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SHERTOK CHARGES BRITISH FAILURE TO COOPERATE IN PARTITION MAY JEOPARDIZE U.N. DECISION

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Charging Britain with failure to cooperate in carrying out the United Nations partition decision, Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, said today that developments resulting from the British attitude "may seriously jeopardize the effective implementation" of the U.N. plan.

Mr. Shertok, addressing a press conference, also revealed that the Jewish Agency is transmitting regularly to members of the Security Council authentic reports on the security position in Palestine. This, he said, is being done pending the Council's decision on the Agency's application for admission to sessions of the body in which the problem of Palestine is discussed.

"The Jewish Agency must insist that the Jews of Palestine be given full facilities for self-defense and for the early organization of the militia destined to take over the protection of the Jewish State," Shertok stated. "It is inconceivable that decisions solemnly adopted by the General Assembly after mature deliberation should be virtually disregarded by the British Government and that their implementation should be imperilled by the attitude of the Palestine Administration. We count on international opinion to uphold and defend the international verdict."

Charges Britain With Reprisals Against Haganah; Says Situation Intolerable

Emphasizing that the situation in Palestine "is aggravated" by the manner in which the British authorities there are handling it, Shertok charged the British with making reprisals against the Haganah while it was actually engaged in defending the Jewish quarters of Jerusalem and other places in Palestine against Arab attacks. This situation, he pointed out, is intolerable to the Haganah and to the entire Jewish community. "It serves as an excuse for the acts of blind revenge and criminal folly by dissident Jewish groups," he declared.

"The position regarding Jewish road transport is particularly outrageous," Shertok continued. "Despite assurances to the contrary, Jewish trucks and busses are continually searched for arms. The drivers have been denied licenses for pistols; such weapons as they now have to defend themselves against Arab snipers are liable to confiscation."

Terming the behavior of the Arab military units under British command "most revolting," Shertok said that "the retention of the Arab Legion in the Jewish area is indefensible and constitutes a permanent menace." For years, he emphasized, the units of the Transjordan Frontier Force and of the Arab Legion of Transjordan had been a constant irritant and source of danger. "All the requests of the Jewish Agency

the removal of these Arab forces, particularly from Jewish areas, were unavailing, pointed out that in the last two weeks there have been several attacks by Legionnaires on Jews, all unprovoked, in which many Jews were killed.

Warns Against Exaggerating or Minimizing Seriousness of Present Disorders

"The seriousness of the present disorders should be neither exaggerated nor minimized," the Jewish Agency leader warned. "Outbreaks were to be expected, but significant that they have been largely local in character, confined to two or three turbulent areas in the mixed urban centres and to some of the main highways. The countryside has, for the most part, remained unaffected. On the positive side, numerous declarations of friendship and good neighbourliness have been made by Arab groups bordering on Jewish zones. Clearly, the populace as a whole is opposed to violence, and only isolated groups, spurred by the Mufti and his henchmen, have so far taken to arms."

"On the other hand, unless countered by effective defense and punitive measures, violence is likely to spread," Shertok stressed. "In the past, lack of firmness has often been interpreted as connivance. Once, rightly or wrongly, the impression has been created that the government does not mind, the appeal to violence gains ground and the situation gets out of hand. The British Administration has declared itself responsible for maintenance of law and order. Yet police and military protection against Arab attacks has been patently inadequate, while Jewish self-defense has been encouraged and penalised."

Reviewing Britain's role in the Palestine issue since partition was voted by the U.N., Shertok said that the present developments "may seriously jeopardize the effective implementation" of this decision.

"It was clear from the outset that the transition from mandatory rule to independence called for a certain measure of active good will by the British Administration," he stated. "While the United Kingdom representatives at the United Nations defended their government's position on cooperation in the carrying out of U.N. policy, they nevertheless gave repeated assurances that the Mandatory Power would in no way oppose or obstruct that policy."

"They emphasized that the attitude of the British Government would be that of a full member of the U.N. These statements gave rise to the hope that even though the British Government would not give its active support to the decision of the United Nations, it would accept the verdict of a two-thirds majority of the Assembly, and its withdrawal from Palestine would be in conformity with the procedure laid down by the U.N. Charter."

