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### U.N. ASSEMBLY ESTABLISHES AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE; WILL START MEETINGS THURSDAY

FLUSHING MEADOW, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The General Assembly today approved the recommendation of its General Committee that an Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine be established to deal with the report of the U.N. Special Committee on Palestine.

The Ad Hoc Committee, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns, will hold its first session at Lake Success on Thursday morning to elect a chairman. It is almost certain that Herbert V. Evatt of Australia will be named. The committee will be composed of representatives of each of the 55 states of which the United Nations is composed.

Opposition to the establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee was expressed at today's session of the Assembly by representatives of Iraq and Lebanon who demanded that the Palestine issue be referred to the U.N. Political Committee. The Assembly, however, approved the Ad Hoc body by a vote of 29 to 11, with 16 abstaining. All the Big Five voted affirmatively.

Iraq representative Fadhil Jamali opened the Arab attack, arguing that "top level men" of the Political Committee should handle the Palestine question with its serious consequences for Middle Eastern and world peace. Many delegations, he asserted, would have to assign the same men to both the Political and Palestine committees, and since the Political Committee had already dealt with the Palestine problem, it should be referred to it.

### Arabs Say Creation of Ad Hoc Body Will Prejudice Their Stand

Charles Malik, head of the Lebanese delegation, said that an Ad Hoc Committee would be more susceptible to the influence of "certain pressure groups" than would the Political Committee. Recalling the plea of French delegate Bidault to the Assembly for a solution based on Arab-Jewish harmony, Malik declared that "any permanent solution requires the consent of the Arabs and, therefore, from the start if we have felt that the question is treated in a peculiar and special way, it is not conducive to the constructive atmosphere necessary for a permanent solution."

Malik further contended that the Arabs want the "politically responsible first delegates" of the Political Committee to consider the question, and not merely "specialists or alternate delegates" who, he said, would compromise the Ad Hoc Committee. "To tear this problem out of context of the other great problems and set it aside by itself for a special committee is to treat it abstractly and falsely," Malik charged. He stressed its importance as equal to that of the other questions to be discussed by the Political Committee. He reiterated Arab opposition to "peculiar standards used for Palestine which do not apply elsewhere."

In the vote which followed immediately after the Arab speeches, those opposing the Ad Hoc Committee included, beside the Arab countries, Greece, India

Cuba, Costa Rica and Afghanistan. Yugoslavia and Belgium were among those abstaining.

The American representative on the Palestine Committee will be Herschel V. Johnson, with Major General John H. Hildring (ret.) as alternate. The Soviet Union still be represented by Semen K. Tsarapkin, Minister Counselor of the Embassy in Washington.

#### TROOPS INVADE JEWISH QUARTER OF JERUSALEM; RAID SYNAGOGUES DURING SERVICES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Several hundred British troops invaded the Yemenite quarter of Mea Shearim at dawn today and screened 600 persons in an attempt to uncover hidden arms. Five persons were held for further questioning.

The raiders entered two synagogues and compelled the worshippers to leave until their searches were completed, interrupting pre-Yom Kippur services. They are reported to have unrolled Holy Scrolls and pulled religious books from cabinets.

An unofficial report today said that one of the two Jewish women arrested in Jerusalem on Sept. 13 as alleged top-ranking extremists is on a hunger strike in a government hospital. The prisoner, Shulamit Shamir, the wife of Israel Yesternitzky, second-in-command of the Stern Group, is reported to be undergoing forcible feeding. She is the mother of a two-year-old child. Her husband has been a fugitive since he escaped from an Eritrean concentration camp last Summer.

A statement issued last night by the Haganah said that it had taken "stern measures" against dissidents in the Rehovoth area, who had attempted to intimidate local youths into joining their ranks.

#### EXODUS REFUGEES GET EXTRA RATIONS FROM JEWISH GROUPS FOR YOM KIPPUR; SCREENING RESUMED

LUBECK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations today distributed supplementary food supplies to the 4,400 Exodus refugees confined in two camps near here, for use in their Yom Kippur eve and Yom Kippur night meals.

Meanwhile, the British camp authorities resumed the screening program, despite their admitted failure last week to secure any information from the deportees. The British are fully determined not to permit any of the Jews to leave the camps until they are screened, which probably means that the refugees will be here for an indefinite period.

There were reports today that the British will make a new offer to the refugees next week, but its details are not known. However, nobody here expects any change in the Jews' status until Parliament reconvenes next month, and some over-all action on Palestine and DP's is taken.

