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LAST MINUTE NEWS

PARTITION SUB-COMMITTEE AGREES ON REVISED PLAN TO MEET OBJECTIONS RAISED BY BRITISH

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The U.N. sub-committee on partition tonight reached agreement on a final draft of the revised text of its proposals, which were amended to meet the objections of the British Government, as outlined yesterday by Sir Alexander Cadogan.

American delegate Herschel Johnson and Soviet delegate Semyon Tsarapkin announced that they had been instructed by their governments to agree to the changes in the text, which will be submitted to the Ad Hoc Committee tomorrow morning.

(See earlier story on pages 1 and 2.)

U.N. ADOPTS RESOLUTION PROVIDING PROMPT ACTION ON INTERNATIONAL BAN ON GENOCIDE

FLUSHING MEADOW, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The U.N. General Assembly today adopted a resolution instructing the Economic and Social Council to start drawing up a draft convention on genocide.

The action, which came on a joint Panama-Cuba-Egypt resolution, was approved 38 to 9. The vote reverses the majority of the Legal Committee which had referred action on the draft convention to the Economic and Social Council subject to opinions of the member states.

Passage of the resolution means that work can begin immediately on the preparation of the convention, instead of waiting for the opinions of all the U.N. members, which might have resulted in a delay of three years.

The resolution implements the Assembly's decision of Dec. 11, 1946, calling for the earliest possible international convention to draw up an agreement among the nations of the world, declaring that genocide was an international crime and making violators subject to the Nuremberg penalties and extradition.

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JEWISH IMMIGRATION WILL BE RESTRICTED UNTIL FINAL BRITISH WITHDRAWAL, U.N. BODY TOLD

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Jewish immigration into Palestine will continue to be restricted in the areas controlled by Britain during the transition period prior to final withdrawal, it was announced today at the Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine by British representative John Martin. "What will happen outside of these areas with regard to immigration would not be our affair," he added.

Martin made this statement in reply to questions put to him by Arab delegates who sought clarification of the statement made yesterday by Sir Alexander Cadogan. The Arabs were particularly interested in establishing whether Britain's agreement to eventually hand over authority in Palestine to the United Nations Commission implied recognition of the legal right of the General Assembly to appoint such a commission.

Replying to this question, Martin said that Cadogan's statement was not intended to imply acceptance or rejection of the legal power of the Assembly. It simply meant, he said, that as the Mandatory lays down its authority, the U.N. Commission will pick it up.

The Arabs also wanted to know whether Britain as Mandatory justified the recommendation on boundaries of the partition sub-committee, which cuts 54 Arab villages in two sections with the boundaries separating the Arab homes from their fields. Martin replied that it would not be proper for the United Kingdom to answer any questions which might prejudice the U.N. decision on boundaries. He stressed, however, that the separation of the residential part of the villages from the land, with one section lying in the Arab state and the other in the Jewish state is likely to provoke disturbances. He added that the Jewish Agency took this situation into consideration and was ready to meet the requirements of the affected Arab villages in a fair manner.

Propose That International Status of Jerusalem Be Made Permanent

The Ad Hoc Committee adjourned until tomorrow morning following a brief discussion of the status of Jerusalem. The Swedish delegate proposed that the administration of Jerusalem be chosen by the U.N. governor not only from the residents of the city, but also from outsiders. Sweden also proposed that the special international regime for Jerusalem be permanent and that the proposed referendum to be conducted after ten years be limited to possible modifications of the existing regime, but not to its abolition.

The slow progress made by the Ad Hoc Committee today was due to the fact that the partition sub-committee, which is now revising its report in the light of Cadogan's statement, was meeting with difficulties at its closed session, which began this afternoon. These emanated primarily from the attitude taken by Martin.

Members of the sub-committee were reported to have bluntly told Martin this morning that the British position "is not helpful" either with regard to termination

of the Mandate or the progressive withdrawal of troops from Palestine. It was indicated that the sub-committee would be in a position to reach a better understanding with Britain if the British Government would only state definitely the date it intends to terminate the Mandate.

Sub-Committee Makes Several Alterations to Meet British Objections

The sub-committee finally approved a number of changes in the original text of the report, subject to approval of the governments of some of the members of that body. The Soviet delegation is still awaiting instructions from Moscow with regard to Cadogan's statement, and the American Delegation has yet to make its attitude clear. Among the changes provisionally approved are the following:

1. The Mandate shall terminate as soon as possible, but in any case no later than August 1, 1948.

2. British armed forces shall be progressively withdrawn from Palestine, the withdrawal to be completed as soon as possible but in any case no later than August 1, 1948.

3. The Mandatory Power shall advise the U.N. Commission as far in advance as possible of its intentions to terminate the Mandate and evacuate each area.

