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AD HOC BODY BACKS PARTITION; PROPOSAL STILL SHORT ONE VOTE FOR ASSEMBLY APPROVAL

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The United Nations Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine today approved partition by a vote of 25 to 13, with 17 abstentions and two delegates absent.

The margin for partition was one short of the two-thirds majority which will be needed to secure its adoption by the General Assembly which will convene tomorrow morning at Flushing Meadow and stay in session all day in an attempt to complete action on the Palestine issue tomorrow or the next day.

Dr. Herbert Evatt, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, told a press conference at the conclusion of the voting that he was confident that the partition adherents could pick up the necessary vote from among the abstainees before the Assembly takes final action.

The result of today's voting did not come as a surprise to leaders of the Jewish Agency. Tabulations prior to the voting indicated that while there was no doubt the partition plan would secure a majority at the Ad Hoc Committee, its adoption by the Assembly would hinge on a margin of one or two votes.

Jewish Agency Mobilizing Forces to Line Up Required Vote

Aided by the American delegation and other friends of partition, the leaders of the Jewish Agency immediately mobilized all their forces here to induce some of the abstaining countries to switch to a favorable vote at the Assembly. Those abstaining today were Argentina, Belgium, China, Colombia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Haiti, Honduras, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, United Kingdom and Yugoslavia. Absent during the vote were Paraguay and the Philippines.

Voting in favor of partition today were Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Byelorussia, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Iceland, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Peru, Poland, Sweden, Ukraine, South Africa, USSR, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The thirteen countries voting against partition included Afghanistan, Cuba, Egypt, India, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Siam, Syria, Turkey and Yemen.

The Arab resolution for a unitary state in Palestine was defeated last night by 29 to 12 votes with 14 abstaining and Paraguay and the Philippines absent.

Before the vote was taken, the Syrian delegate announced at the Ad Hoc Committee that if partition were adopted, his country reserved the right to take the case before the International Court of Justice. The delegate of Egypt said that

the government reserves the right to regard a partition decision as "null and void" under the U.N. Charter.

U.N. circles expressed certainty that the necessary vote or votes for partition would be obtained from delegates who abstained for fear of insufficient implementation. These delegates are expected to be influenced by passage of a Danish amendment this afternoon, which strengthens the role of the Security Council in case of disorders.

New Zealand Will Switch to Partition if U.N. Force Set Up to Keep Peace

The delegate of New Zealand, Sir Carl Berendsen, who abstained, indicated that if implementation were strengthened by guarantee of an international U.N. force to curb violence, his government would switch to partition.

Dr. Evatt told his press conference that it would be "a grave abdication of responsibility on the part of the United Nations" if the partition issue were not settled by the present Assembly after \$1,000,000 had been spent on finding a solution.

Prior to the final vote, the Ad Hoc Committee voted favorably on a number of amendments including one which leaves the Aqaba area of the Negev in the proposed Jewish State, but transfers from the Jewish to the Arab State 300,000 dunams of the Beersheba district and 2,000,000 dunams along the Egyptian frontier of the Negev.

The Committee rejected a Pakistan amendment which suggested that the whole UNSCOP boundary scheme be revised and that a three-man commission of boundary experts be appointed by the Security Council to recommend the boundaries of the Jewish and Arab States. It also rejected another Pakistan amendment which urged that Jewish-owned land within the Arab State and Arab-owned land within the Jewish State should not exceed ten percent of the total area of the state exclusive of wasteland.

An amendment recommending that the U.N. should "sympathetically consider" the applications for membership of the Jewish and Arab States after either of them becomes independent was adopted. Also passed was another providing that when the ten-year Trusteeship Council shall re-examine the scheme prior to the referendum by which the residents of Jerusalem shall decide on possible modifications of the regime.

(The Trusteeship Council, which was in session today, was informed that the question of Jerusalem may be placed on the agenda of the current session of the Council, which will resume meeting on Dec. 1.)

THOUSANDS OF JEWS ATTEND RALLY IN TEL AVIV OPENING \$2,000,000 DRIVE FOR SECURITY FUND

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Several thousand persons packed the Habima Theatre here, one of the largest auditoriums in the city, while an estimated 10,000 other men and women jammed the surrounding streets as an emergency mobilization drive was launched tonight for \$2,000,000 for security measures in connection with the projected Jewish state.

David Ben Gurion, Jewish Agency chairman, who was unable to enter the theatre for a half-hour as the crowd cheered him, told the meeting that "even if the U.N. votes a Jewish State, the final decision will be made in Palestine." The next eight or nine months will be "crucial," he said, adding that "the Jewish people will be put to the test."

