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PARTITION VOTE DEFERRED TO ALLOW NEW TRY AT ARAB-JEWISH CONCILIATION; JEWS HIT DELAY

FLUSHING MEADOW, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- In a surprise move this afternoon, a few minutes before it was due to vote on partition, the U.N. General Assembly adopted a French resolution to postpone the final vote until tomorrow at 4 p.m. to allow for a last-minute attempt at Arab-Jewish conciliation.

With a two-thirds majority for partition virtually assured, Alexandre Parodi, chief of the French delegation at the U.N., sprang his resolution on the surprised delegates at the conclusion of the general debate, despite the fact that he had instructions from his government to vote for partition. The resolution was adopted 25 to 15 by a show of hands.

Jewish Agency leaders termed the French delegate's move a "fraud" aimed at postponing a favorable decision for partition and at giving the anti-partitionists more time to influence wavering delegates to vote against partition. It also provides more time for the Arab delegates to press for the seating of a new Siamese representative to replace the original delegate who voted against partition in the Ad Hoc Committee, but whose credentials were cancelled for internal reasons by the new Siamese Government--which remains opposed to partition.

Later, explaining his motives to a press conference, Parodi said that the sole reason for his asking a 24-hour postponement was the desire to "feel at ease" when he cast his vote--indicating that he will vote for partition. French circles interpreted his move as a face-saving device because of France's stake in her Moslem-inhabited territories.

French Delegate Admits He Has No Conciliation Plan to Offer

Arab delegations claimed to be puzzled by Parodi's move. They emphasized that they knew nothing about preparations for conciliation negotiations. After the Assembly adjourned, President Oswaldo Aranha declared that he had no information of any conciliation moves and in any case has no initiative in the matter. It is now up to Parodi, he insisted, to submit a plan supplementing his proposal. Questioned as to whether he had a plan, Parodi shrugged his shoulders and said, "No."

The French move was also greeted coolly by the Palestine Higher Arab Committee. Jamal Hussein, head of the Palestine Arab delegation, declared: "For me the question of Palestine will be solved in Palestine. I have not been invited to any conciliation."

Moshe Shertok, commenting on the French move, said: "The course of history will not be changed in the next 24 hours." However, Dr. Aranha was less optimistic. He indicated that the 24-hour postponement might lead to unexpected developments, especially since there is another motion, introduced by the Colombian delegate, proposing that the entire Palestine issue be returned to the Ad Hoc Committee with a view

seeking Arab-Jewish conciliation on a broader basis. "There will certainly be some new moves within the next 24 hours," he asserted.

Colombian Proposal Would Put Off Decision Until Next Summer

The Colombian resolution was introduced simultaneously with the French proposal, but it was not voted on because Aranha ruled that Parodi's motion must be voted on first. The Colombian proposal urged that the 57-nation Ad Hoc Committee be constituted "an interim subsidiary organ of the General Assembly in order to carry on the discussion of the Palestine question with a view to finding a satisfactory solution of the problem." It formally proposed that the Ad Hoc Committee be authorized by the Assembly to perform the following functions:

1. To take all steps necessary to try to bring about an agreement between the representatives of the Arab and the Jewish populations of Palestine as to the future government and political constitution of that country.
2. To request, if it deems it necessary, the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the juridical questions that may arise in connection with the settlement of this case.
3. To study and formulate concrete recommendations as to the manner in which the members of the United Nations may give effect to unanimous recommendations VI and VII of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine.
4. The Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine shall report on its work to the Secretary-General no later than February 29, 1948. The Secretary-General shall forward immediately the report to the member states, which shall advise him, not later than April 15, 1948, whether they wish to consider the matter in a special session of the General Assembly to be convened at the earliest practical date thereafter.

Late this evening, some of the Arab delegates suggested to Aranha that they be given more than 24 hours to prepare conciliation terms. However, Aranha informed them that the Assembly's decision does not allow for any extension.

Jewish Agency Leaders Made Futile Effort To Block French Move

Jewish Agency circles, informed in advance of the intention of the French delegate to block the final vote for 24 hours, were in contact all morning with the French Embassy in an attempt to prevent the move. It is understood that the Embassy confirmed that the French Government had instructed Parodi to vote for partition without reservations and that Parodi acted on his own in requesting the delay.

