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PALESTINE SUB-COMMITTEES RECESS UNTIL MONDAY; DEFER DECISION ON LENGTH OF TRANSITION

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The Palestine question will be off the United Nations calendar for the next three days as a result of a decision tonight by the two sub-committees of the Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine to recess until Monday morning. The recess was decided upon after both committees had spent a full day in deliberations.

The sub-committee on partition decided to postpone consideration until Monday of the first recommendation of the UNSCOP majority, that following a transition period of two years, Palestine should be divided into an independent Jewish state and an independent Arab state. The American delegate, Herschel Johnson, indicated that the U.S. may suggest a shorter transition period.

At the same time, the sub-committee adopted -- with slight modifications proposed by the U.S. delegation -- the second UNSCOP recommendation, that both states shall become independent after they adopt constitutions complying with certain provisions, have made a declaration to the U.N. containing guarantees regarding the fulfillment of these provisions and have signed an undertaking creating the economic union of Palestine and establishing a system of collaboration between the two states and the city of Jerusalem.

Jewish Agency Invited to Participate in Work of Partition Group

The partition sub-group unanimously agreed to invite the Jewish Agency and Britain to participate in its work. Polish delegate Ksawery Pruszyński was unanimously elected chairman and Prof. Enrique Fabregat of Uruguay was named rapporteur, also without dissent.

The request of the Jewish Agency to attend meetings of the sub-committee, participate in discussion and submit proposals and views was supported by the U.S., Russia, Brazil, Uruguay and Guatemala. Moshe Shertok and Dr. Emanuel Neumann represented the Agency.

Declaring that the U.S. entirely favored the Agency's request, Johnson asked this would entitle the Agency to intervene at any time in the debate. He pointed out that "for practical purposes" the Agency would enjoy the same full status as committee members.

Russian delegate Simeyon Tsarapkin urged that the Agency's request be granted, giving it a "useful proposal which would facilitate the work of the sub-committee." He advocated giving the Agency the same rights as members, except that of voting.

Britain, in a letter to Chairman Herbert Evatt of the Ad Hoc Committee, declared its willingness to participate as an observer in both sub-committees, to furnish

information and provide any assistance required. On this basis each sub-committee agreed to the British offer.

Soviet Delegate Asks That Date Be Set For Termination of Mandate

A lengthy debate on the question of when the Palestine Mandate should be terminated developed during the afternoon session at the partition sub-committee. The Soviet representative insisted on clarification as to when the transition period would begin. If it starts when the Mandate ends, then it is imperative to fix the date for termination of the Mandate, Tsarapkin argued.

British observer J.M. Martin, of the Colonial Office, told the sub-committee that his government agrees entirely with the UNSCOP recommendation for termination of the Mandate, but that as far as the transitional period is concerned, Britain must wait the outcome of discussion in the sub-committee. "We have come to seek advice rather than to give any on such questions," Martin said, adding that "at the moment we will put forward no proposal" regarding termination of the Mandate.

U.S. delegate Johnson said that the wording of the recommendation regarding ending of the Mandate is such as not to need a precise definition from the British. The earliest practicable date for the termination, Johnson declared, should be a flexible point at some future time. We can defer coming to grips with the United Kingdom," he said, "until we have gone further in the discussion, when some constructive suggestions regarding the transition period may be made. No one can claim that any specific date is intended." Venezuela agreed with the United States delegate on the advisability of deciding on other recommendations without fixing the date for the end of the Mandate.

(Iraqi Premier Salih Jabur said in Baghdad today that if the U.N. approves partition, Iraqi forces will invade Palestine as soon as British troops withdraw. He said that Palestine was the "first and last defensive line of the Arab world.")

The sub-committee took the view that the unanimous UNSCOP recommendations, representing principles rather than actual specific recommendations, called for very little discussion as the majority recommendations embodied and amplified them. It was therefore decided to omit discussion on them.

The sub-committee on setting up a unitary Arab state protested the composition of the body, which has Colombia as its only non-Moslem member. It decided, therefore, to constitute itself only as a "provisional committee" and elected Colombian delegate Fernandez Gonzalez as "provisional chairman," pending consultation with Herbert Evatt, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, who is out of the city. The sub-committee decided to establish three "provisional" sub-groups to: 1. Study the question of the displaced; 2. Draft a legal challenge to the UNSCOP partition plan; 3. Draw up a blueprint for an Arab state in all of Palestine.

