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ARMY AND POLICE ALERTED AS ARAB STRIKE BEGINS TODAY; CUNNINGHAM WARNS ARABS, JEWS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- As Palestine security forces were alerted in preparation for the three-day Arab strike, which is slated to start tomorrow morning, High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham today summoned the two top leaders of the Jewish and Arab communities to Government House and told them that Britain would maintain law and order here until it had completely relinquished responsibility for administration of the country.

The High Commissioner's statement came in separate conferences with David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, and Dr. Hussein Khalidi, secretary-general of the Palestine Arab Higher Executive, and ranking Arab leader in the country present. Cunningham is understood to have discussed the general security situation with both men, but is reported to have laid greatest stress on the necessity for the Arabs to keep the peace.

Khalidi is said to have demanded that Arabs be permitted to arm at the same pace as the Jews. He is reported to have cited the photographs in the local press showing police and military cars carrying celebrating Jewish youths during the week-end's demonstrations as evidence that the government is tacitly implementing partition, but the High Commissioner is said to have replied tersely that his administration is responsible for law and order and will brook no breach of the peace and urged the Higher Executive to appeal to the Arab populace to refrain from violence.

The Jewish Agency, which is in the process of preparing a manifesto to the Jews of Palestine and the world stressing the obstacles facing implementation of the partition plan and calling for all-out efforts to build the Jewish state, called a special meeting for Friday to discuss the many urgent matters that must be acted upon.

Jewish Agency Ready to Convert Haganah Into Regular Army

The Agency, it was learned, has completed a blue-print for the Jewish Army and will be able to convert the unofficial militia, which is built around the Haganah, into a regular army at a moment's notice. For the time being, mobilization of Jewish youths is confined to those between 17 and 25, but the age limit may be extended upward if additional forces are needed.

The Haganah has already been assigned to guarding all Jewish areas, but it is anticipated that additional duties will be given it as statehood grows nearer. It is rumored that the Haganah will get artillery and planes within a short time, but that depends on the U.N. implementation commission.

The chief problem facing the Jewish authorities is the question of armaments. It will be for the U.N. commission to decide the type and quantity of arms to be allotted to the Jewish state. The problem is urgent since the steady withdrawal of British troops - 20,000 are scheduled to leave during December - will seriously affect the ability of the British forces to maintain police and guard duties.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi tonight posted placards in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv calling on the Jewish community to forget past differences and establish a united fighting

ment. At the same time, it pledged to continue to fight partition and "dismemberment of the Holy Land."

The Arab Higher Executive resumed its adjourned meeting of yesterday and remained in session all day. After Dr. Khalidi returned from his talk with the High Commissioner, the Executive telephoned the ex-Mufti at his headquarters in Aley, in Lebanon.

It was decided that the Arab leaders would remain here until the end of the week in order to be on the scene during the general strike, and would then go to Aley for conferences with the Mufti. It is reported that the scheduled demonstrations for Friday may not be violent as has been hinted. The Executive is expected to study the effectiveness of the strike and the boycott during the next few days before deciding on the character of the Friday demonstrations.

Palestine Relatively Quiet Despite Mounting Tension; One Jew Killed

Despite the tensions and ominous forecasts of impending violence the country is relatively quiet today. However, the death of one Jew was reported in Jerusalem, bringing the total since yesterday to eight. An eye-witness stated that he had seen a young Jew shot and killed by Arabs outside the Damascus gate to the Old City.

In Tel Aviv, Shalom Segavi, 32, was wounded while walking near the Tel-Aviv-Jaffa boundary line when a young Arab threw a grenade at him. Nissim Shavisha, 54, was shot while seated in a cafe on the outskirts of Jaffa. Two other Jews were injured when Arabs fired on a Jewish bus on the Jaffa-Tel Aviv road.

A Jewish-owned bus and a Jewish-chauffered taxi were fired on by Arabs in the Hama quarter of Jerusalem, just at dusk tonight. There were no casualties. Meanwhile, Jewish bus companies demanded that the authorities furnish strong patrols along the roads. The request was acceded to and traffic is returning to normal, although sporadic stone-throwing incidents continue. Americans living in Jerusalem were reported to be removing their U.S. license plates.

Some 600 Arab students marched to the Damascus Gate from the Jaffa Gate, the length of the Old City. As they marched they chanted: "Down with the United Nations, Down with the United States."