Today's move by Parodi was the second time that he has attempted to prevent speedy action on partition. He almost succeeded at the Ad Hoc Committee in having the entire problem removed from the agenda of the present session of the Assembly by proposing that the legal aspect of partition be referred to the International Court of Justice. If his proposal had been carried, the Ad Hoc Committee would have had to recommend this course to the Assembly, and the entire Palestine issue would have been left open until the International Court of Justice had rendered its opinion. However, the Parodi proposal was defeated at the Ad Hoc Committee by the narrow margin of only one vote.

Parodi based today's proposal on the ostensible bid for cooperation contained in a generally belligerent speech this morning by Iraqi delegate Fadil Jamali, who

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charged that the United Nations had not made a sincere attempt to secure Arab-Jewish rapprochement. Jamali said that the Arabs had not closed the door on negotiations and that there was still a last chance to prevent chaos. He warned that the Arab states would not tolerate a break in their unity and a menace to their political and economic life. The partition of Palestine would set a precedent for the partition of other areas, he said, asserting that certain powers supporting partition did so with this end in view.

Jamali asserted that the partition report was completed under pressure of certain great powers and of the Jewish Agency. He warned that any U.N. member states who sent arms to implement a partition decision would incur Arab enmity. He also threatened violence against Jews in Arab states.

French Resolusion Backed by Denmark, Luxembourg; Scored By Poland

The French proposal was supported by Denmark and Luxembourg. In opposition were Poland and Colombia. Poland insisted on an immediate vote, arguing that the Arabs had been so intransigent in their speeches, even today, as to leave no hope for conciliation. The Colombian delegate spoke against the French proposal because he wanted to delay not only the vote but final action on the entire issue.

During the general debate this morning, the Haitian delegate announced that he had received instructions from his government to switch to partition. The Argentine government also sent last-minute instructions to its delegation to switch from abstention to partition. Argentine delegate Jose Arce, however, telephoned directly to his Foreign Office in an attempt to have his instructions changed. The postponement gives Arce more time to convince his superiors.

Record-Breaking Crowds Jam Visitors' Galleries At Flushing Meadow

Before the postponement was voted, the Jewish Agency had made arrangements with the United Nations Secretariat for Shertok to broadcast to Palestine over the U.N. facilities immediately after the final vote. He was to speak in both Hebrew and Arabic. The Agency had also prepared a statement for distribution to the press as soon as partition was approved. Their optimism was shared by Aranha, who predicted to newspapermen this morning that partition would win by 30 to 15 or 31 to 13.

The visitors galleries were jammed during both of today's sessions and extra police were summoned to handle the record-breaking crowds, apparently to prevent any demonstration if a final vote had been taken. The delegates section was two-thirds empty this morning when Pakistan and Iraq made their attacks on partition, Cuba announced its decision to vote against partition and China and Ethiopia revealed that they would abstain. However, at the afternoon session every delegate was in his seat, ready for the final vote.

BRITISH FOIL NEW ATTEMPT BY JEWISH POLITICAL PRISONERS TO TUNNEL OUT OF LATRUN CAMP

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- A new attempt by Jewish political prisoners to break out of the Latrun detention camp was discovered today when guards unearthed a 100-yard-long tunnel leading from a barracks toward the barbed wire fence. This is the second attempt in recent months to tunnel out of the camp.

The excavation, which was discovered during a routine inspection of the barracks, was electrically lit and ventilated. The prisoners were so angered by the discovery that they stoned the police who uncovered the shaft. There are approximately 300 Jews in Latrun.

80,000 HAGANAH MEMBERS ALERTED TO GUARD JEWISH SETTLEMENTS AS U.N. DECISION IS AWAITED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- An estimated 80,000 members of the Haganah were today alerted for the defense of isolated Jewish settlements in Palestine as the 650,000 Jews of the country waited tensely for a final decision from Flushing Meadow where the members of the U.N. General Assembly entered the last stages of the partition debate.