FRANCE SAYS IT WILL NOT SUPPORT PALESTINE SOLUTION NOT AGREED TO BY BOTH SIDES

PARIS, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The French Government is still considering its position on Palestine, but will not support a solution which is not agreeable to both Jews and Arabs, a Foreign Office spokesman said today in reply to questions at his daily press conference. He cited the recent violence in India which followed partition that had been agreed to by both sides.

(At Lake Success today, the French delegation disclosed that it had asked chairman Herbert Evatt of the Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine to place a French representative on the sub-committee drafting a partition plan, but its request was disregarded.)

MEAN TO TAKE NO ACTION ON SYRIA'S DISPATCHING 10,000 TROOPS TO PALESTINE FRONTIER

LONDON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The Foreign Office intends to take no action in connection with a statement today by Ahmad Sharbat, Syrian Minister of Defense, that 10,000 Syrian soldiers would be sent to the Palestine frontier on "maneuvers" within a few days, an official spokesman said this afternoon. He added that the Syrian Government has been informed that as long as Britain remains in Palestine she will be responsible for the maintenance of law and order.

(The Associated Press, quoting an "authoritative informant," reports from London that the British intend to withdraw their troops and administration from Palestine in March, 1949, at the latest, if the U.N. fails to solve the Palestine problem.)

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, speaking today on the occasion of the anniversary of the battle of El Alamein, significantly omitted all mention of the thousands of Jewish troops who participated in the battle nor did he speak of Palestinian industry which helped turn back the threatening Nazi armies in Africa. He paid tribute to Arab generosity, hospitality and help throughout the campaign and said that Britain will be mindful of this in "this hour of decision."

Capt. Roy A. Farran, British army officer for whose arrest on charges of kidnapping and murder a warrant was issued in Palestine yesterday, today arrived in London to consult with his attorneys.

It was learned that if an application for his extradition were granted by the British authorities, Farran would be arraigned before a British magistrate. (A report from Jerusalem last night stated that the Palestine authorities have made no move as yet to force his extradition.) Farran's counsels have announced that if an attempt is made to extradite him, they will appeal to the highest British courts, including the House of Lords.

JEWIS INTERNEES OFFER ONE MONTH'S PALESTINE CERTIFICATES TO EXODUS REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The Jewish internees on Cyprus have offered to give their rights to Palestine immigration certificates for a period of one month if certificates are allotted to Exodus refugees, Moshe Kolodny, immigration official of the Jewish Agency, told a press conference here today. The Cyprus internees get visas monthly.

Kolodny, who just returned from a trip to the island, reported that the Jews collected \$300 in pennies and other coins to inscribe the name of the Exodus refugees who died during the boarding operations by the British in the Jewish National Fund Golden Book and to plant trees in their memory.

The basic problem facing the Agency in relation to the Cyprus DP's is that immediately transferring babies and their parents to Palestine, regardless of the manner in which they arrived on the island, he said. Conditions are particularly bad for infants and a number died last week, he stated. The Agency has asked the government to arrange the transfer and deduct the special immigrants from the monthly quotas. It is also demanding the speedy transfer of some 3,000 youths among the DP's who have been under the sponsorship of the Youth Aliyah movement.

Henry A. Wallace, who is now visiting Palestine, met today with Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog with whom he spent two hours. Later, Wallace left for Upper Galilee to visit Jewish settlements there.

EXODUS JEWS PREPARING TO MOVE TO NEW QUARTERS; AWAIT REPORT OF INSPECTION COMMITTEE

LUBECK, Oct. 23. (JTA)--The camp committees at the Poppendorf and Am Stau camps where the Exodus refugees are now living have begun compiling lists of the DP's and assigning them priorities for moving to new camps at Emden and Wilhelmshaven.

Final arrangements must await the report of a commission, including several Jewish doctors, which went to inspect the new quarters. It is expected that the move will take place sometime next week. Meanwhile, Abraham Trager, chairman of the Jewish Central Committee of Germany, in the U.S. zone, has arrived to visit the DP's.