Fearful Arabs Evacuate Villages Near Tel Aviv Despite Pledges from Jews

The Arab press is on a vigorous campaign of intimidation and incitement. A new tone, however, is discernible in the editorials. Several today asked "who is responsible for the Arab failure at Lake Success?" Some Arab circles criticize the "present shortsighted, extremist leadership." A few papers even dared to demand a change in leadership of the Palestine Arabs, but the ex-Mufti's party is firmly in control of the Higher Executive.

Meanwhile, fearful Arabs evacuated the village of Someil, which is within the confines of Tel Aviv, despite assurances that they would not be harmed. Other Arab villages adjoining Tel Aviv were also emptied of inhabitants during the day. The mayor of the Jewish quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem, Abraham Weingarten, told the JTA that the vast majority of Jerusalem Arabs do not want any trouble, but are being subjected to terrific incitement.

There have been a number of reports that Palestine policemen will be permitted to join the international police force on duty in Jerusalem. The local press, however, has already reported that several British constables have asked to join the Jewish police.

ARAB MOBS RIOT IN EGYPT AND LEBANON; JEWS REMAIN INDOORS; ARAB LEAGUE TO MEET

CAIRO, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- An extraordinary meeting of the Arab League Council discuss the U.N. decision in favor of partition in Palestine will take place Cairo Dec. 12, it was announced here while Arabs in all the Arab nations of the Middle East demonstrated in protest against the decision.

In Beirut a mob of some 10,000 Arab students stoned the American Information Office and the French Legation. In Beirut and Cairo, students carried banners and shouted slogans to the effect that "fire and steel is the only language Zionists understand." The Egyptian demonstrators also shouted: "Down with the United Nations." They demanded that they be given arms.

The Jewish quarter of Beirut was placed under armed guard to keep out possible attackers. In both the Lebanese and Egyptian capitals Jewish shops were generally closed and Jews remained indoors.

King Abdullah's government of Transjordan called extraordinary sessions of both houses of the legislature for tomorrow. A three-day general strike in sympathy with the Palestine Arabs starts tomorrow.

In Amman, capital of Transjordan, two American newspapermen, one a woman, were rescued from a threatening mob by a British army major. Two American school teachers barricaded themselves inside a school when demonstrators attempted to attack them. Two trucks belonging to the American-Arabian Oil Company were set afire.

A school operated by the British Church Society was raided and the children were forced to join the demonstrators. In other parts of the city excited bands of school children, in a carnival mood and waving flags, swarmed through the streets.

The call for the extraordinary session of the Arab League was issued by Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, secretary-general, after telephone consultation with the Prime Ministers of Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Egypt. Earlier during the day, he called on King Farouk. At a press conference announcing the meeting, Azzam Pasha reiterated his threat of military force to halt partition. "I cannot say where and when I will place my troops. I can only say we will fight," he asserted.

Partition Vote Rouses Fears Among 50,000 Jews

The U.N. partition vote is virtually the only subject of discussion among the 50,000 Jews in Egypt, who feel that their position is now very precarious despite reported government measures to "protect Jewish lives and property." It is feared that the fanatic Moslem Brotherhood will incite attacks against the Jewish population.

Although pro-government papers continue to draw a distinction between "Zionists" and "Jews," it is recalled that Azzam Pasha, commenting last week on what might occur in Arab countries if partition were adopted, said that in the event of trouble in Palestine or neighboring countries, the Arabs will find it difficult in the confusion to determine who is a Zionist and who is not.

Egypt will continue to recognize Palestine as a united Arab country and will "take every possible step to realize this aim," Premier Nikrasy Pasha told the Chamber of Deputies here tonight. He made this statement after Ali Bey Ayoub, vice-chairman of the Chamber, had referred to the United Nations Assembly as "unauthorized" to take the decision it had on the partition of Palestine.

U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL MAY DISCUSS PALESTINE SITUATION; TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL ACTS ON JERUSALEM

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The U.N. Security Council may discuss the security situation in Palestine if Arab violence develops during the week, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

The Trusteeship Council, by a vote of 9 to 1, today approved the immediate designation of a working committee to draft a trusteeship agreement for the internationalization of the City of Jerusalem in accordance with the decision on partition taken by the Assembly last Saturday. Iraq was the lone vote against the resolution which was proposed by the U.S. delegate.

The Council's president, Francis B. Sayre of the United States, said a special session of the Council would probably be held early in 1948, to consider the proposals drawn up by the working committee. The committee will be composed of representatives of five or six nations named by Secretary General Trygve Lie.

