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BE-COMMITTEE ON PARTITION COMPLETES REPORT; ASKS U.N. MEMBERS TO AID IMPLEMENTATION

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The sub-committee on partition of the Ad to Committee on Palestine today wound up its four weeks of deliberations and sometimes franzied negotiations by adopting a report to the General Assembly recommending the creation of Jewish and Arab states and urging all members of the U.N. to test in implementing the recommendation.

The final resolution adopted by the sub-committee calls on the inhabitants of Palestine "to take such steps as may be necessary on their part to put the partition plan in effect." It also appeals to all governments and all peoples to retrain from taking any action which might hamper or delay the carrying out of these recommendations.

The Security Council is urged in the resolution to take the necessary measures, as provided for in the partition plan, for its implementation. The Trusteesip Council is to be informed of the responsibilities envisaged for it in the plan.

The resolution emphasizes that the present situation in Palestine is one which is likely to impair the general welfare and friendly relations emong nations. It takes note of the declaration made by the British Government that it plans to emplate the evacuation of British troops and administration from Palestine by agust 1, 1948.

## U.S. Still Favors Inclusion of Agaba District in Arab State

The American delegation struck a note of discord when it announced that although it will join in the unanimous presentation of the sub-committee report to the Mac Committee, it maintains its reservation about the inclusion in the Jewish Exte of the important Aqaba area of the Negev, which is the door to the Red Sea, and has oil and uranium potentialities.

Speaking for the American delegation, U.S. delegate Herschel Johnson annumbed that the U.S. may bring up the question of the Aqaba area before the Ad Hoc Cmmittee. Last week, Johnson announced at a public session of the sub-committee that the American delegation would agree to the UNSCOP-recommended inclusion of the Apaba area within the Jewish state providing that the Jews agree to cede the Beertheba district of the Negev to the Arab state. To this the Jewish Agency consented at declared its intention to transfer to the Arabs about two million dunams of Beev land along the Egyptian front and 300,000 in the Beersheba area.

At its concluding session the sub-committee decided unanimously to place the city of Errosian under the Trusteeship Council. The decision provides that a U.N. between of Jerusalen should be established no later than October 1, 1948.

Late last night the partition sub-committee adopted a proposal suggested by summel Heimann of the Jewish Agency that the British withdraw by February 1, 134, iron an area in the Jewish state including a seaport and sufficient hinterland, at that Jewish immigrants be permitted immediate free entrance to this area under with supervision.

# ARAB SUB-COMMITTEE CHALLENGES U.N. AUTHORITY TO PARTITION PALESTINE; THREATENS FORCE

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- A demand that the Palestine problem be struck from the agenda of the United Nations General Assembly pending a decision by the International Court of Justice on the competence of the U.N. to partition Palestine and "to implement that partition by means of force" was advanced today in the report of the sub-committee on Arab proposals to the Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine.

The report also asked that the International Court of Justice be allowed to rule on the validity of the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate. With regard to U.N. jurisdiction, the Arabs cited paragraph one of Article Eight of the U.N. Charter as their basis for concluding that "neither the General Assembly nor any other organ of the United Nations would be competent to entertain, recommend or enforce any solution with regard to a mandated territory" unless and until the mandatory power should negotiate a trusteeship agreement.

"The United Nations," the Arab document argued, "did not inherit the constitutional and political powers and functions of the League of Nations. Therefore the United Nations cannot be treated as successor to the League insofar as the administration of the Palestine Mandate is concerned." Since the dissolution of the League did away with the legal basis for the Mandate and since the Mandatory intends to withdraw from Palestine relinquishing the Mandate, there is no further obstacle to the conversion of Palestine into an independent unitary state," the Arab report asserted.

#### Charges Use of Force to Enforce Partition Would Violate U.N. Charter

Declaring that under its charter, the U.N. would have no power to give effect to the partition plan, the Arab sub-committee report said that the enforcement of the UNSCOP majority proposal would be repulsed by the Arabs and would require the use of Torce, which is illegal and contrary to the primary object of the United Nations to maintain international peace and develop friendly relations among nations. The Arab report also claims that there is no justification in the U.N. Charter for the establishment of a permanent trusteeship for Jerusalem.

