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U.N. GROUP BEGINS WORK ON TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PARTITION IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Formulation of the terms of reference of the implementation commission which the United Nations would send to Palestine to supervise partition was begun today by the four-nation working group, following the agreement reached yesterday on the composition of the body and its relationship to the Mandatory and the U.N. Security Council.

The American delegation submitted a "working paper" as a basis for the terms of reference. The American document embodied the UNSCOP recommendations as well as the points agreed on yesterday. The Soviet delegation will study the "working paper" and comment on it within twenty-four hours.

With discussion in the various working groups proceeding harmoniously the American delegation today predicted that within several days the full sub-committee on partition will be ready to report to the Ad Hoc Committee which met this morning--briefly and informally, since a quorum was lacking. Chairman Ksawery Pruszyński of the partition sub-committee reported that his group was nearing completion of a report on boundaries and an economic union. Chairman Sir Abdullah Zafrullah Khan of the sub-committee coordinating Arab proposals stated that the report of his group was complete but that the members of his sub-committee have instructed him to submit the report simultaneously with that of the partition group.

British Reply to U.S.-Soviet Implementation Plan Promised Soon

Sir Alexander Cadogan, chief of the British delegation to the United Nations, told the group that he regretted that a British reply to the American-Soviet compromise proposal on implementation was not ready. He said that a reply had been expected from London today, but had not arrived. Cadogan assured the other delegates that the British statement would be ready within a few days.

He expressed the hope that the working group, in elaborating on the implementation proposals, would not reach any recommendations which would require Britain "to adopt an attitude inconsistent with that already defined." Cadogan agreed readily to a suggestion by Canadian delegate Lester Pearson that a British representative join the working group in order to lend clarification to any disputed points.

Meanwhile, the partition unit this afternoon started discussion of proposals submitted by the working group on boundaries. The discussion did not touch on the question of the Negev and the inclusion of the Jewish part of Jerusalem into the Jewish state. However, the recommendations presented would, if approved, transfer to the Jewish state a total of 600,000 dunams (150,000 acres) of land from the Arab area and 150,000 dunams of Jewish land to the Arab state.

The gain of 450,000 dunams for the Jewish state would include about 200,000 dunams of wasteland. If the city of Jaffa is also transferred to the Arab state then

the Arab population in the Jewish state would be reduced by 80,000. The recommendations agreed upon so far by the working group provide:

1. In the northern area of Palestine the Jews are to get an additional 47,000 dunams in the Suhel section where only 600 Arabs reside. This modification was recommended by the working group in order to enable the Jewish state to establish reservoirs for irrigation purposes.
2. The Jewish state is to get an additional 48,000 dunams, including 35,000 in the Gilboa Mountain range and 13,000 between the mountains and the Jordan River. No Arabs reside on this land, which is completely uncultivated. It was included in the Jewish state for reasons of defense, since it commands the Valley of Jezreel.
3. One of the UNSCOP-recommended boundary points is to be moved further west with Jews and Arabs in this area exchanging similar amounts of land. This was asked by the Jewish Agency for strategic reasons. A similar change was recommended for one of the southern boundary, moving it northward for irrigation reasons.
4. The Jewish area in the Haifa Bay district is to be extended to include an additional 43 dunams.
5. The Jews are likely to get a greater area along the Dead Sea, involving some 225,000 dunams of unpopulated land which is important for the Palestine Potash Company.
6. An exchange of land between Jews and Arabs in the areas north and south of the Negev is also suggested. The Jews would get 110,000 dunams in exchange for 135,000.

Disposition of Jaffa, Jerusalem, Negev, Galilee Still Under Dispute

The working group also adopted a Jewish suggestion that some 21,000 dunams assigned by UNSCOP to the Jewish state be turned over to the Arabs in order to shorten the frontier at that point. There are about 6,000 Arabs and no Jews in the area in question.

As for the Jaffa question, the group recommends that the city be designated an Arab enclave within the Jewish state area. However, the Jews are demanding that the Lydda airport and Sarafand, at present the site of the largest military camp in the country, be turned over to them.