The U.N. Secretariat was today selecting a staff of about sixty persons to be sent to Palestine with the five-nation implementation commission which was appointed last Saturday. The commission is expected to leave in about a fortnight.

BRITISH CABINET MEETS TODAY TO DISCUSS PALESTINE PARTITION; U.N. TO GET WITHDRAWAL DATE

LONDON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The British Government is expected to announce the starting date of the British withdrawal from Palestine by either Wednesday or Thursday, it was learned here today. It is most likely that the announcement will be made by Sir Alexander Cadogan, chief United Kingdom delegate at the United Nations, to the U.N. Implementation Commission for Palestine.

The Cabinet is scheduled to meet tomorrow to discuss the General Assembly's decision on partition. Although the next major problem after the withdrawal is the date of termination of the Mandate, it is not anticipated that any announcement concerning it will flow from tomorrow's meeting. Some circles close to the government believe that the Mandate will end a number of months earlier than the final British evacuation on August 1. The British immigration policy in Palestine is also expected to emerge unchanged from tomorrow's parley.

As preparations for the evacuation were speeded in London, official quarters stressed that the movement would be carried out as impartially as possible. They said that Arab fears that the Jewish areas would be cleared first, permitting rapid military organization of the Jews, would be taken into account. Another source indicated that one reason for the expected rapid withdrawal is that the British wish to avoid possible clashes with the Arabs.

An official spokesman at the Foreign Office denied reports that the government was bargaining with King Abdullah of Transjordan for the continued use of his Arab Legion in the Arab area of partitioned Palestine. He admitted, however, that there had been discussions on the use of British personnel attached to the Legion. Finally, he confirmed that the Premier of Transjordan is due to arrive in London, but refused to fix the date of his visit.

The spokesman also denied that Britain had offered the use of the Palestine police force to the U.N. Commission. However, he indicated that recruiting for the force has not yet been halted.

PARTITION DECISION LAUDED IN U.S. SENATE; SPEAKERS APPEAL TO ARABS TO ACCEPT IT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The United Nations decision on the partitioning of Palestine was hailed today on the floor of the Senate by a number of Senators who deemed it the best possible solution under the circumstances and appealed to the Arabs to accept it. The speakers included majority leader Sen. Alben W. Barkley, Sen. Charles W. Tobey, Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, Sen. Denis Chavez and Sen. Scott Lucas.

A message of thanks to President Truman for his leadership on the Palestine question was received today at the White House from Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council and of the American section of the Jewish Agency. "Your policy on Palestine has also served to create a strong bond of friendship between the American people and the Jewish citizens of Palestine which, we are confident, will serve the best interests of both countries," the message said. "You have won a place of distinction in Jewish history. May the years ahead find us all moving forward towards the better, freer world which is our common goal."

Assurances against further violence to the American Legion in Damascus were given today by Shukri Bey Kuwatly, president of Syria, and Jamie Mardam Bey, Prime Minister, to Robert B. Mommingor, American Charge d'Affaires in the Syrian capital, it was announced by the State Department.

After a call on President Truman today, Dr. Oswaldo Aranha, retiring president of the just-concluded United Nations General Assembly, described the plan for partition of Palestine as a "bold and historic experiment which will be one of the greatest factors in avoiding unrest in international relations."

BOYOUS DEMONSTRATORS PARADE THROUGH STREETS OF BUCHAREST; SERVICES IN SYNAGOGUES

BUCHAREST, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Demonstrators shouting "Long Live the Jewish State" paraded through the streets of Bucharest last night to the Great Synagogue where thanksgiving services were held to mark the establishment of the Jewish State.

Speakers included Chief Rabbi Alexander Shafran, Mishu Benvenisti, president of the Zionist Federation, and a representative of the Jewish Communists. All stressed the importance of the U.N. decision in the history of the Jewish people and paid tribute to the role played by the Soviet delegation at the General Assembly.

Telegrams were sent to the Jewish National Council in Palestine, assuring it of Rumanian Jewry's unconditional solidarity in the building of a Jewish state, and urging the Jewish Agency to convey Rumanian Jewry's thanks to the 33 nations which voted for partition, particularly the United States and Russia.

LONDON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Amidst scenes of unprecedented enthusiasm a conference of the British section of the Jewish National Fund inscribed in the J.N.F. Golden Book the names of the 33 nations which voted for partition at the General Assembly.