"A refusal to submit these questions for the opinion of the International Court of Justice would amount to a confession that the United Nations are determined to make recommendations, not because those recommendations are in accord with the principle of international justice, but because the majority of the delegates desire to settle the problem in a certain manner, irrespective what the merits of the question or legal obligations of the parties might be."

The Arab document also recommends that the refugee problem should be considered an international responsibility rather than a part of the Palestine problem. It suggests that the Assembly recommend to its member nations that they accept a scheme of quotas for refugees and displaced persons to be resettled in their respective territories, and it strongly protests against further immigration of Jewish DP's into Palestine.

In demanding the establishment of Palestine as an independent unitary state the Arab sub-committee argues that "since Palestine is the center of communication of the Arab world and has common frontiers with four Arab states, the forcible creation of a Jevish state in the heart of the Arab world would introduce a new and highly disturbing factor to the peace and security of the Middle East.

The report requests that until the independent state of Palestine is legislated, immigration into the country be suspended and the existing land restrictions remain in force. In offering to the Ad Hoc Committee the text of a proposed consti-

ntion for the unitary state the sub-committee emphasized that this constitution would recomite the right of the Jews to use Hebrew as a second official language in Jewish areas. It would also ensure adequate representation in the legislature for "all important sections of citizenry" in proportion to their numerical strength.

# BRITAIN REAFFIRMS PLANS TO BE OUT OF PALESTINE BY AUG. 1; BARS EARLIER DATE

LONDON, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones told Commons today that British troops could not be completely evacuated from Palestine before August 1, as previously announced. The statement was made in reply to a demand by Daniel Lipson, Independent, that the withdrawal be completed by May 1 to save limits lives.

Creech-Jones evaded a direct reply to a question as to whether the evacuation had already begun. He told another questioner that as much of the equipment as can be withdrawn would be out by the Aguust 1 deadline.

Richard Stokes, Labor, asked the Colonial Secretary to "make it quite clear to cur American friends that unless they stop subsidizing the Zionist movement, westorn mothers will have to send their sons over to impose an unwelcome policy." Creech-Jones said that the government had a great deal of information concerning the financing and organization of illegal immigration to Palestine, but thought it would be inopportune to make a full statement while the U.N. was considering the entire Palestine issue.

It was learned authoritatively today that the newest British reply to the implementation scheme approved at Lake Success earlier this week has been conveyed to Sir Alexander Cadogan, chief of the British delegation at the U.N., leaving to his discretion the timing of the reply. It is understood the Foreign Office feels that there should be further clarification as to the means of transferring authority from the Mandatory to the U.N. Implementation Commission.

The Cadogan statement is expected to be based on a reaffirmation of Britain's unvillingness to accept a solution not based on Arab-Jevish agreement and its determination that British forces not be drawn into any conflict as a result of enforcement of the U.N. plan.

Informed London quarters feel that while Britain will not obstruct any U.N. decision, a distinction must be drawn between obstructionism and cooperation with the U.N. Commission. Britain, they add, is not inclined to share its Mandatory obligations with another authority and is anxious that there be no duplication of suthority. These same sources assert that difficulties may arise over the question of whether the Assembly has the legal power to appoint a commission with administrative authority.

# PALESTINE ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT BE LIQUIDATED PIECEMEAL; 30,000 TROOPS ALREADY OUT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The British administration in Palestine will not be liquidated in piecemeal fashion, but continue in full operation until an as yet undesignated date when it will be terminated in its entirety, a government spokemman said today.

He revealed that 30,000 troops have been withdrawn from Palestine and that areas in which army camps are located have been gradually evacuated since Sept. 26. Here than 5,000 acres, representing 10 percent of the land held by army installations, will be released by the end of the month. He said, however, that this withdrawal was not the beginning of the general evacuation, but merely part of the demobilization policy aimed at reducing British garrisons throughout the world by 400,000 men by Christmas. The spokesman stated that the evacuation would cost \$72,000,000, but that the government does not contemplate selling any more property to release funds. In addition to parcels on the Haifa waterfront.