"This hope," Shertok said, "now appears to have been unfounded. In the debate on Palestine in the House of Commons on December 11 and 12, Colonial Secretary Creech-Brake and Foreign Secretary Bevin did indicate in general terms their acceptance of the partition decision. But their specific proposals went far to frustrate the main recommendations of the Assembly on the pace and manner of implementation," the Jewish Agency leader said.

"Mr. Creech-Jones now states that it would be undesirable for the U.N. Implementation Commission to arrive in Palestine until a short period before the termination of the Mandate, which is scheduled for May 15. Under these circumstances, it is obviously impossible for the Commission to set up Provisional Councils of Government by April 1. Nor does it seem possible to install a new administrative system even by May 15 to replace that of the mandatory if no adequate opportunity is taken in advance to make the necessary preparations."

JEWISH AGENCY AIDE MEETS WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER ON SECURITY; JEWS CAN USE ARMORED CARS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency political chief here, Mrs. Goldie Meirson, today met with High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham to reiterate Jewish demands for British action to halt Arab attacks or official authorization for the Haganah to take over the defense of the Jewish community. She also demanded that troops of the Arab Legion be removed from the country.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the government has finally agreed to allow the Jewish Settlement Police to use 18 armored cars allotted to them during the riots of 1939 to guard inter-urban convoys. Individual British police are reported to be demanding bribes of \$100 per person to guarantee safe travel between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and \$160 for travellers between Haifa and Jerusalem.

British authorities in Jerusalem today permitted Arab buses to pass through security zones after the company operating vehicles had protested that the passengers' lives were threatened when the buses passed the Jewish quarter. The authorities have consistently refused a similar request from a Jewish bus company seeking to reroute its buses away from Arab sections.

Lydla Airport, terminus for several international lines, including British Overseas Airways Corporation and U.S.-owned Trans-World Airlines, is filling with arriving passengers who refuse to proceed to either Jerusalem or Tel Aviv without guarantees of safe transportation on roads dominated by Arab bands. Both the government and airlines refuse to furnish guards, as a result of which most passengers refuse to proceed. Some have spent nights in chairs or sleeping on the floor.

New Attack in Negev; Lull Continues in Other Parts of Country

The country was comparatively quiet today for the third day in succession, with only death reported as of this evening. Israel Cohen-Schrieber, 76, was found murdered outside the Old City this morning. He had left home earlier to pay taxes. Another Jewish colony in the Negev, Nevatim, was attacked during the day and two settlers, Israel Sonnenreich and Samuel Rakovsky, were seriously wounded. A Red Army David air ambulance was flown to the colony and transported the injured men to the nearby fortified colony of Beth Ezel.

The mayors of three Arab villages adjoining the Jewish town of Holon today allied on municipal leaders in Holon and said that they would personally guarantee that the local Arabs would cease sniping and urged the Holon residents to halt their reprisal attacks. The mayors even promised to inform Holon if "foreign elements" entered their villages and that if any shooting occurred, the Holon settlers should telephone the mayors, instead of replying to the fire, and the Arabs would take care of the attackers. Two of three Arab villages have been the scene in recent days of reprisal raids, in one case by the Haganah, in the other by the Irgun.

However, Arabs in Jaffa, Nablus, Jenin and other Arab cities are erecting roadblocks to prevent Irgun attacks similar to the raids on Arab towns last week. Virtually all Arab villages and townships have formed local guards units and are checking all vehicles in the vicinity for arms.

Informed Jewish quarters are inclined to ascribe the present lull in violence to two causes: The demand by the Arab citrus growers that they be allowed to get their fruit picked and marketed before it rots and the fact that the Mufti's agents are busy organizing new bands and reorganizing old ones in preparation for large-scale attacks. Reports reaching the Haganah tell of feverish arming throughout the country. In one village, Ein Karme, Jews with binoculars have observed former

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former members of Gen. Wladislaw Anders Polish Corps training Arab recruits. The Poles are reported active in other parts of Palestine.