At the Wailing Wall large crowds of Jews gathered to pray for Divine intercession for a two-thirds vote in favor of partition at the U.N. Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, who together with Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Usiel had issued a call to the Jews to assemble at the Wailing Wall, led a special prayer which he had written for the occasion.

Synagogues were crowded throughout the day. The atmosphere of excitement and suspense which has reigned throughout the Jewish community for the past few days invaded even the houses of worship this evening. In the streets many persons could be seen buying quantities of blue-and-white cloth, preparing flags and bunting decorations to celebrate the anticipated event. The Palestine Broadcasting System had made special arrangements to broadcast a decision as late as 11 p.m. local time in English, Hebrew and Arabic.

It was learned from an official source that an additional 100 policemen have been brought into Jerusalem from outlying districts as a security detachment to be rushed to duty immediately after a U.N. decision is announced.

The Arab press published a message from the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem calling on Palestine's Arabs to rally to the "holy task" of defending "their homeland, dignity, people and money." Informed Arab sources insist that Palestine Arab leaders have been instructed to travel to Lebanon, where the Palestine Arab Higher Committee has established a new headquarters and where the ex-Mufti resides at present, as soon as the U.N.'s decision is learned.

400 JEWISH CHILDREN AND PARENTS ARRIVE IN PALESTINE FROM CYPRUS ABOARD BRITISH SHIP

HAIFA, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The deportation ferry Ocean Vigor today docked at Haifa with 1,420 Jewish infants and their parents and Jewish orphaned children. They are the first group of some 3,500 men, women and children who will be brought here from Cyprus ahead of their turn, although they will be subtracted from the regular monthly quota assigned the internees on the island.

Several pregnant women were lowered from the vessel in stretchers carried by giant freight cranes. One woman gave birth to a baby shortly after she was lowered to the dock and before she could be taken to a hospital.

The Palestinians were quite surprised to see fully armed Tommies with rifles lunging over their shoulders helping children whom they had previously driven from their refugee ships to other deportation ferries bound for Cyprus. The harbor echoed joyously to the shouts of children, the greetings of welcome from Palestinian Jews to the new arrivals and the singing of Hatikvah.

Goldie Meirson, political head of the Jerusalem section of the Jewish Agency, and Moshe Shapiro, Agency immigration chief, who arranged the special migration of infants and orphaned children, met them at the pier from which they were immediately transferred to an Agency camp at Reanana. The children were accompanied from Cyprus to the camp by 21 teachers.

N. COMMITTEE GETS PROPOSALS FOR STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL BILL OF HUMAN RIGHTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Several recommendations aimed at strengthening the draft Bill of Human Rights, drawn up last June, have been submitted to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, which will convene in Geneva on Monday to begin consideration of the document prepared by its drafting committee, it was announced today by the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations.

The body, which includes the American Jewish Committee, the Anglo-Jewish Association and the Alliance Israelite Universelle, stressed that the Bill of Human Rights must take the form of an international convention with enforcement provisions, rather than a mere declaration. In addition, it suggested the following measures dealing with implementation of whatever convention is agreed to:

1. The right of immigration, affirmed in the drafting committee's report, should be supplemented by international action to provide "facilities for transit and immigration." 2. To the provision in the clause on freedom of information which bars from its benefits publications likely to promote disorder or crime, or aimed at the suppression of human rights and fundamental freedoms, should be added publications "advocating or calculated to promote racial or religious hatred, discrimination or persecution." 3. Statelessness shall be recognized as "a denial of human rights and contrary to the interests of the international community."

As an alternative to creation of an International Court of Rights, which is unlikely to be set up, the CCJO suggests that individuals and organizations be given the right to petition the U.N. Economic and Social Council on questions of human rights and that member states be authorized to raise violations of human rights before the General Assembly.

THREE YOUTHS ARRESTED AT ANTI-MOSLEY DEMONSTRATION IN LONDON FREED ON BAIL; TWO ARE JEWS

LONDON, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Three youths arrested last night at an anti-fascist demonstration outside a school in the East End of London where Sir Oswald Mosley was addressing a meeting, were today released on bail. Two of the youths, Jack Myerovitch and Lewis Lée, are Jews.

