dealt with by the U.N. as an international problem. A second resolution "regretted" the deportation of the Exodus refugees as an "unwelcome departure from the high humanitarian principles" which have governed the policies of the British Government.

Leonard Stein, president of the organization, who moved the resolution on UNSCOP, declared that while the committee's solution combining the principle of "partition and economic unity" was "admittedly not an ideal solution," in the present circumstances it pointed to the direction in which a solution could most hopefully be sought. Referring to the minority recommendations, Stein said that they offered "no real security" to Jews and to the principle of the Jewish national home and were particularly unsatisfactory on the "crucial issue" of immigration.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS DEMANDS U.S. LEAD DRIVE FOR U.N. APPROVAL OF JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The United States Government must give active leadership to those forces in the United Nations which support the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine, it was stated here last night in a resolution adopted by the executive committee of the American Jewish Congress.

The resolution, which was introduced by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, said in part: "We must build our efforts upon the fact that our government in all its actions up to this time has prepared the way for American support of the Zionist purposes and program. This is the hour. The eyes of the world are fixed not only upon the United Nations Assembly which records the decision of governments, but above all upon our own American Government. Our Government, building upon the pledges and the promises of yesterday, must in this critical hour give such active leadership to the forces bent upon the establishment of a Jewish State as shall be decisive and final. We do not ask that America shall claim the right to reach the decision for Jewish freedom and sovereignty in Palestine. We do demand that America shall be true to its promises in this hour."

United Zionist Council of Canada Supports UNSCOP Recommendations

TORONTO, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The United Zionist Council of Canada today issued a statement warmly praising the majority report of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine. The memorandum paid tribute to the role of the Canadian delegates, Justice I.C. Rand and Alternate Leon Mayrand, in formulating the UNSCOP report.

Urging that the Canadian Government support the UNSCOP recommendations at the General Assembly, the statement criticized the proposal awarding Western Galilee to the Arabs and pointed out that, in the interests of consolidation and the maintenance of order and friendly relations, the area should be given to the Jews.

LONDON NEW GETS 28 DAYS FOR ATTACK ON FASCIST MEETING; ANTI-SEMITES DRAW MILD TERMS

LONDON, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- A 49-year-old Jewish furrier was sentenced to 28 days imprisonment today on charges of having obstructed the police at a fascist meeting in a Jewish-populated neighborhood. The officers who made the arrest said that they had not heard the speaker utter any inciting anti-Jewish remarks, although other witnesses had testified to the contrary.

The sentence came on the heels of relatively mild terms imposed yesterday on several fascists. Three received suspended sentences, three were fined and one was given a two-day jail term. The presiding magistrate, Daniel Hopkins, condemned persons entering Jewish districts to provoke disturbances, and said that if court action failed to deter them, some other measures should be taken.

Speaking last night in the Shacklewell Lane Synagogue, in North London, Hopkins told the congregation that "as far as I am concerned, I hold that it is fundamental to keep order for the sake of the people." A meeting in Hackney, North London, called by the National Council for Civil Liberties, tonight adopted a resolution urging the government to introduce legislation making it illegal to spread fascist and anti-Semitic propaganda. The mayor of Hackney chaired the meeting.

The London press is continuing to press for government action to curb the anti-Semitic provocations. The Liberal Evening Star tonight carries an editorial asking that action be taken to halt fascist meetings. It says that Magistrate Hopkins, by his remarks when trying offenders, is forcing the Home Office to a show-down. It adds that Home Secretary James Chuter Ede has "so far taken a curious attitude." Ede is opposed to legislation curbing anti-Semitic propaganda on the ground that it might infringe on civil liberties.

The Evening Standard writes today that legislation is required to stop the North London meetings, where night after night "racial hatred and persecution is urged in sentences unheard since the living Streicher bestrode a Berlin platform." It asks why the authorities do not act before the rioting stage is reached.

AUSTRALIAN ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLICATION SUED FOR LIBEL FOLLOWING ATTACK ON JEWISH GROUPS

SYDNEY, Australia, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- A suit for libel was today instituted against the publication Smith's Weekly on the basis of an anti-Semitic article published last May. The plaintiff, Dr. Fenny Reading, demanded \$40,000 in damages.

The article, entitled "Jews Raise Huge Funds to Fight the British," charged that various Jewish organizations were raising money in Australia to be used in war chests to fight the British Empire. As a specific example it cited a current campaign of the New South Wales Youth Aliyah Movement for \$120,000 for the immigration of Jewish refugee children to Palestine.

DANGERS OF ANTI-SEMITISM TO POLAND STRESSED AT MASS MEETING IN CRACOW

WARSAW, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- "Nothing has done so much harm to the Polish people as anti-Semitism," Michael Pankiewicz, vice-president of the League to Combat Racism and Anti-Semitism in Poland, declared last night addressing a mass meeting in Cracow, which is one of the few cities in Poland where anti-Semitism is still strong.

The meeting was attended by prominent Polish personalities including many professors of the local university and high local officials. The meeting decided to establish a Cracow branch of the League to Combat Racism and Anti-Semitism.

BRITISH TROOPS DEMOLISH STRUCTURES IN WHICH IRGUNIST ARMS CACHES DISCOVERED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- British troops this morning demolished three tin huts in which Irgun arms caches were discovered two weeks ago. They accomplished the demolition to the strains of popular music pouring forth from a portable radio which they brought along.