### ESIDENT TRUMAN RECEIVES DR. WEIZMANN; SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION NOT DISCLOSED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- President Truman today received Dr. Chaim Weiz-

White House press secretary Charles Ross described the visit as a courtesy all. Dr. Weizmann was accompanied by Stanley Woodward, State Department chief of metocol.

#### CALLUP POLL SHOWS MAJORITY OF AMERICANS SUPPORT PARTITION PLAN FOR PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The majority of American voters back the proposed partition of Palestine, according to a Gallup Poll, the results of which were famounced today. Of those questioned, 65 percent favored the partition plan, only see percent were opposed and the others had no opinion.

However, virtually all of those polled opposed sending U.S. troops to keep sees in Palestine. Sixty-five percent thought the U.N. should send a force to sintain law and order in event of violence between Arabs and Jevs, while only three percent favored sending American forces. Eighteen percent thought neither U.N. nor U.S. troops should be used, while the remainder had no opinion.

#### PALESTINE COVERNMENT AGREES TO IMMEDIATE ALMISSION OF ORPHANS, INFANTS FROM CYPRUS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government today acceded to a Verieh Agency request for the speedy admission from Cyprus of orphans under 18, and thildren under two together with their parents. In all, some 3,500 persons will be remitted to enter the country out of turn.

The number admitted will be deducted from the monthly Cyprus quota of 750 will the total is made up. The other internees agreed to waive their turn after a risit from Goldie Meirson, nead of the political department of the Jerusalem section of the agency. It is estimated that the infants will number 450, their parents and smills another 1,000, while there are about 2,100 orphans under 18 on the island.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the government is considering favorably a Reposition that it transport the 3,500 to the mainland. During the past few months the Agency has been forced to provide transportation for Cyprus immigrants. When the internees arrive here they will proceed to various homes and institutions pre-pared for them by the Youth Aliyah movement rather than to the Athlit clearance camp Agency hostels.

Two new settlements were established in the Negev last night. One, called Naintza, is on the site of an ancient Byzantine city. The other is called Ramat is Negev. Both are near Asluj. The settlers were carefully selected, since living waitions are most primitive.

The dusk-to-dawn curriew which has been in effect in Jerusalem since last wel's violence will be lifted as of tonight. Meanwhile, troops continue their indiscriminate shooting during the evening hours. Several bullets penetrated the door of a children's home here, one lodging two inches from the head of 10-months-old litchak Weismann.

The Palestine censor's ban against mentioning the name of the ex-Mufti of derusalem in the local press has been lifted, it was learned here.

#### ACREMENT LIKELY BETWEEN U.S. ZONES OF GERMANY, AUSTRIA FOR TRANSFER OF JEWISH DP'S

MUNICH, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The present progress of negotiations between the perican authorities in Austria and those in Germany for the transfer of several tens of thousands of Jewish refugees from the United States zone of Austria to Germany inteste that there is no likelihood of agreement to permit the legal transfer, it was parned today.

Among the claims advanced by the Army officers in Germany is that permitting the migration would encourage further infiltration of Rumanian, Hungarian and Polish was to Austria as a way station to Germany. To this argument is added the point that if conditions are sufficiently miserable in the Austrian camps, the prospective fufiltrees will be discouraged and remain where they are. It was also pointed out that the camps in Germany are already overcrowded and food rations are on a low level.

Despite the absence of a formal agreement for the transfer of refugoes bemeen the two zones, it is expected that informal infiltration across the Austro-German border will continue as it has for the past few months.

#### DLISH COVERNMENT EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR FILING CLAIMS FOR ABANDONED JEWISH PROPERTY

WARSAW, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The Polish Government has extended the deadline for filing claims for property classified as abandoned or heirless as a result of an action, it was revealed here in the current issue of the Official Gazette. The sew deadline is December 31, 1948.

The extension was requested three weeks ago by the Jewish Central Committee of Poland to give relatives abroad of Jewish families wiped out by the Nazis more that to file applications for the property.

## Delegation of Jewish Central Committee of Poland Arrives in Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- A delegation of the Jevish Central tomittee of Poland has arrived here. The delegates, headed by Dr. Josef Sack, a lepity in the Polish National Council, were received by a group of prominent Jews from the local community and Buenos Aires.