The Arab Higher Committee is increasing its pressure on Arabs reluctant to make trouble or those friendly to Jews. The mayor of the village of Huj and his brother were stabbed to death by an Arab mob in Gaza, allegedly for maintaining contact with Jews and supplying food to Jewish colonists in the Negev. The Committee is also attempting to force Arabs to stop working for Jews or with Jews. This has as its aim, since if the Arabs are jobless and penniless, they are more inclined to join terrorist bands.

The Committee has also succeeded in getting many Arab police to desert, with their arms. Sixty Arab policemen have already fled to Syria and others have joined guerrilla bands. Reports from Syria say British agents there are helping to organize units to wage war against Palestine Jews.

Amidst the turmoil, the rumors and alarms, a Jewish farming settlement, which will be on the frontier between the projected Jewish and Arab States, was established today between Ramat Hakovesh and Kfar Yavetz, northeast of Tel Aviv. The settlers are immigrants who arrived here from Greece and Turkey about a year ago.

ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL DRAFTING COMMUNIQUE DISCLOSING ITS DECISION ON PALESTINE QUESTION

CAIRO, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Members of the Arab League Council, who last night concluded their deliberations on Palestine, were in closed session today drafting a communique on their ten days of discussions. The communique was expected to be issued late tonight.

Earlier today, King Farouk received Emir Feisal, Saudia Arabia Foreign Minister, and the premiers of Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, with whom he discussed the Palestine situation. All of the Arab leaders are believed to be agreed on the advisability of not sending their troops to the aid of Palestine Arabs, but concentrating their efforts on raising funds and recruiting guerrillas for the Palestine Arab Higher Committee.

One report said that Fauzi Bey Kaukji, Syrian terrorist leader who led Arab bands in the 1936-39 disturbances in Palestine, would be named one of the leaders of "volunteer" forces organized to fight in Palestine.

JEWISH AGENCY TREASURER CONFERS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS ON PALESTINE PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, is consulting with government officials here on questions affecting the future Jewish State.

He will spend another week in Washington and New York, and then plans a brief trip to London. Before returning here he expects to go to Geneva to discuss with representatives of the International Refugee Organization to what extent they will participate in the program for Palestine.

CYPRUS DEPORTATION SHIPS WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PURPOSES YET, GOVT. SAYS

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Pressed by Squadron Leader Samuel Segal, Laborite, to transfer the Cyprus deportation ferries to runs where they could be used to bring needed food to Britain, Colonial Minister Arthur Creech-Jones said in Commons today that the transports "would continue to be available as long as they are required for their present purpose."

HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRMS INTENTION TO HALT ILLEGAL EMIGRATION FROM RUMANIA

BUDAPEST, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A Foreign Ministry spokesman confirmed today that the Hungarian Government had abandoned its policy of tacit acquiescence in the movement through the country of illegal emigrants from Rumania seeking to reach Austria and Germany. All such emigrants will be returned to their homeland if apprehended, he said.

The spokesman denied rumors that 170 Jews sent back to Rumania over the week-end had been mistreated. He stated that no more than 40 had been assigned to a railroad car, and each car had a stove and a wash basin.

U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION APPROVES DECLARATION AND COVENANT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

GENEVA, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The U.N. Human Rights Commission met here today in its final session, following approval at midnight yesterday of a Declaration of Human Rights and a Covenant of Human Rights.

The two documents, together with a recommendation for creation of an International Court of Human Rights--which was not approved by the Commission--will be sent to all U.N. member states. The Declaration is intended for proclamation by the General Assembly, while the Covenant will be binding only on those states signing it.

Milton Winn, of the American Jewish Committee, one of the several Jewish observers who have been attending the meeting of the Commission, hailed the approval of the two documents as particularly significant since they not only formulate an international guarantee of rights but contain measures for implementing those guarantees. He cited the condemnation of incitement to violence against religious and racial groups a vital adjunct to the principles of religious freedom and equality of men expressed in the Declaration and Covenant.