Other troops conducting searches today came across another arms cache. Some 250 persons were screened as a result and seven were detained for further questioning.

The Haganah revealed that yesterday 12 of its members had freed another Haganah member who was kidnapped by the Irgun and imprisoned in a house in the San Nedria quarter of Jerusalem. The resistance unit, unarmed, pushed its way past a young man and a woman who were in the house and then removed a secret panel which led to a small 13 foot square cage in which the prisoner was kept. The youth and the girl were permitted to leave unharmed, but the police were later informed of the existence of the "prison."

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT AGREES TO PERMIT TRANSFER OF THEODOR HERZL'S REMAINS TO PALESTINE

VIENNA, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The Austrian cabinet has agreed to a request from the Jewish Agency for permission to transfer the remains of Theodor Herzl, founder of Zionism, from Austria to Palestine, it was learned here today.

Herzl's remains and those of his parents, all of whom are buried in the Doebbling Cemetery in Vienna, will be moved to an as yet undesignated spot in Palestine which will become a national shrine. Leaders of the Jewish community of Vienna have announced that they will hold a one-day festival on the day of the transfer.

BRITISH MAGAZINE QUESTIONS AUTHENTICITY OF POLICE VERSION OF "KORFF AFFAIR"

LONDON, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Serious doubts are cast on the authenticity of the official accounts of the alleged plot of Rabbi Baruch Korff, head of the American Political Action Committee on Palestine, to leaflet bomb London in the current issue of the popular British weekly News Review.

The magazine asserts that there are many holes to be plugged in the Scotland Yard-approved version of the "plot" before it can appear convincing. It asks why the Sternists should entrust the key role in "so desperate an enterprise" to a stranger--Reginald Gilbert, the American pilot who gave the story away to the police. Holding forth the possibility that Gilbert may have been an unwitting tool of an anti-Semitic organization, the News Review also questions Gilbert's going to the Paris Herald-Tribune and the British police with the story of the "plot" rather than to the French police or the American Embassy.

"All this would have been good theatrical stuff but for the grim fact that millions of British people believed every syllable of the original story of the Jewish plot to bomb London," the publication concludes.

CZECH SENTENCED TO JAIL FOR THROWING STONE AT HEADQUARTERS OF ZIONIST GROUP

PRAGUE, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- A criminal court here today sentenced Anton Brozek to eight months imprisonment for throwing a stone through the window of the headquarters of a Zionist youth group.

Wrapped around the stone was a sheet of paper on which was written: "Expel the Jews." In court Brozek expressed remorse and asked forgiveness of the Jews.

ALL POLISH JEWS ARE EMPLOYED, JDC AIDE REPORTS; ANTI-SEMITIC ATTACKS HAVE CEASED

PARIS, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The position of the Jews in Poland has improved greatly since last year, both from the point of view of economics and security, Dr. Nathan Reich, research director of the Joint Distribution Committee, and chairman of the Department of Economics at Hunter College, said here yesterday.

Dr. Reich, who has just completed a two-month tour of Poland, Czechoslovakia and Germany, reported that attacks on Jews have ceased. They now ride trolleys and trains without molestation, and even have their names openly displayed on shops. The trend towards emigration has been reversed and there is no immediate drive to leave the country, although Dr. Reich estimated that 70 percent might leave if assured of security and a place of permanent settlement.

There is no unemployment among Polish Jewry. Most of them work in state industries or in the 200 producer cooperatives that have been established with the help of the JDC. Most of the cooperatives are now self-supporting and beginning to pay back the capital loaned them. Their big problem is obtaining adequate supplies of raw materials. The Jews who work in state industries or for private firms are in a somewhat less favorable economic position and still require some JDC aid. Dr. Reich stressed that only 10 percent of the Jews are engaged in business, in marked contrast to the situation which existed before the war.

Concerning Germany, Dr. Reich said that the situation in the camps would probably worsen this winter because of the poor German harvest and the inadequate funds allotted to the International Refugee Organization. When he left, he said, there were rumors that the daily rations of 2,000 calories, plus 1,000 for workers, were to be cut.

PALESTINE JEWS TAKE MILITARY RULE IN STRIDE, LABOR ZIONIST LEADER REPORTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Palestine's Jews are "taking military rule in their stride" and although the tension in the country is great it does not interfere with normal routine, Dr. Hayim Fineman, chairman of the Labor Zionist Organization of America, declared at a press conference here today.

Dr. Fineman, a member of the 17-man committee chosen by the Zionist Actions Committee to advise the Jewish Agency in connection with the meeting of the U.N. General Assembly, recently returned from a three-month tour of Palestine and Europe. He declared that the Yishuv is primarily concerned with the "irresponsible extremists" who terrorize Jewish merchants and threaten Jewish self-government. He added that Jewish leaders in Palestine have come to the conclusion that the only way to stop extremism is by force.

VICTOR LARNER NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Victor Lerner, former national campaign director of the Jewish Welfare Board, has been appointed executive director of the Joint Defense Appeal, it was announced here today by Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Justice Meir Steinbrink, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League. Lerner will be in charge of the fund-raising activities of the J.D.A., which is currently seeking \$6,000,000.