In a reply to a resolution from the London County Council urging the Home Office to use its powers to halt the spread of fascist and anti-Semitic propaganda, Home Secretary James Chuter Ede today said that criminal proceedings are being taken against "persons who are alleged to have behaved at meetings in a manner prohibited by law." He added that police assigned to cover the various fascist meetings have carried out their duties "with skill and impartiality."

Sidney Silverman and Barnett Jenner, both Labor MP's, yesterday called on Ede to amend the law pertaining to seditious libel so as to plug loopholes. They cited the recent acquittal of James Caunt on charges growing out of an editorial he wrote calling for the use of force against Jews. Ede replied that after he sees the official report of the case he will recommend whatever may be necessary "to bring the law into line with what most people thought it was."

HUNGARIAN LUTHERAN BISHOP CALLS ON CHRISTIANS TO TREAT JEWS "AS BROTHERS"

BUDAPEST, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Bela Kapik, Lutheran Bishop of Budapest, has issued a pastoral letter to all affiliated Protestant churches urging Christians to treat Jews "as brothers." The message was sent in the form of a report on the recent European conference on anti-Semitism at Seelisberg, Switzerland.

The Bishop also called on the Jews to refrain from any spirit of revenge against the persons who formerly persecuted them. He insisted that it was not the Hungarian people who were responsible for anti-Jewish activities during the pro-Nazi regime, but the government officials and their laws.

FOURTH SESSION OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE OPENS; TO DISCUSS PERMANENT SUCCESSOR

CHICAGO, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Delegates from 62 major Jewish organizations and representatives of hundreds of American Jewish communities will meet here tomorrow at the opening of the fourth session of the American Jewish Conference. They are to make the final decision as to whether the Conference will be succeeded by a permanent representative body. The convention will last through December 1.

Among the leaders who will address the conference are Louis Lipsky, chairman of the Conference executive committee; Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, head of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine; Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress; Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith; Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, president of Hadassah; Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, former adviser on Jewish affairs to the Commanding Generals of the American occupation zones in Germany and Austria; and Col. Bernard Bernstein, legal adviser to the American Jewish Conference.

Religious National Orthodox Bloc Endorses Permanent American Jewish Conference

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- A statement endorsing the establishment of a permanent American Jewish Conference was issued here by Rabbi Max Kirshblum, national executive vice-president of the Mizrahi Organization of America. Rabbi Kirshblum made the statement as temporary chairman of the Religious National Orthodox Bloc, following a meeting of representatives of the religious American Jewish community at the offices of the Mizrahi.

Decrying the present chaotic state of American-Jewish organizational life, the statement declared: "Too many of the presently constituted Jewish agencies operate almost completely independent of democratic expressions of public will. Only in a very hazy and general fashion are they accountable to the expression and opinion of Jewish communities. In many instances their decisions and their expenditure of funds express and reflect the ideologies and views of boards that are not representative of the main currents of Jewish opinion. Furthermore, these agencies duplicate each other's programs with a tremendous waste of funds resulting."

OSE CENTRAL BOARD CONFERRING IN PARIS ON PLAN TO COORDINATE JEWISH HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- A plenary session of the Central OSE Board is meeting in Paris to discuss the unification of all Jewish health organizations, it was revealed here by the American OSE.

The conference hopes to establish shortly an International Federation of Jewish Health Organizations, on a plan proposed by the Joint Distribution Committee and the OSE. Representatives of the OSE branches in Poland, Rumania, France, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Tunisia, Morocco, Italy, Switzerland, England, Palestine, the U.S. and the Scandinavian countries are attending the session. In addition, representatives of the medical department of the JDC, the Palestine Red Mogen David Organization, and the South African Jewish War Appeal are present.

\$70,000 FOR USE AT CHILDREN'S VILLAGE IN PALESTINE COLLECTED AT JUNIOR HADASSAH PARLEY

CHICAGO, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- More than \$70,000 in pledges and contributions were collected last night at the end of the first day's session of a three-day national convention of the Junior Hadassah. One thousand delegates and guests, representing 20,000 members throughout the country, are attending.

The contributions will be used for a \$700,000 fund for expansion of facilities at the organization's children's village in Palestine. It was announced earlier that over \$175,000 had been collected by the Junior Hadassah between July, 1946, and June, 1947.