Mr. Winn, who spoke for the Consultative Board of Jewish Organizations, which includes the Anglo-Jewish Association and the Alliance Israelite Francaise, as well as the American Jewish Committee, lauded the recognition by the Commission that the right to immigration and resettlement of persecutees is a matter of international concern and its statement that all persons are entitled to nationality, which would eliminate the problem of statelessness. He expressed the hope that appropriate judicial bodies would be set up to supervise the observance of the rights set forth in the Declaration and Covenant.

NATIONAL TRAINING TO RELIEVE FLIGHT OF RUMANIAN JEWS MAPPED AT BUCHAREST CONFERENCE

BUCHAREST, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A blue-print for large-scale vocational training of Rumanian Jews was drawn up here by a conference attended by representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee, the ORT, the OSE and the Ministries of Education and Labor. The conferees decided to set up a country-wide network of organizations to provide vocational training and retraining for about 8,000 Jews.

The conference was told that 50,000 Jews in the country do not have adequate means of subsistence, in addition to 10,000 artisans who are unable to manage without assistance. The plan envisages vocational schools for youths and artisans cooperatives and retraining courses for adults. The JDC will aid in financing the scheme.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO RE-HEAR N.Y. DAILY NEWS ARGUMENTS FOR FM STATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Federal Communications Commission today rescinded its order of last October denying a FM license to the New York Daily News. The News had appealed the ruling on the ground that two of the commissioners who participated in the decision had not heard the oral arguments. New hearings have been set for January 12.

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AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORICAL MATERIAL WILL BE COLLECTED BY HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Establishment of the American Jewish Archives for collection and study of important American Jewish historical materials was announced here by Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College.

This is the only department of its kind west of the Alleghenies. Dr. Jacob Marcus, who occupies the Adolph S. Ochs Chair of Jewish History at the College, is the director of the Archives. The nearest similar department of the kind is that in the Library of the American Jewish Historical Society in New York City.

"In the years past, many valuable congregational records have been lost as a result of fire, flood or decay," said Dr. Marcus in issuing an appeal for the gift or loan of manuscripts and rare prints. "We urge the congregations of America to send their material, such as and including their minute books, constitutions, cash books, journals, ledgers, daybooks, and other record books including those of births, circumcisions, marriages and burials. If the congregation is agreeable, we shall be happy to retain these records. Or, if the congregation prefers, we shall photograph and return the originals to the lender."

IS IN MEXICO TO PROCLAIM \$1,000,000 DRIVE FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS NEEDS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A united Jewish campaign for \$1,000,000 will be proclaimed here to meet local and overseas Jewish needs in 1948, it was stated here today. Twenty-five percent of the quota will go for Jewish aid and rehabilitation abroad. Mr. T. Resnikoff, Keren Hayesod director in Mexico, will be president of the joint drive.

SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONISTS PROCLAIM EMERGENCY FUND DRIVE TO MEET NEEDS OF JEWISH STATE

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Acting on cabled appeals from leaders of the Jewish Agency, the South African Zionist Council today decided to launch immediately a special emergency fund drive to meet the requirements of the soon to be established Jewish State.

The decision was taken at a meeting also attended by representatives of the South African Board of Jewish Deputies and the South African Jewish War Appeal, both of which pledged their full support. The meeting, which promised all aid to the Yeshiva and none to groups not submitting to Zionist discipline, expressed the hope that a united Zionist front would be formed.

PIONEER WOMEN SEND \$100,000 TO PALESTINE FOR CARE OF JEWISH REFUGEE CHILDREN

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Pioneer Women, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization, today announced that it has transmitted to Palestine \$100,000 for the care of Jewish children brought there from many countries, including Arab states in the Middle East. The money was sent through the Jewish Agency and the Council of Working Women in Palestine.

PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF ANNIHILATED JEWS IN EUROPE UNVEILED AT NEW YORK CITY HALL

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A plaque in memory of 6,000,000 Jews who were murdered during World War II was unveiled yesterday at City Hall as part of a motorcade exhibit by the Sabbath Observance Council that will tour Eastern states.

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