Two hundred and ninety Jews yesterday left the Belsen camp as part of the regular group of about 350 which leaves the British zone for Palestine each month. Today, the British authorities at the camp started a census of the residents, something which was last done over a year ago.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL PARLEY OF UNITED JEWISH EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL BODY OPENS

PARIS, Oct. 23. (JTA)--The first international conference of the United Jewish Educational and Cultural Organizations since its formation a year ago opened here today with representatives in attendance from Britain, France, the United States, Rumania, Hungary, Switzerland, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Luxembourg, Greece and Palestine. The meeting will continue for one week.

All the speakers stressed the importance of rehabilitating Jewish cultural life in Europe side by side with physical reconstruction. It was reported that the JDC and the Jewish Agency have jointly erected schools in DP Camps where 10,000 Jewish children are being educated. Maurice Wagner, secretary of UJECOC, reporting on its first year of activity, said that books and teaching materials were badly needed.

Speakers included Dr. Israel Rappaport, director of the American Jewish Committee-sponsored Research Institute in American Jewish Education, Rene Cassin of the Alliance Israelite, Dr. Moshe Smoh of the Jewish Agency, N.S. Lewin of the Jewish National Council of Palestine, and other speakers representing the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Anglo-Jewish Association and several other bodies.

WORK OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES LAUDED BY IRO OFFICIAL; UNIFORM DAILY RATION PLANNED

GENEVA, Oct. 23. (JTA)--The work of the voluntary agencies which have been cooperating with the International Refugee Organization in caring for displaced persons was lauded today at the meeting here of the IRO Preparatory Commission by Myer Cohen, assistant secretary of the organization.

He said that the IRO will devote considerable attention to coordinating the work of the voluntary agencies with its own. Representatives of the JDC, the Jewish Agency and ORT are here as observers. The commission today discussed means of bringing the daily ration of the DP's in all parts of Europe to a minimum of 2,015 calories.

AMERICAN COMMANDER IN AUSTRIA REDUCES SENTENCES IMPOSED ON TWO DISPLACED JEWS

VIENNA, Oct. 23. (JTA)--Lt. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes today reduced the terms of two displaced Jews who were sentenced by an American military court to ten years earlier this month for having resisted arresting policemen who charged them with stealing fruit.

The two Jews, Kochane Fischer and Leon Armant, will have to serve three years. During the trial the prosecutor asked for a severe sentence to prove to the Austrians that the U.S. Army punishes all lawbreakers alike, regardless of race or religion.

ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITY INCREASING IN ARGENTINE PROVINCE; "HEROES OF NUREMBERG" HONORED

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 23. (JTA)--Inscriptions are appearing on walls in Santa Fe city and province paying homage to the Nazi "heroes of Nuremberg," according to a dispatch in La Prensa, most influential Argentine newspaper, which adds that the authorities are not interfering with that practice nor with other anti-Jewish activity which is on the increase in Santa Fe.

Anti-Semitic inscriptions are also appearing in public places, and diatribes against Jews are published in leaflets at Santa Fe, the newspaper adds. The dispatch also states that a wreath, in honor of the aforementioned "heroes of Nuremberg," was recently left in the city chapel at the municipal cemetery. The outrages, La Prensa reports, are believed to be committed by members of the "traditionalist Movement of Santa Fe."

POLAND ASKS U.S. AUTHORITIES IN AUSTRIA TO EXTRADITE LIQUIDATOR OF VIENNA GHETTO

WARSAW, Oct. 23. (JTA)--The Polish Government has asked the American military authorities in Austria to extradite Johannes Murer to stand trial here as one of the persons responsible for the liquidation of the Vienna ghetto and the death of some 10,000 Jews in the ghetto and the surrounding area.

It was also announced that the U.S. authorities in Germany have extradited former S.S. men and that they will shortly go on trial here for crimes against Polish Jews. Various courts in the country this week condemned three former Nazis for crimes against Jews. The three are Reinhold Mezenius, a former policeman and camp guard at Lublin, Jack Kielczaw, a Ukrainian policeman who was responsible for the deportation of Jews to Majdanek, and Walenty Chojnacki, who served as a German policeman in Okuniew.

POLISH JEWISH LEADERS REFUSED U.S. VISAS FOR VISIT HERE TO CONSULT WITH W.J.C.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA)--Two leaders of the Central Jewish Committee of Poland have been denied American visas for a proposed visit to the United States to consult with Jewish organizations, the Polish Press Agency reported today.