The local authorities seem ready to keep the refugees here all winter if necessary. Their chief reason for resuming screening is the hope that by so doing they will avoid the criticism that they are keeping the 4,400 Jews in the camps for no reason. They also hope that perhaps some of the internees will weaken and reveal information on how they left Germany, where they went before they reached Sets where they embarked on the Exodus and who helped them.

A five-man commission representing the needle-trades unions and industries in Canada arrived in Belsen today to start selecting 1,000 displaced persons for immigration to Canada. The commission will spend Yom Kippur in Belsen and will then proceed to other refugee centers in the British zone. After completing the selection of refugees in this area, the commission will go to the American zone.

JEWS OBSERVE YOM KIPPUR WITH PRAYERS FOR FAVORABLE U.N. DECISION ON PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA.) -- Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, will be ushered in tonight in thousands of synagogues and temples throughout the United States with prayers that this year will see the end of the widespread Jewish homelessness in Europe.

A call to the American people to join the Jews in such a prayer was issued last night by Henry Morgenthau, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, in a nation-wide broadcast. He emphasized that countless thousands of Jewish men, women and children are still "within the gates of concentration camps where they have been forced to live since their liberation from Nazi executioners."

Mr. Morgenthau urged all Jews to pray that the recommendations of the U.N. Commission on Palestine be acted upon favorably by the General Assembly. He characterized the UNSCOP recommendations as "a gleam of hope for the persecuted and homeless Jews of Europe," adding that the UNSCOP recommendation to admit 150,000 European Jewish refugees into Palestine within the next two years "comes like the ancient Biblical manna to the homeless and destitute Jews of Europe."

"It will be a tragic and heartless event if the report on Palestine is not acted upon favorably by the United Nations," Mr. Morgenthau said. "I cannot begin to calculate the effect it may have upon the thousands for whom it has become a last hope, if the recommendations are blocked or tabled indefinitely. Above all, it is we in America who must urge that our own country support the proposals in the United Nations. Through such support, our country stands to receive the plaudits of democratic men and women everywhere. The symbol of liberty will be upheld throughout the world by American support of the United Nations' Palestine recommendations."

Priorities Secured to Enable Landing of Jewish Immigrants Before Sundown

In order to avoid disembarkation formalities this evening, the HIAS today obtained priorities from immigration and customs officials to land some fifty Jewish immigrants who arrived today shortly before noon aboard the S.S. Nea Hellas from Italy. Many of the newcomers were removed to the Hias Shelter, where they were served a special dinner prior to tomorrow's day of fasting.

Rabbis throughout the country today announced that they will make special Yom Kippur appeals for the Joint Distribution Committee's SOS (Supplies for Overseas Survivors) collection to raise 6,000,000 pounds of relief supplies for Europe's needy Jews. The official opening of the SOS drive will take place on Thursday. More than 200 collection depots have already been set up in temples, synagogues, "Y's" and community centers in New York alone.

450 ORPHANED JEWISH CHILDREN FROM EASTERN EUROPE ARRIVE IN HOLLAND FOR TWO-YEAR STAY

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A group of 450 orphaned Jewish children from Eastern European countries arrived here yesterday from Prague to take up a two-year residence at the invitation of the Dutch Government.

The children will live in a special camp prepared by Dutch Jewish organizations until they are enabled to immigrate to Palestine. They will be looked after by a mixed staff consisting of Palestine and Eastern European Jews, under the auspices of the Youth Aliyah movement.

S.S. GENERAL TELLS U.S. WAR CRIMES COURT HIS VIEWS ON JEWS INFLUENCED BY HENRY FORD

NUREMBERG, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Former S.S. Lieut. Gen. Oswald Pohl, who is one of 18 Nazi concentration camp chiefs being tried here by a United States war crimes court, told the tribunal, which heard final defense pleas today, that his views on the Jewish question had been influenced by writings on the subject by the late Henry Ford, who wrote and published a considerable amount of anti-Semitic literature after World War I. (Ford subsequently disavowed his anti-Jewish writings.)

Pohl, who is charged with complicity in the imprisonment of 10,000,000 persons by the Nazis, and the murder of several million of them, denied that he had committed any crimes, and challenged the legality of the laws under which he is being tried. He said that he was solely responsible for all the crimes charged against the 18 defendants, since the other 17 carried out his orders.

HUNGARIAN LAND REFORM LAW DISTORTED BY SOME OFFICIALS TO STRIP JEWS OF HOLDINGS

BUDAPEST, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Fascist-minded officials are interpreting the Hungarian land reform law--which is aimed at breaking up large estates and giving land to the peasantry--in a manner prejudicial to Jews, Uj Flet, the official organ of the Jewish community, charges.