Negotiations continue on the final disposition of Jerusalem. Also, no recommendations have been made for changing the boundaries in the Negev areas which UNSCOP laid out, but the four-nation body has already ruled out a Jewish demand for the inclusion of land in the Kalkilla area which the Jewish Agency asked for security and irrigation purposes.

Regarding Galilee, the Agency originally demanded the inclusion of all of Western Galilee, which is about 1,400,000 dunams. Later, the Agency reduced its claim to 480,000 dunams, arguing that nine Jewish settlements are situated in this area and asserting that it is needed for strategic reasons. However, no final decision has been reached.

Czechoslovak delegate Karel Lisicky participating in the discussion on boundaries at the partition sub-committee, opposed certain suggested revisions desired by the Jewish Agency and recommended by the working group. He argued that the revisions

are likely to create even greater antagonism among the Arabs and make the situation more difficult with regard to implementation.

Replying to Lisicky, Moshe Shertok pointed out that the Jewish requests were based primarily on two grounds: defense and development of the land based on irrigation schemes. He said that the Jewish Agency is prepared to guarantee that Arab lands included in the Jewish state, but belonging to villages in the Arab state, are no higher than areas in the Arab state.

A sharp exchange developed between Lisicky and Shertok when the Czech delegate accused the Agency political chief of using inaccurate figures to bolster his arguments in favor of certain boundary revisions. Shertok took exception to Lisicky's remarks, asserting that the statistics which he quoted concerning Arab populations were taken from official records of the Palestine Government. The figures for Jewish populations, he added, were based on Agency compilations.

The partition sub-committee continued its discussion late into the evening.

BEVIN REPORTED WAGING LAST-DITCH BATTLE TO WIN CABINET BACKING FOR FIGHT ON PARTITION

LONDON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The British Cabinet is still split on the Palestine issue, with Foreign Minister Bevin and his adherents determined to wage a last-ditch battle to defeat partition at the U.N. General Assembly, it is learned here. The Cabinet is scheduled to meet on Thursday or Friday.

According to informed circles, the Russian-American agreement on termination of the Mandate and British withdrawal "came as no surprise, to put it mildly," and strenuous efforts will still be made to keep Britain in Palestine, at the same time that the government formally maintains its decision to evacuate its civil and military forces.

The British maneuvers are expected to take the form of appeasing the U.S. and U.S.S.R. by agreeing in principle to termination of the Mandate and the granting of independence to Palestine, but leaving in abeyance the question of the form that independence should take. The anti-partition forces feel that this would enable Britain to secure a bi-national solution based on a modified version of the Morrison federalization plan with Britain in the role of "impartial arbiter."

This could be achieved, the Bevin group hopes, by inducing the General Assembly to evade a final solution, and to merely "take note," instead, of the fact that the Mandate is to be abolished, Britain is to withdraw by an unspecified date and Palestine is to be given its independence--with it being left to Britain to establish conditions under which such independence would be achieved.

INITIAL LARGE-SCALE IMMIGRATION TO JEWISH STATE MUST BE SELECTIVE, SAYS AGENCY AIDE

MUNICH, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Once a Jewish state is established, and large-scale immigration into Palestine starts, it will have to be on a selective basis in the beginning, Dr. Chaim Hoffman, Jewish Agency director in Germany, today told the second annual Agency conference here.

Dr. Hoffman called for an expanded program of training to prepare prospective immigrants for settlement. Joshua Levy, the Agency representative on the Combined Settlement Board, which consists of representatives of the Agency, the JDC and the Central Committee of Liberated Jews, reported that 2,500 Jewish DP's are now employed on work projects and that thousands of others are clamoring for employment. Expansion of the projects, he explained, is being held up by lack of machinery and shortage of materials.

SECURITY COMMITTEE BEING ESTABLISHED TO MAP DEFENSE OF JEWISH STATE, VAAD LEUMI HEARS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- A security committee to prepare for the defense of the projected Jewish state is in the process of being formed, David Remez, chairman of the Jewish National Council, told a plenary session of the Council which opened here today.