TRANSJORDAN SEEN PREPARED TO ABSORB ARAB SECTION OF PALESTINE IF PARTITION APPROVED

AMMAN, Transjordan, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The Transjordan Government is prepared to absorb the Arab section of a partitioned Palestine as soon as the British withdraw, according to various indications during the past few days.

Credence is lent this conclusion by King Abdullah's statement yesterday that the Arab Legion will remain in Palestine after the British evacuation, by Transjordan Premier Samir Pasha Rifal's statement that "the question of the evacuation is for Transjordan to decide, not the British," and by the refusal of British military and diplomatic officials in Transjordan to meet with the press, to which they have usually been accessible.

Under a British-Transjordan 25-year military alliance, Britain may keep troops in this country. If the terms of the treaty are extended, it is conceivable that British forces could be based in parts of what are still Palestine. The Premier confirmed this week that he is going to London next month to discuss revision of the treaty in light of the contemplated British evacuation and partition.

The most impressive indication that the Arab section of Palestine would be annexed by Transjordan is the total absence on the part of Palestine Arabs to administer the Arab territory in the event of partition and the recent flurry of meetings between Abdullah and highly-placed Palestine Arabs who are anti-Mufti.

The only possible obstacles would be British opposition; but the reluctance of the British officials to submit to questioning by correspondents and the frankness of Abdullah's statements suggest that Britain has already given its implicit approval to the plan.

PARTITION WILL PRESENT JEWISH PEOPLE WITH "GREAT CHALLENGE," WEIZMANN SAYS

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- "The Jewish people will soon be facing a very great challenge when the U.N. carries out the project of partition," Dr. Chaim Weizmann declared tonight at a concert and supper party celebrating his 73rd birthday. Two thousand guests paid \$250 each to attend, the funds going toward the establishment of the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth, Palestine.

"It looks as though we shall not have more than a year in which to prepare a constitution, organize our defenses and begin the actual work of remodeling and re-constructing the present national home into a state," Dr. Weizmann, who was introduced to the assemblage as "the first president of the Jewish state," added. He called on the young Jews of all countries to "give of their human resources, bringing new forces and new points of view to bear on the whole situation."

Turning to the problem of the Arab minority in the proposed Jewish state, he said: "The life-blood of a stable society is justice. There must not be one law for the Jew and another for the Arab. In saying this, I do not assume that there are tendencies toward inequality and discrimination. It is merely a timely warning which is particularly necessary as we shall have a very great Arab minority; I am certain that the world will judge the Jewish state by what it will do with the Arabs, just as the Jewish people at large will be judged by what we do or fail to do in this state, where we shall be given such a wonderful opportunity after thousands of years of wandering and suffering."

TRUMAN TELLS CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS NOT TO RAISE REFUGEE ISSUE AT SPECIAL SESSION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- President Truman told Congressional leaders that the refugee question should not be brought up at the current special session of Congress because of the press of foreign aid and domestic inflation, Rep. Frank Fellos, chairman of the House Immigration Sub-Committee, said today. He added that he could not see how his group could go ahead with action on the Stratton Bill under such circumstances.

GERMAN STATES UNIT ADOPTS PROPOSAL TO REIMBURSE NAZI PRISONERS FOR TIME SPENT IN CAMPS

STUTTGART, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- A sub-committee of the Landerrat, Council of Minister-Presidents of the German states in the U.S. zone, today adopted a proposal to remunerate former political and racial concentration camp prisoners for the time they were imprisoned by the Nazis.

The proposal must now be referred for final action to the full Council, consisting of the heads of the governments of the states of Bavaria, Baden-Wuerttemberg and Greater Hesse and the city of Bremen, which is an American enclave in the British zone. It is expected that the measure will meet stiff opposition in the Council, as did a recent restitution law, and will be defeated. However, as in the case of the restitution law, the American Military Government is supporting the legislation and is expected to promulgate it on its own authority should the Germans vote it down. No action is anticipated for several months.

The proposal, in its present form, would award ten marks to each ex-prisoner for every day he spent in a concentration camp. (Ten marks are worth one dollar at the current fixed rate.) However, because of the low value of the money on the open market, payment will be made in goods such as work tools and household goods. The law would only apply in the U.S. zone.

EUROPEAN JEWISH LEADERS PESSIMISTIC ON EFFECTIVENESS OF CHRISTIAN-JEWISH COUNCILS

LONDON, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders in various countries of Europe are pessimistic concerning the effectiveness of inter-religious groups to eradicate anti-Semitism, Dr. Everett Clinchy, president of the American National Conference of Christians and Jews, declared here today at a press conference. Nevertheless, Christian and Jewish leaders are going ahead with plans to set up in the near future local Christian-Jewish councils in 18 cities in Germany, Belgium, France, Holland, Switzerland and Italy, he said.