The name of Great Britain was also inscribed in recognition for her past services to the Jewish people. Finally, the about-to-be-created Jewish State was also inscribed. Some \$30,000 was collected for the J.N.F. at the conference in a matter of minutes.

BUDAPEST, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The blue-and-white flag of Zion was today raised over the building housing the offices of the Jewish community council and affiliated organizations. Celebrations in honor of the U.N. decision to set up a Jewish State will continue for an entire week.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE CONCLAVE DECIDES TO MAKE BODY A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

CHICAGO, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Conference concluded its three-day session here tonight following the adoption of a decision, by 198 votes to six, to convert the organization into a permanent representative body of American Jewry.

The B'nai B'rith, one of the major members of the American Jewish Conference, will still have to decide whether it will accept membership in the new organization. However, Frank Goldman, B'nai B'rith president, voted, as an individual delegate, in favor of the permanent body. Also voting as individual delegates were Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress; Mrs. Joseph M. Welt, president of the National Council of Jewish Women; Col. Julius Klein, president of the Jewish War Veterans; Louis Segal, leader of the Zionist Laborites; and Dr. Israel Goldstein, General Zionist leader.

A new interim committee is slated to be elected within two weeks to carry on the affairs of the conference and to implement its resolutions. The interim committee was authorized to elect within 30 days a national board of elections to draft voting rules and fix a time and place for the first session of the permanent body to be convened before Jan. 1, 1949.

The resolution recommending the conversion of the American Jewish Conference from a war-time organization into a permanent agency to act as spokesman for all Jews in the United States on domestic and foreign problems provides that "an organization, democratic in structure and representative of the American Jewish community, shall be established to secure and protect the rights and to promote the general welfare of the Jewish people here and abroad; and to enhance the contribution of the Jewish community to American democracy."

On the issue of including the domestic scene, principally the fight of anti-Semitism, within the purview of the proposed American Jewish Conference, the proposal that the organization act through the civic defense agencies was carried. Defeated was an amendment by Rabbi Max Nussbaum, of Los Angeles, to strengthen the Conference. Goldman led the opposition to the Nussbaum amendment which would eliminate the language "invite reports by the civic defense agencies to the Conference" and substitute that the Conference would "recommend proposals to achieve its objectives in these fields."

Addresses Seven-Point Resolution to Big Four Peace Parley

A special seven-point resolution was addressed to the Big Four Foreign Ministers, who are now meeting in London. It urged: 1. That provisions be made in the Austrian and German peace treaties for reparations payments to authorized Jewish bodies for the injuries done the Jewish people; 2. That the treaties include specific actions outlawing anti-Semitism; 3. That provision be made for the punishment of war criminals; 4. That the economic rights of the Jews be restored, including compensation for losses and the turning over of heirless Jewish property to recognized Jewish organizations; 5. That the Jews be given full citizenship rights in those countries; 6. That the countries be forced to maintain the DP's within their borders; 7. That representatives of the Jewish people be given the opportunity of presenting the Jewish case before the Foreign Ministers conference.

The Conference also called on the Allied governments to compel several neutral governments to turn over some \$25,000,000 in German assets to the relief and rehabilitation of the victims of Nazism, as they had agreed to do in negotiations with the Allies.

DP'S IN GERMANY RESIGNED TO WAIT FOR PALESTINE ENTRY; CONSIDER THEIR ADMISSION CERTAIN

MUNICH, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Although most of the Jewish displaced persons in the camps throughout Germany realize that it will be many months before they can expect to immigrate to Palestine, the decision to establish a Jewish State was greeted with unqualified enthusiasm here. Many DP's told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent that "now at least we know we are going to Palestine sooner or later."

Today and tomorrow have been proclaimed holidays by the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the U.S. zone and many mass meetings and parades were held this afternoon and tonight, following yesterday's spontaneous celebrations. Some groups, especially those near the Czechoslovak border, did not get the news until late yesterday, but as soon as they did improvised parties were staged.

The Central Committee today addressed an open letter to the displaced Jews, noting the joy which swept every camp and installation, and pointing out that their days in the camps are now numbered. The Committee also sent greetings to the Palestine Jewish community and called on Jews throughout the world "to build and, if necessary, fight for the fortress of national freedom and social justice."

DISPLACED JEWS IN ITALY PROTEST DISCHARGE OF TWO AMERICAN I.R.O. DEPUTY CHIEFS

ROME, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Central Committee of Displaced Jews in Italy will send representatives to Geneva to protest to the headquarters of the International Refugee Organization against the discharge of two I.R.O. deputy chiefs in Italy, it was announced today.