Remez announced that the committee would consist of representatives of the Council and the Jewish Agency and that the right-wing "Citizen's Bloc," led by Tel Aviv Mayor Israel Rokach, would receive representation on the body.

It was reliably learned that David Ben Gurion and members of the "Citizens Bloc" reached an agreement last night for including the conservative party representatives on the security committee. The agreement would provide for an eleven-man commission composed of four Jewish Agency representatives, four from the Council and three from the Bloc. It was also learned that this agreement is a forerunner of a future compromise, on the composition of a planning committee charged with drafting a constitution, a legal code and other matters.

A fund-raising drive for \$2,000,000 to support the work of the security committee was also announced at the conference. The campaign will get under way in two weeks and will start with a self-imposed "half-hour house curfew" during which the Jews will remain at home and be visited by fund-raisers.

Following a request from Remez, the delegates granted the Council's executive authority to hold elections for the Jewish National Assembly (Assefath Hanivcharim) as soon as possible. It is generally believed in political circles that the elections will take place in January. The Council chairman appealed to all groups in the community to join in a united effort necessary to set up the new state. He addressed himself particularly to the Agudas Israel, which he asked "not to stand to one side."

Negotiations are being conducted with the Revisionists, the Sephardic community and some right-wing groups which in the past have boycotted elections to the National Assembly to participate in the forthcoming balloting. There is good reason to believe that as a result of these efforts to effect a compromise there will be no organized parties or groups boycotting the January voting.

Remez hailed the Russian-American agreement on implementation of partition and praised the role of Jewish spokesmen at Lake Success. Resolutions of thanks to the U.S.S.R. and the Jewish Agency spokesmen were adopted. When the news of the U.S.-Soviet accord reached Palestine the general reaction was one of increased hope for a speedy establishment of a Jewish state.

Lashing out at the dissidents, Remez appealed for an end to dissension, extortion and murders, which, he said, "are a direct assault on our independence." He urged the Arabs not to listen to persons who would incite them against the Jews, adding that the Jewish nation wants only peace with the Arabs.

AGED RABBI AND SON FREED BY PALESTINE MILITARY COURT ON TERRORIST CHARGES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11. (JTA) --- Rabbi Abraham Hamdi, 76, and his 35-year-old son Yehia were today acquitted by a military court of being connected with an illegal arms store discovered by police in the Jerusalem suburb of Givat Shaul last August.

The arms were located in a tin shanty owned by Rabbi Hamdi and attached to his home. The structure housing the arms dump was eventually demolished by British troops as a punitive measure.

TWO PROMINENT DUTCH JEWISH LEADERS ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF COLLABORATING WITH NAZIS

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Public Prosecutor N.J.G. Sikkel today disclosed that Jewish leaders Dr. Abraham Asscher and Prof. David E. Cohen, who were arrested last week, are being held on charges of having facilitated the deportation of Dutch Jews by the Nazis.

Sikkel told the official Dutch news agency Aneta that Asscher, who is 88 years old and was known in pre-war days as the "grand old man" of Dutch Jewry, and Cohen, who is a professor at Amsterdam University, obeyed Nazi directives to register all Jews in the Netherlands, although they knew that the Germans planned to deport Jews to death camps. The two headed the National Jewish Council, which was established by the Germans to transmit their orders to the Jewish community.

The prosecutor said that an investigation into the conduct of both Cohen and Asscher, who were among the most prominent leaders of Dutch Jewry, had been in progress for many months and was still continuing. He alleged, however, that the information already uncovered made it impossible to leave them at large any longer.

(A statement issued in New York today by the International League for the Rights of Man, and released through the American Civil Liberties Union, said that the League was appointing observers to attend the trial, opening on Thursday, of Frederik Weinreb, a Dutch Jew charged with having betrayed many of his co-religionists to the Germans after having collected money from them presumably to aid them to leave the country. Jewish groups, including the American Jewish Congress, have charged that Weinreb is being framed to cover up the collaborationist activities of Dutch authorities.)