Dr. Herbert Evatt of Australia, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, today again drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that the Assembly has virtually completed its work, and that the Palestine question is the only one left on the agenda. He therefore insisted that the Ad Hoc Committee not adjourn until tomorrow, but re-assemble this evening and start discussions on those sections of the partition and Arab reports which do not collide with the stand of the British Government as outlined yesterday by Cadogan.

Evatt pointed out that the Ad Hoc Committee can discuss the question of the recommended boundaries, the status of Jerusalem, and the issue raised in the Arab report of the legal right of the Assembly to send an administrative commission to Palestine. The majority of the Ad Hoc Committee members, however, felt that the partition sub-committee must be given a full opportunity to reach and bring in a revised report.

The partition sub-committee continued its deliberations during the afternoon and evening in the hope that the revised report would be ready for tomorrow's session of the Ad Hoc Committee. However, doubt was expressed among the delegates that the report would reach the Assembly in time for a vote prior to its expected adjournment on Tuesday, especially if the Arab delegations filibuster at the Ad Hoc Committee.

Jewish Agency Hopeful Assembly Will Act Favorably Before Adjournment

Spokesmen for the Jewish Agency, however, were hopeful despite the present complications. They expressed the belief that the question would come to a vote at the Assembly before it adjourns and that the necessary two-thirds majority would be secured.

Some members of the U.N. were of the opinion that the Assembly might adjourn without taking a vote, and hand over the entire Palestine issue to the Ad Hoc Committee, which could constitute itself a special Assembly with the same rights as the regular General Assembly.

FIRST TRANSPORT ARRIVES AT HAIFA FOR EVACUATION OF BRITISH FROM PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The first British freighter to be assigned to the task of evacuating British military supplies from Palestine arrived at Haifa today and is expected to begin loading next week. It was learned that other ships, totaling in all some 300,000 tons, are expected to arrive in speedy succession to complete the entire withdrawal of British forces and their supplies within six months.

Meanwhile, truck convoys, aggregating thousands of vehicles, have begun loading supplies at the various British bases for the trip to Haifa where their cargoes will be taken aboard the transports. A considerable portion of the harbor has been cleared in advance of the beginning of operations. Included in the cleared area is the notorious "refugee pier" from which visaless immigrants are deported to Cyprus.

Seven Jews, including a young woman, were seized in various homes in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem today during police searches. The raids also uncovered two caches containing small quantities of arms and explosives.

Egyptian Police Net Three Nazi PW'S In Hunt For Alleged Jewish Extremists

CAIRO, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Three Nazi prisoners of war who had escaped from a British PW camp in Egypt were rounded up here by Egyptian police who scoured the slum quarter of the city for alleged Jewish extremists, it was learned.

It is reported that the police dragnet was set into motion following receipt of information from the Palestine police to the effect that supposed Jewish extremists had succeeded in infiltrating Egypt from Palestine.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT DROPS ALL CHARGES AGAINST RABBI KORFF. STATE DEPARTMENT DISCLOSES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The French Government has dropped charges against Rabbi Korff, co-chairman of the American Political Action Committee for Palestine, who was arrested on September 7 for his alleged plans to "bomb" London with leaflets attacking British actions in the Holy Land, the State Department reported today.

State Department officials said the Embassy at Paris is trying to help Rabbi Korff return to his home in New York as soon as possible. They added that the Department has never been informed by the French Government regarding the exact charges against Rabbi Korff. He has been free on bond since October 4.

NEWS IN ARGENTINE PROVINCE ASK PROTECTION AGAINST INCREASING ANTI-SEMITIC AGITATION

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Increased anti-Semitic agitation in the province of Santa Fe has caused the local branch of the DAIA, Argentine Jewish representative body, to ask the authorities in the city of Santa Fe, capital of the province, to guarantee the security of the local Jewish population.

The head of the provincial government promised that measures will be taken to prevent any disturbances. Students in the schools of law, chemistry and engineering at the University of Santa Fe recently adopted a resolution calling attention to the rising anti-Semitism and charging that it was aimed at provoking a "state of violence and fascist dictatorship."

ISH JEWS VITALLY CONCERNED WITH FIXING OF POLAND'S WESTERN FRONTIER, LEADER SAYS

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Adolf Berman, Jewish partisan leader and chairman of the Jewish Central Committee of Poland, today told the European conference of the 10th Jewish Congress, which is now in session here, that the problem of Poland's western boundary was "a matter of life and death for Polish Jewry."

He pointed out that 60,000 to 70,000 Polish Jews, the majority of the Jewish community, live in the area which will be under discussion at the Foreign Ministers' meeting in London Nov. 25, on German and Austrian peace treaties. Any settlement which would move the Polish frontier eastward might lead to a catastrophe for the Jews, Berman said, adding that "I have been specifically instructed by the Central Committee and by a conference of Polish Jewry held recently to call the attention of the world Jewry to this danger."

