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FRENCH GOVT. SAYS IT MUST CONSIDER ARAB WISHES ON PALESTINE; MAY ABSTAIN ON PARTITION

PARIS, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The French Foreign Office tonight issued a special communique declaring that on the question of partition or a federal state in Palestine, "France must consider the wishes of the Arabs. Despite Russian-American agreement for partition, France must reserve its decision, wishing to safeguard Moslem interests," it concluded. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns from reliable sources that the French delegation at Lake Success will most probably abstain from voting.

The statement, which caused great disappointment in Zionist circles, is generally believed to be a result of the success of the Arab nationalists in yesterday's elections in Algeria. Some sources expect that if the partition question does not come to a vote at the U.N. before the second part of the French municipal elections, which will take place next Sunday, the government's attitude may change.

A Quai d'Orsay spokesman last week said that France would "reluctantly" vote for partition because the French delegation at Lake Success had participated in the establishment of the U.N. Special Committee on Palestine which subsequently recommended partition.

U.S. DEMANDS BRITAIN MAINTAIN ORDER IN PALESTINE EVEN IF MANDATE IS ABOLISHED

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The governments of the United States and Britain differ on the question of whether the British have the legal right to unilaterally surrender the Palestine Mandate and withdraw their troops, leaving the country in a state of possible chaos, it was learned here today.

Officials of the U.S. delegation at the United Nations emphasize that inasmuch as the U.S. is a co-signatory to the Mandate and is responsible for protecting American interests in Palestine, Washington does not agree with the view of the British government that the Mandate can be terminated by Britain and her troops withdraw without any obligation to the countries which entrusted her with the Mandate.

The question is now being studied by U.S. experts from a purely judicial point of view, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns. No official negotiations have yet been undertaken by this government, except for its indication, in Herschel Johnson's statement at the Ad Hoc Committee, that the U.S. expects Britain to maintain order in Palestine. To this, British Colonial Minister Arthur Creech-Jones replied, in his second statement at the Committee, that Britain believes that she can lay down the Mandate and withdraw from its obligations whenever she so desires.

Although the U.S. delegation suggested in its statement at the Ad Hoc Committee that the U.N. may have to organize a constabulary for Palestine on a voluntary basis, members of the American delegation would prefer that the British continue to bear the responsibility for maintaining order in Palestine during the transition period--set at two years by the UNSCOP majority report--even if the Mandate is abolished.

The attitude of the U.S. delegation with regard to methods of implementation will be made clear at the sub-committee which is expected to be appointed this week by

the Ad Hoc Committee to prepare a detailed plan of partition, and its enforcement. In the meantime, however, the American delegation is carefully abstaining from indicating its attitude to any of the delegations from countries on the American continent which look to the United States for their lead.

Even countries like the Philippines, the Dominican Republic and Haiti, which are known to be completely under U.S. influence and almost always vote as the U.S. does, have up to now hesitated to endorse partition. It is known that delegations from the smaller American countries have approached members of the U.S. delegation for advice, but were told that they can vote as they wish on the partition issue. Some delegations have interpreted this as an indication that the U.S. delegation is not anxious to lend its full support to partition.

PALESTINE GOVT. PROTESTS TO SYRIA AGAINST DETENTION OF FIVE JEWISH SETTLEMENT POLICE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government is understood today to have made representations to the Syrian Foreign Office against the detention yesterday of five Jewish settlement police who were seized by a patrol while allegedly on the Syrian side of the frontier. Jewish sources claim, however, that the Jews were on the Palestine side of the border when arrested.

A JTA dispatch from Cairo quotes Egyptian Minister of National Defense Ahmed Attia Pasha as denying reports that Egyptian forces were being concentrated on the Palestine border. He said that his troops usually engaged in maneuvers in October, and added that they were being held in the Sinai Desert, adjoining Palestine, because that area was outside the cholera-infected districts. Meanwhile, the Rail Ministry announced that traffic between Egypt and Palestine has been suspended owing to spread of the epidemic, which has cost 1,000 lives in the last three days.

The campaign of terror launched by the Mufti's adherents against their opponents within the Arab community has increased in tempo, and many merchants, journalists and others are fleeing to Syria in fear of assassination. A bomb was discovered yesterday in the offices of the Jaffa municipality, apparently intended for the mayor, who declared recently that "I will not permit outsiders to instigate disturbances."