SWEDISH GOVERNMENT ACTS AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE PUBLISHED BY EINAR AABERG

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Attorney General Herman Zetterberg, acting under instructions from the Ministry of Justice, has filed charges against Einar Aaberg, internationally-known anti-Semite, on the basis of seven new anti-Jewish pamphlets just issued.

The literature, which is in English, apparently for distribution in Britain and the United States, bears the imprint of the Swedish Anti-Jewish League, of which Aaberg is the head. The Attorney-General charges that the pamphlets violate the Swedish Press Law, which is part of the country's Constitution.

EXODUS JEWS REFUSE TO ACCEPT DP STATUS OFFERED THEM BY BRITISH AUTHORITIES

WILHELMSHAVEN, Germany, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The Exodus Committee, representing the refugee Jews at the camp here, refused today to accept displaced persons' cards offered by the British authorities. The committee insisted it would accept only Palestine certificates.

A spokesman said the Jews did not wish to become DP's, pointing out that they were forcibly removed "from our home, Palestine, and must return there, where we seek to establish a normal life." The British had renewed their offer in order to clear up the status of the refugees who have no official status at present although they receive DP assistance.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ASKS SUPREME COURT TO BAR RESTRICTIVE REAL ESTATE COVENANTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- One of the recommendations of the President's Committee on Civil Rights--that restrictive real estate covenants barring Negroes, Jews and other minorities from residing in certain neighborhoods be outlawed--will be implemented if the Supreme Court accedes to a request of Attorney General Tom Clark to rule such covenants unconstitutional.

The Justice Department told the court yesterday that such covenants are against the Constitution, against the law and against the public policy of the United States. In a motion, Clark and Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman asked the court to permit them to take part in four restrictive covenant cases now before the court.

MIZRACHI WOMEN ADOPT \$1,000,000 BUDGET FOR 1948; ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR INTERNATIONAL BODY

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The 22nd annual convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America today adopted a \$1,000,000 budget for next year's activities for rehabilitation of Jewish refugee children in Palestine. The sum represents twice the amount raised by the group last year.

Rabbi Wolf Gold, chairman of the executive of the World Mizrahi movement, hailed the U.S.-Soviet accord on implementation of partition and asserted that a "new period in the history of the Jewish people begins July, 1948." The convention wired congratulations to Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Z.O.A. and member of the Jewish Agency executive, crediting him with having originally proposed to the U.N. group attempting to reconcile the American and Russian views that the U.N. implementation commission be appointed by the General Assembly, but be responsible to the Security Council.

Plans for the establishment of an international religious Zionist women's organization were disclosed at today's sessions of the parley. Mrs. Devora Rabinowitz, of New York, was elected president to succeed Mrs. Samuel Goldstein. The convention closes tomorrow.

LEADING BODIES APPROVE PERMANENT ORGANIZATION TO SUCCEED AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The Hadassah, American Jewish Congress, B'nai Zion, United Synagogue of America and United Roumanian Jews of America have approved in principle the plan for a permanent organization to succeed the American Jewish Conference, it was announced here today by the Conference.

BELGIAN JEWS PRESENT PLAQUE TO PREMIER IN HONOR OF GOVERNMENT'S AID DURING OCCUPATION

BRUSSELS, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- A deputation of the Council of Jewish Associations of Belgium has presented to Premier Paul-Henri Spaak a bronze plaque in commemoration of the Belgian people's and government's efforts to aid the Jews during the Nazi occupation. The plaque, designed by the Jewish architect Jankel Levici, was presented by Prof. N. Gunsburg, Council president.

BRITISH JEWS CONGRATULATE ROYAL FAMILY ON PRINCESS ELIZABETH'S FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

LONDON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Anthony Rothschild, British Jewish leader, headed a joint delegation of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Anglo-Jewish Association, which called on King George VI to present congratulations to the Royal Family on the forthcoming marriage of Princess Elizabeth. The King replied: "I am glad to know that Princess Elizabeth's engagement has given such pleasure to my Jewish subjects."

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