The two, Anthony Sorieri and Louis Verichione, both Americans who previously served in a similar capacity for UNRRA, have been replaced by two Britons, both former high officers in the British armed services. The Jews fear that the growing British influence in I.R.O. top circles will result in the replacement of I.R.O. officials sympathetic to Jewish refugees.

I.N. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO BEGIN MEETING TODAY; WILL GET U.S. DRAFT PROPOSAL

GENEVA, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The United Nations Commission on Human Rights, which was slated to begin work today on an International Bill of Human Rights, postponed its first session until tomorrow to await the arrival of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the U.S. representative, who was held up by bad weather in Eire.

Tomorrow's meeting is expected to get draft conventions from both the American and British delegations. The U.S. draft is a comprehensive document covering almost all aspects of human rights and provides for enforcement through a small impartial committee which would investigate alleged violations by adherents to the convention. One feature of the British proposal will be a ban on medical or scientific experimentation on unwilling persons.

FASCISTS FINED IN LONDON COURT FOR ATTACKING JEWS WHO SHOUTED "DOWN WITH MOSLEY"

LONDON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Three fascists who attacked Jews after a meeting here last night of the Mosleyite League of Ex-Servicemen were fined \$8 each today in a magistrates court.

A constable testified that the three were among a crowd who chased after a group of Jews who shouted "Down With Mosley" during the meeting.

JDC TO HOLD 33RD ANNUAL MEETING IN NEW YORK ON JANUARY THIRD AND FOURTH

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The thirty-third annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee will be held in New York City on January 3rd and 4th, it was announced yesterday by Edward M.M. Warburg, JDC chairman.

The meeting will mark the JDC's completion of one-third of a century of aid to Jewish men, women and children in needy areas abroad as well as its accomplishments in 1947, the JDC's greatest single year of activity. In the first eleven months of this year, JDC appropriations for its aid programs abroad amounted to \$69,591,000.

ANGLO-JEWISH PUBLISHERS ASK GREATER JEWISH UNITY; HIT EXCESSIVE PUBLICITY MATERIAL

CHICAGO, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Greater unity in the American Jewish community was urged here in a resolution adopted at the closing session of a meeting of the Association of English Jewish newspapers. The publishers pledged full support to the United Jewish Appeal and hailed President Truman for U.S. support of partition and the recently issued report of the Committee on Civil Rights.

In another resolution, the Association deplored the alleged "waste of large sums of money" through "needlessly excessive publicity releases by national Jewish organizations and institutions" and called for a revision of publicity policies.

Philip Slomovitz, editor of the Detroit Jewish News, was re-elected president of the Association. The following vice-presidents were chosen: Albert W. Golomb, of the Pittsburgh Jewish Outlook; Ben Neustadt of the Columbus, Ohio, Jewish Chronicle; and Eli Jacobs of the Buffalo Jewish Review. Robert S. Gamzey of the Inter-mountain Jewish News was named secretary and Leon H. Frisch of the Minneapolis American Jewish World, treasurer. The executive committee consists of these officers plus Irving Rhodes of the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle; Jack Fishman of the Chicago Jewish Sentinel and Joseph Brin of the Boston Jewish Advocate.

JEWISH FARMING COMMUNITY HAILED BY TRUMAN ON OCCASION OF TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

TOMS RIVER, N.J., Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The 250 Jewish farm families who constitute the Toms River Community of Jewish Farmers were praised yesterday by President Truman in a message congratulating them on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. The 250 represent nearly half of the poultry products in Ocean County, which is the eighth largest poultry producing area in the U.S.

Mr. Truman lauded the farmers for their share in building the country's poultry industry and for communal activities which aided themselves and their neighbors. Principal speaker at an anniversary celebration yesterday was Dr. Gabriel Davidson, head of the Jewish Agricultural Society.

RECORD OF JEWISH RESISTANCE FIGHTERS DURING WAR TO BE ISSUED HERE

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- A comprehensive record of the Jewish resistance movement on all anti-fascist fronts during World War II will be published in 1948 by the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists, of which Albert Einstein and Sholem Asch are the honorary presidents, it was announced today. It will constitute the first authentic history of Jewish guerrilla, partisan and underground fighters, based on data supplied by the respective governments and the archives of resistance groups.

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