Warning that any attempt to rebuild Germany politically and economically is a threat to the Jews, and specifically to the Polish Jews, the former anti-Nazi guerrilla leader declared that anti-Semitism is still deeply rooted among the German people. "We have just arrived from Berlin," he told the delegates, "and anti-Semitism is still rife there."

Referring to the discussions on Palestine at the United Nations, he asserted that Polish Jews are proud that "Poland together with other progressive forces in the world, particularly the Soviet Union, have taken the lead in defending the rights and interests of the Jews" at the U.N. "If the Yishuv is threatened by Arabs or imperialist forces," he continued, "Polish Jewry will support the battle for liberation with all available means."

Last night the conference discussed detailed plans for the forthcoming second annual All-European convention of the WJC, to be held in Geneva this winter.

GERMAN JEWS NAME REPRESENTATIVES TO RESTITUTION FUND TO ALLOCATE HEIRLESS PROPERTY

MUNICH, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Philip Auerbach, Commissioner for Persecutees in the Bavarian Cabinet and Dr. Benno Ostertag, who helped draft the restitution law recently promulgated by the American Military Government, have been named members of the "International Restitution Commission," which has been established by the leading Jewish organizations of the world to decide on the allocation of whatever funds are made available from heirless Jewish property in Germany.

The commission, which will sit in London, was formed early this year at a meeting in New York. It includes representatives of the Agudas Israel, American Jewish Conference, American Jewish Committee, Jewish Agency, the Joint Distribution Committee, World Jewish Congress, Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Central Jewish Fund for Jewish Rehabilitation, the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in Germany and other groups.

FRENCH POLICE HOLD FOUR IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO SMUGGLE JEWS INTO GERMANY

PARIS, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- French police revealed today that four persons are still being held as a result of the raid earlier this week on an alleged smuggling ring at Strasbourg charged with slipping refugee Jews across the French-German border. Those held include a Rabbi Shaininschitel from Cracow, who is on a hunger strike to protest the authorities' refusal to furnish him with kosher food.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS SUPREME COURT TO BAR RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today warned that racial and religious restrictions on the use and sale of land were creating "a dangerous despair and disbelief in democratic values."

In a brief filed with the United States Supreme Court in four cases involving the constitutionality of court enforcement of "restrictive covenants" on real property, the Congress said "the right to obtain living space in the community, free from artificial restrictions based on race, color or religion, is as important as the rights of freedom of speech, press, religion and political activity which this Court has so jealously guarded. Indeed, other rights lose all significance where the right to the basic necessity of a place to live is denied."

The American Jewish Congress filed its brief as a friend of the court with the consent of all parties. It urged that previous Supreme Court decisions had held that the Constitution prohibited all discrimination except that which resulted from "voluntary individual action," and that "educational, economic and social forces have a chance to be more effective if individual decisions cannot be petrified by laws or courts."

FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SUPPORTS REPORT OF PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- All church people should give careful study to the report of President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights which is a "notable contribution to our progress toward a working democracy," the executive committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America said in a statement released here today.

2,500,000 POUNDS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES COLLECTED IN FIRST HALF OF SOS FALL CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- More than 2,500,000 pounds of food, clothing and other relief supplies have been collected in the Fall Campaign of the SOS Collection of the Joint Distribution Committee, it was announced today by Mrs. Isaac Gilman, national SOS co-chairman. The special drive for 6,000,000 pounds of relief supplies to tide Europe's needy Jews through the critical winter months began on September 25 and will continue through December. December drives in the 850 communities cooperating in the SOS drive, Mrs. Gilman stated, will be asked to concentrate on trade and industry collections of surplus materials, samples, rejects and other shopworn goods.

FIVE NEW CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS OPENED IN INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT POLAND

WARSAW, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Five new children's workshops have been established for Jewish children in Warsaw, Otwock, Dzierzoniow, Byton and Bielsko, the ORT revealed here.

At the Bielsko home for Jewish orphans, where one workshop is located, additional gardening land has been allotted to the institution following an inspection visit by Gen. S. Zawadzki, head of the provincial government of Dabrowa-Silesia. During his visit, the young pupils at the school presented him with some samples of their work.

SOME FORCES IN U.S. FIGHTING FOR BRITISH INTERESTS IN PALESTINE, LIPSKY CHARGES

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- There are forces in America at work "in behalf of the British interests" in Palestine, Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Jewish Conference, declared last night at a meeting of the Long Island Zionist Region. He added that moves to delay implementation of a U.N. partition scheme and various other "pretexts" are "all tied up with moves to stall Jewish immigration."