The weekly reports the case of a Jewish boy named Gyorgy Lowy, who has been stripped of a small tract of land owned by his family under the new law. The boy's parents and all of his close relatives were murdered during the fascist regime here.

The newspaper points out that former fascists are allowed to retain land. It cites the case of Kalman Cseh, a former officer in the Hungarian Army, who is to be tried shortly by a war crimes court. Cseh's land holdings were seized, but he was given other land in another part of the country as compensation.

The desecration of a Jewish cemetery in Kecel, near the town of Kalocsa, was reported here today. The municipal council of Kecel recently appealed to Jewish organizations in Budapest to send them Jewish physicians since the town is without a single doctor.

NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP COMMANDER CONDEMNED TO DEATH FOR BURNING JEWS ALIVE

WARSAW, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Count Walter Erich von Polshauzen, former commandant of the Radogoszcz concentration camp, near Lodz, has been condemned to death by a Lodz court for ordering the burning alive of 2,500 Jews.

Polshauzen ordered the camp buildings burned to the ground after the Jews had been locked inside. The massacre occurred a few hours before a liberating Red Army column captured the camp. Prisoners who attempted to flee the flames were shot down by machine guns.

In Warsaw, a Polish baker, Wacław Zeman, was found guilty of denouncing Jews to the Gestapo during the occupation, and was sentenced to hanging.

URUGUAY EXTENDS LIFE OF ENTRY VISAS ISSUED UNDER SCRAPPED IMMIGRATION CODE

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Uruguayan entry visas issued under the old immigration code which was superseded earlier this year have been validated until one year after the date of issuance, the Immigration Ministry has announced. Originally the old visas, many of which are held by Jewish refugees who have not been able to obtain transportation, were to have expired on Sept. 7.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MAKES GRANT FOR HEALTH WORK AMONG DISPLACED JEWS

ROME, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Commissioner of Public Health Nicola Perrotti today announced that a grant of 600,000 liras (nominally \$2,300) had been made available for work among displaced Jews in Italy.

A cable signed jointly by Chief Rabbi David Prato and Rafael Cartoni, president of the Union of Jewish Communities, has been sent to Secretary of State Marshall, declaring that although the UNSCOP majority recommendations "mutilates the area of Palestine granted the Jews under the Balfour Declaration," it represents the beginning of an attempt to meet Jewish needs.

PHILADELPHIA SURVEY INDICATES CITY'S FOUR MEDICAL SCHOOLS PRACTICE DISCRIMINATION

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A "definite pattern of discriminatory quotas" has been revealed as a result of a year-long survey of the four medical schools in Philadelphia by the Jewish Community Relations Council. The survey covered all colleges and professional schools, but only the medical schools were found to be practicing widespread discrimination.

The survey was conducted with the assistance of several hundred volunteer workers and using a new pattern called the "Classmate Identification Method," under which a member of each class was asked to identify the race, religion and national background of all other members of the class, and the information was checked by another member of the group. This tended to rectify errors resulting from Jewish students having non-Jewish names, or non-Jews having Jewish-sounding names. The survey also disclosed discrimination against Italian-American and Negro students, particularly the latter. The survey was released by Abraham L. Freedman, president of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

JEWS WAR VETERANS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES TO HOLD PROTEST MARCH IN LONDON

LONDON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A group of Jewish ex-servicemen today announced that preparations are being made for a mass demonstration in London against the return of the Exodus refugees to Germany. Jewish war veterans from England, Palestine, the United States, South Africa and Australia, France and Belgium will participate in the demonstration, the announcement said. No date has been set, but it was indicated that "at least 4,000 people" are expected to parade.

SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS TO AID EUROPE AND CURB INFLATION URGED BY JEWISH WOMEN

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Immediate Congressional action to relieve the economic crisis in Europe and to curb the mounting cost of living in this country was urged upon President Truman today by Mrs. Joseph M. Welt, of Detroit, President of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Only by calling a special session of Congress, Mrs. Welt contended, can action be taken in time to avert a disaster both abroad and in the United States. Unless immediate assistance is provided, Europe, "we will be faced by a poverty-stricken and unstable world, hostile to us and everything we represent; a world in which freedom and civil liberties would soon die. The European economic crisis is not the only reason that a special session of Congress is needed immediately," she added. "The continual, dizzy rise of prices in our own country is reason enough for calling Congress into session before the end of September."

BECAUSE OF YOM KIPPUR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON FRIDAY