The Arab newspaper Falastin reports that units of the Transjordan Frontier Force have replaced British troops at garrisons in Tel Litwinsky and north of Tel Aviv, which are Jewish districts.

Henry Wallace, who arrived in Palestine yesterday, lunched today with David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive.

EXODUS REFUGEES WILL BE OUSTED FROM PRESENT CAMPS IF THEY BALK AT TRANSFER TO NEW SITE

LUBECK, Germany, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The 4,400 Exodus refugees have been told that they will be forcibly expelled from the camps they are now occupying by the end of this month, unless they agree to be transferred to other installations designated by the British occupation authorities.

British zone refugee leaders are meeting tonight with representatives of the Exodus group to consider the British ultimatum. The heads of the refugee organization have been told by the authorities that if they do not send a commission to inspect the new camps, which are near Emden and Wilhelmshaven, former German naval bases, the Exodus deportees will be summarily ousted from the Poppendorf and Am Stau camps within ten days. The deportees have indicated on several occasions that they do not wish to be transferred to any place but Palestine.

REDUCTIONS OF JEWISH DP'S IN ITALY BELOW SUBSISTENCE LEVEL; DISTURBANCES FEARED

ROME, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The daily rations of displaced persons in IRO-administered camps in Italy have been cut from 2,400 calories to 1,400, which is below the medically accepted standard for subsistence. The Central Committee of Jewish Refugees wired William H. Tuck, executive secretary of the IRO Preparatory Commission, protesting the reduction.

In an attempt to meet the emergency created by the IRO move and to avert disturbances in the camps, the JDC today began distributing to every DP parcels containing 9,000 calories worth of food.

BRITISH ORDER REGISTRATION OF PROPERTY IN GERMANY SEIZED DURING NAZI REGIME

BERLIN, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The British military authorities in Germany today issued an order which is expected to facilitate the restitution of Jewish property. The order provides for the registration of all property seized or transferred under duress during the Nazi regime and, at the same time, sets up a procedure for claiming property lost under such conditions.

The proclamation orders all persons in possession of property which since Jan. 30, 1933 was taken from anybody under duress for reasons of race, nationality, religion or political reasons to declare such property to the local German authorities within six months. Similar declarations must be made by anybody with knowledge of such transactions. Declarations by persons within the British zone pertaining to property in Berlin or areas outside the zone must be filed in triplicate with the proper control authorities at Bad Nenndorf, Niedersachsen.

Persons who lost their property during the Nazi regime must file a claim before Jan. 1, 1949 with the authorities at Ban Nenndorf, if they wish it to be considered. The proclamation stated that many such claims made by persons now residing outside Germany lacked sufficient information to permit validation. It suggests the claimants check with the British Foreign Office for advice on what information to include with the claim.

JEWS IN GERMANY DIFFER ON POSSIBILITY OF REBUILDING JEWISH LIFE THERE

BERLIN, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A sharp difference of opinion among Jews now resident in Germany as to possibilities of rebuilding a Jewish community in this country was revealed here today at the second day of the three-day meeting of the working executive of the provisional Association of Jewish Communities of the four zones in Germany.

Norbert Wolheim, head of the Jewish community department of the Central Jewish Committee in the British Zone, told the conference that there was no future for Jews in Germany. He was challenged by Paul Weltlinger, representing the Berlin Jewish Community Council, who said that there is a definite place for Jewish life in Germany. Weltlinger, who is the Jewish representative on the Berlin Inter-Faith Council, urged German Jews to remain in Germany and rebuild the Jewish communities.

Rabbi Michael Munk, former German rabbi who is now advisor to the American military authorities on religious matters affecting German Jewish communities, reported that virtually every German city where there are at least a handful of Jewish survivors has an active community life and a functioning synagogue. He asked the conference to define clearly the standards for admission into the Jewish community, in an effort to establish the status of half-Jews, those married to Jews, and persons who changed their religious affiliation during the Nazi regime.

Other reports on religious welfare and educational matters were given by Karl Liebstain, Jewish Agency director in Germany, and Julius Meyer, representing Jews in the Soviet zone.

ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE UNIVERSITY AND ENACTMENT OF ANTI-BIAS LAWS URGED IN N.Y. STATE

ALBANY, N.Y., Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Establishment of a state university in New York, which would include graduate and undergraduate schools as well as a network of junior colleges in communities throughout the state, was urged today by spokesmen for the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress and Anti-Defamation League, testifying at the first public hearing of the Temporary Commission on the Need for a State University.

The three organizations, which were represented by former Gov. Herbert Lehman, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Justice Meir Steinbrink, respectively, also called for legislation to outlaw discriminatory practices by existing privately endowed institutions of higher learning in the state.

Among the barriers which prevent qualified persons in this state from obtaining higher education, Governor Lehman stressed, are "widespread economic handicaps, over-crowded educational plants, the inaccessibility of centers of education to persons remotely situated, and discriminatory practices." The denial of higher education to qualified students, "whether the denial is based upon economic handicaps or racial and religious discrimination or upon geographic circumstances, is harmful to the welfare of society," he emphasized.

Dr. Wise urged the commission "to frame recommendations which will serve to expand the facilities for higher learning in this state; to make such education economically accessible to all sections of our population; and to shatter the practice of racial and religious discrimination in all institutions of higher learning." He stated that the "physical facilities" and economic accessibility to students without financial means "can be adequately met only through the establishment of a state university supplemented by a state-wide system of community colleges."

Citing the City College of New York--now celebrating its 100th anniversary--as a successful precedent, Justice Steinbrink argued that the duty of the state to provide higher education for its citizens is an established principle. "This duty is not static," he said. "It is dynamic. A number of other states not as rich as our own and more State have state universities. Can we, the richest state in the Union, afford to say that we can't afford it?"

CANADIAN PROVINCIAL PREMIER REPUDIATES HIS PARTY'S ANTI-SEMITIC STATEMENTS

OTTAWA, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Premier E.C. Manning of Alberta, leader of the Social Credit Party in the province, has repudiated a report of his party's policy-making board which contained a number of slanderous references to Jews.

In a declaration of policy, following the board's publication of its report, Manning said: "We condemn, repudiate and completely dissociate ourselves and the Social Credit movement in Alberta from any statements or publications which are incompatible with the established British ideals of democratic freedom or which endorse incite anti-Semitism or religious intolerance in any form."

The United Zionist Council of America has expressed its appreciation of the Canadian Government's announcement at the United Nations that it favors the UNSCOP majority proposal to partition Palestine. In a statement by Samuel J. Zacks, president, the Council said that "Canada's position constitutes another clear indication that Palestine is an international responsibility of the family of nations." It was revealed that the Canadian Jewish Congress appealed to the government to back the UNSCOP majority plan.

LEADERS OF JEWISH WELFARE FUNDS DISCUSS RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL AGENCIES

SAN ANTONIO, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Relationships between local welfare funds and national agencies received the major consideration of the 150 community delegates to the assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds Southwestern States Region in San Antonio, held during the week-end.

The delegates, representing 16 major cities in that area, called for increasing recognition by national agencies of the role the local organizations must have in national agency program planning and budgeting. It called for a working partnership between the communities which raise the money and the agencies which disburse it for national and overseas needs in their behalf.

It requested that the community representatives to the United Jewish Appeal's executive and administrative committees be kept better informed of what is happening and urged that they be involved to a greater degree than heretofore in making campaign decisions. In this connection the delegates also requested that the number of community representatives from the Southwestern States Region to these UJA committees be increased.

The assembly also asked that national agencies clear their local campaign procedures with the central organization of each community and recommended that the communities participate jointly on a region-wide basis in planning their fund raising drives. The meeting also discussed how the communities can be better organized to best social service needs in the Southwest, local community relations problems, and the organization and role of Jewish communal organizations in the year ahead.

Isaac S. Heller of New Orleans, president of the CJFJF's Southeastern Region, and Dr. Benjamin B. Rosenberg, CJFJF national field service director, were guest speakers. Norman Hirschfield, Oklahoma City, was re-elected regional chairman; E.M. Selow, Dallas, and Abe I. Lack, Houston, vice-chairmen; and Louis Fischl, Ardmore, treasurer. Sol Brachman, Ft. Worth, past regional president, was selected as the representative of the region to the UJA executive committee.

OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA LEADERS DISCUSS NEW BODY TO SUCCEED AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

CLEVELAND, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Four hundred leaders from Jewish communities in Ohio and western Pennsylvania met yesterday at the Allerton Hotel here to discuss the proposal to convert the American Jewish Conference into a permanent organization. The principal speakers were Louis Lipsky, chairman of the executive committee of the Conference, and Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, the head of the committee which drafted the new plan.

Although the meeting decided not to adopt any resolutions, the consensus of opinion appeared to favor the project. In reply to questions, the Conference spokesmen explained that the final form of the constitution of the new body would have to be ratified by the delegates attending the initial session, and that it could be amended at that time by a two-thirds vote. Any group willing to participate in the formation of the new organization would be welcomed, they said. The meeting was called under the auspices of the Cleveland Jewish Community Council.

\$300,000 PLEDGED IN TWO WEST COAST CITIES FOR PURCHASE OF LAND IN PALESTINE

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Pledges amounting to \$250,000 for the purchase of land in Palestine were made here yesterday at a city-wide conference of the Jewish National Fund, attended by 1,500 delegates.

Earlier in the week, a similar parley in San Francisco, attended by 600 Jewish leaders, raised \$50,000 in pledges. The featured speaker at both rallies was Mendel N. Fisher, national director of the J.N.F.

ARGENTINE JEWS SHOCKED AT COUNTRY'S STAND ON PARTITION AT U.N.; APPEAL TO PERON

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Argentine Jews are shocked by the unexpected anti-partition stand taken by the Argentinian delegation at the United Nations. On the basis of many pro-Zionist statements by Argentinian statesmen and officials they had believed that the government would back a Zionist solution.

Appeals have been pouring into government offices urging a reversal of Argentina's stand. The most recent plea was made at a meeting here last night when some 2,000 Jews endorsed a message from the DAIA, central representative body of the country's Jewry, the Zionist Central Council and the local Jewish Agency office to President Juan Peron expressing "sorrowful surprise" at the government's action.

The meeting was called to rally support for a new drive in behalf of land purchase in Palestine and irrigation in the Negev. Daniel Frisch, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, who is here to spark the campaign, called for the Jewish community to raise \$1,500,000.

AMERICAN FUND FOR PALESTINIAN INSTITUTIONS WILL SEEK \$1,200,000 DURING 1948

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The budget advisory board of the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions today approved a 1948 budget of \$1,200,000 at the concluding session of a three-day meeting here. Francis Stern, of Hartford, Conn., and Abbi Isidore Breslau were named co-chairmen of the board.

The meeting also decided to add the Chel Theatre and the Hebrew Secondary School in Jerusalem to the list of 80-odd institutions supported by the Fund, of which Edward A. Norman is president. It was announced last night that \$325,000 of the Fund's 1947 goal of \$1,065,000 has already been raised, with most of the Fund's current fund-raising drive still ahead.

JEWS HAVE SURVIVED BECAUSE OF IDEALS OF UNITY, BUSINESS EXECUTIVE TELLS J.W.B. MEETING

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Jews have survived as a race because "throughout the ages they have been dedicated to principles and ideals which have unified and given direction to their lives," Dr. Louis I. Dublin, vice-president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, yesterday told an annual meeting of the metropolitan section of the Jewish Welfare Board.

Frank Weil, national president of the J.W.B., who also addressed the group, asserted that the Jewish community center is the laboratory in which are applied the spiritual principles of religion. "Tolerance and understanding, practiced by the Jewish center, make a great contribution to the safeguards of democracy in the land," he declared.

The meeting was attended by more than 200 persons representing 87 Jewish centers in New York City and several surrounding counties. Former Supreme Court Justice George Frankenthaler was re-elected president for a third term.

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND SEEKS CONTRIBUTIONS AS BENEFICIARY IN WILLS

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Palestine Foundation Fund has launched a campaign to popularize the idea of naming the organization a beneficiary in wills and testaments, it was announced here today by Charles Ress, chairman of the organization's administrative committee. "Donors," said Ress, "can now make bequests stating specifically what the money is to be used for, whether it be the launching of a new settlement, a library, a community house, or a development project."

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