The two, Dr. Adolph Berman, a Poale-Zionist who was a guerrilla leader during the war and is presently chairman of the Central Committee, and Jacob Egis, a member of the Committee's executive board, had applied for visas at the American consulate for the purpose of coming to New York to meet with leaders of the World Jewish Congress.

1,000 POLISH JEWS RETURN TO POLAND FROM RUMANIA WHERE THEY FLED BEFORE NAZI ARMIES

WARSAW, Oct. 23. (JTA)--More than 1,000 Polish Jews have been repatriated from Rumania during the past two months, it was reported here.

Most of the Jews fled Poland before the Nazi armies when they invaded the country in 1939. The remainder are Jews who emigrated many years before the war and were given permission to return to Poland by the Polish consul in Bucharest. The refugees report that the Jewish population is suffering from hunger and anti-Semitism.

PRISONERS OF MAUTHAUSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP DOOMED BY U.S. COURT FOR MURDER OF INMATES

MUNICH, Oct. 23. (JTA)--A U.S. military court at Dachau today sentenced to death five German officials of the Mauthausen concentration camp, where thousands of Jews were worked to death or murdered. The chief defendant was Max Pausch, who commanded an annex of the camp.

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PALESTINE MEDICAL SCHOOL GOAL RAISED; HADASSAH PRE-CONVENTION MEETING HEARS

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 23. (JTA)--A little over \$2,000,000; half of the \$4,000,000 being sought to establish the first undergraduate medical school in Palestine, has already been raised and the remainder is expected during the coming year, it was announced here today at a pre-convention breakfast attended by several hundred leaders of Hadassah who have been active in the medical school drive which is sponsored by the organization and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The convention opens tomorrow and will last through next Tuesday. It will be attended by some 3,000 delegates and 2,000 guests.

Chaim Yassky, director of the Hadassah medical organization in Palestine, principal speaker at the gathering, reported that the medical school would open in the fall of 1948 with 50 students in the first class. Stressing the need of adequate medical care for the masses of DP's which Palestine expects to receive shortly, Yassky declared that increased hospital care, public health, mental hygiene, child welfare and screening for tuberculosis will be as important as housing and jobs in the projected Jewish state.

PIONEER WOMEN RAISED \$1,000,000 IN PAST TWO YEARS FOR PALESTINE, CONVENTION TOLD

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 23. (JTA)--More than \$1,000,000 has been raised in the past two years by the Pioneer Women of America for the construction of 14 children's homes and agricultural training schools in Palestine, it was disclosed today in the report of the finance committee to the organization's 10th national convention, which opens here tonight. Principal speakers at the five-day session will be Berl Locker, Morris Samuel, Dvora Rothbard and Yehudith Simchonit.

INSURED NEW YORK RABBI HITS CONDEMNATION BY RABBINICAL BOARD; ASKS TO BE HEARD

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA)--Rabbi Benjamin C. Schultz, who was officially censured yesterday by the New York Board of Rabbis for a series of newspaper articles charging Communist penetration into Jewish, Catholic and Protestant organizations and institutions, today charged that the resolution passed by the board was "an example of viciousness and unfairness," which "does not deny any specific statements in my articles."

He added that "it is apparent that the disciples of Rabbi Wise and those innocents who have been whip-lashed into this frenzy against me by a small but powerful pro-Communist clique are better organized than the large majority of Jewry to have a warm devotion to American principles of freedom of thought." Rabbi Schultz said he would welcome a future opportunity to present his case to the rabbinical board.

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE GETS OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT OF AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA)--The Jewish Labor Committee received the official endorsement of the American Federation of Labor at the latter's recent convention in San Francisco, it was announced today by Adolph Held, chairman of the Committee. The resolution hailed the Labor Committee's work to combat racial and religious bigotry and urged all constituent bodies of the AFL to cooperate with it.

COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES OPENED IN LOS ANGELES UNDER AUSPICES OF REFORM CONGREGATIONS

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23. (JTA)--A college of Jewish studies has been opened here under the auspices of the Southern California Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Some 150 adults and youths have registered for courses in Jewish history, literature, religion and the Hebrew language, as well as seminar courses on various aspects and problems of current Jewish life.

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