## UNID JEWISH CONGRESS HOLDS EUROPEAN PARLEY; HEARS REPORTS ON REHABILITATION FUNDS

LONDON, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The European section of the World Jewish Congress today began a four-day conference to discuss plans for the organization's activities at year and to make preparations for the second all-European conference which is cheduled to be held in Geneva February 15. Delegates from 12 countries are attending the meeting.

The parley heard reports on efforts to establish Jewish rehabilitation funds in Germany and Austria similar to those already set up, with the assistance of the Congress, in Greece, Hungary, Italy and Rumania. Similar action was outlined for Istohoslovakia, while Adalbert Winterstein explained some of the difficulties inholded in the organization of such a fund in Slovakia. Raffaele Cantoni, of the Italian section, reported that the rehabilitation fund in that country had already wen put to use assisting victims of the war.

Dr. David Petegorsky, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, tressed the importance of safeguarding the political status of European Jews, as mil as sending them relief supplies at this time and providing methods for restoring thir property.

# FRICAN JEWISH CONCRESS SURVEY REVEALS ONLY MINOR GAINS IN FIELD OF RACE RELATIONS

NEW YORK, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Although state legislatures this past year were resented with numerous bills to correct abuses in the field of race relations and bassure equality for all people without discrimination, very few laws were enactd, a survey conducted by the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Fewish congress reveals. "Throughout the nation less than ten laws in this field have been enacted to date," it was reported today by Will Maslow, commission director.

In employment, the survey discloses some forward steps were taken. Consecticut enacted a Fair Employment Practices Commission law. Illinois enacted a law to establish a Governor's Interracial Commission to investigate opportunities in employment and to cooperate with organizations in the promotion of tolerance and good will. In Indiana, a law was passed making it unlawful to "conspire, organize or associate for the purpose of spreading malicious hatred by reason of race, color or religion." In the field of housing and accommodation, the survey points out that the selection of tenants.

Efforts of the Congress to obtain enactment of a fair educational practices bill in New York State received a tremendous impetus following recent publication of the report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights, the survey said. It cited the formation of the New York State Committee for Equality in Education, organized under the chairmanship of Dr. Alvin Johnson, president emeritus of the New School for Social Research, to fight for a Fair Educational Practices Act.

The Human Relations Commission of the Protestant Council of New York City today put itself on record in favor of a state fair education practices law, as recommended by the Committee on Civil Rights. The Council suggested the establishment of a special division within the State Department of Education responsible for "initiating and conducting investigations of discrimination."

# ACQUITTAL OF ANTI-SEMITIC EDITOR SPURS DEMAND FOR STRENGTHENING OF ANTI-RACIAL LAW

LONDON, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Two members of Parliament announced today that they will ask Home Secretary James Chuter Ede to strengthen the present legislation covering libel to cover such cases as that of James Caunt, editor of the Morecambe Visitor, who was acquitted this week on charges of having incited to violence against Jews during the height of the anti-Semitic riots in England last summer.

Sydney Silverman, Labor, will ask whether Ede "will recommend amending legislation to make such incitements illegal." Philip Piratin, Communist, will ask "whether in view of the present legality, as established in the case of James Caunt, of
anti-Semitic statements, he will take steps to revise the law in order to prohibit
anti-Semitic activities of every kind." Piratin also plans to recall the pledge given the former Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, when he released Sir Oswald Mosley
from detention, that Mosley would not be permitted to resume his fascist activities.
J.F.F. Platts-Mills, Labor, will urge Ede to move under the Public Order Act to ban
the "new fascist movement" in Britain.

The World Jewish Congress today sent a message to the Home Secretary stating that the verdict in the Caunt case renders urgent an amendment to the present law so as to provide legal protection and redress against incitement to racial and religious latted, and urging the government to introduce such legislation in the interests of British democracy.

In the first editorial in the Morecambe Visitor to be published since his acquittal, Caunt writes that he received "en avalanche of good wishes" from all parts of Britain. He added that "some Labor officials apparently feel that anyone who criticise the Jews or their methods must willy-nilly, be a fascist." Meanwhile, sixfoot high slogans were painted last night on walls in the Jewish-populated East End of London.