Dr. Clinchy, who just returned here from a five-week tour of the Continent, said that Jewish leaders in Munich and Amsterdam held out least hope for success of the inter-religious projects for eliminating race hatred and prejudice. He said that anti-Semitism is widespread in Germany, adding that the Jewish DP's should be given the opportunity of going to Palestine. He also asserted that an increasing minority of the Jews believe their future may lie in Europe.

Fascist activity in Lancashire county, where the most violent anti-Jewish riots occurred last summer during the wave of anti-Semitic incidents, has become more feverish and open recently, it is reported here today. Apparently various fascist fringe groups are in the process of uniting in order to push a large-scale anti-Jewish program and in preparation for the expected formation of a national fascist body under Sir Oswald Mosley, pre-war fascist leader, who several weeks ago made his first public address since he was interned in the early days of World War II.

It is known that Raven Thomson, former deputy leader of the British Union of Fascists, who has been acting as liaison among the various groups, held a meeting in Manchester this week in an attempt to reconcile differences among them.

Jews in Egypt Alarmed by Threat at U.N. of Massacres if Partition is Approved

CAIRO, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The warning that Jews in the Arab countries face massacre if partition is approved by the United Nations, which was voiced yesterday at Lake Success by Egyptian spokesman Dr. Mohammed Heykal Pasha, has caused consternation among the 50,000 Jews in this country.

The statement, which was splashed on the front pages of the local Arabic press, is the first official threat to the Middle East Jews and is taken to indicate that the government will adopt at least a passive attitude if anti-Jewish violence occurs here as a result of the Palestine issue.

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AUTHORITIES ORDER GERMAN COURT TO RETRY THREE CHARGED WITH BEATING, KILLING JEW

MUNICH, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- American military authorities today ordered a German court in Wuerzburg, Bavaria, to retry three Germans charged with having beaten a Jew so severely during the 1938 pogroms that he died.

The defendants led a mob in an assault on 65-year-old Ernst Leberman. After he was beaten Leberman was thrown into jail where he died the following day. The doctor who in 1938 certified that Leberman died of "hardening of the arteries," told the court that he had actually died as a result of injuries. The defendants insisted that if Leberman died of injuries, they were inflicted after he was imprisoned.

On the basis of this evidence, the court convicted the Germans simply of assault and sentenced them to terms of one year to eighteen months. Today's military government order instructed the court to try the three on the more serious charge of inflicting bodily injury resulting in death.

IGHT CONCENTRATION CAMP OFFICIALS TRIED BY AUSTRIAN COURT FOR MURDER OF 1,000,000

VIENNA, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Eight former officials of the Hartheim concentration camp went on trial today before the Linz Peoples Court on charges of having participated in the murder of nearly 1,000,000 persons--many of them Jews--during the period between 1940 and 1943.

CZECH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR PERMITS LOCAL B'NAI B'RITH TO REORGANIZE

PRAGUE, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Interior has granted permission for the reorganization of the B'nai B'rith in Czechoslovakia, it was announced here. An application was filed more than two years ago by the organization.

"SHEKEL" DRIVES UNDER WAY IN 600 MAJOR COMMUNITIES IN U.S.; SALE OF 2,000,000 EXPECTED

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Campaigns to sell "shekels" are under way in 600 major communities in this country, it was revealed here today by the U.S. Central Shekel Board. The national drive is entering its second week.

The board, consisting of representatives of all Zionist organizations and parties, hopes to sell at least 2,000,000 "shekels," which entitle holders to vote for delegates to the next World Zionist Congress. The tokens are being sold by the Zionist Organization of America, Hadassah, Mizrahi Organization, Poale Zion, United Zionists-Revisionists, Hashomer Hatzair and the United Labor Zionist Party.

400 DP IMMIGRANTS TO CELEBRATE FIRST THANKSGIVING AT HIAS, USNA DINNERS TOMORROW

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Some 400 DP's who recently arrived in this country as immigrants will celebrate their first Thanksgiving dinners Thursday at the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and the United Service for New Americans.

Secretary of Commerce W. Averell Harriman will be the guest of honor and the principal speaker at the USNA dinner. At the HIAS, Isaac Asofsky, executive director, will explain the significance of the holiday. Among the 200 persons at the HIAS celebration will be at least 50 children and representatives of 17 European nationalities.

(Synagogues throughout the country have been asked by Rabbi William Rosenblum, president of the Synagogue Council, to remain open on Thanksgiving Day to receive donations to the SOS drive of the JDC.)