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JEWISH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT DRAFTED BY 15-MAN CABINET BEING SET UP, AGENCY REVEALS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12—(JTA) -- A detailed blueprint of the provisional government for the new Jewish state, which will be headed by a 15-man Cabinet, is nearing completion, it was revealed here today by the Jewish Agency, which said that the current violence has not retarded preparations for the establishment of the state. When the U.N. Implementation Commission arrives, it will find that plans have been drafted to meet any eventuality, a spokesman said.

The blueprint dealt exclusively with civil functions, the spokesman explaining that "army or military preparations are explicitly excluded from our planning since they are purely a Haganah job." He also pointed out that it will be the responsibility of the U.N. Commission to outline plans for a Jewish militia or other armed forces.

The plans have been drafted by a 13-member planning committee, headed by David Ben Gurion, Agency chairman, and including: Itzhak Gruenbaum, Dr. Fritz Bernstein, Eliezer Kaplan, Goldie Meirson and Moshe Shapiro, all members of the Agency executive, and Dr. Remez, Zvi Lurie, J.R. Grabovsky, Mordecai Shatner, David Zvi Pinkas, and Dr. George Landauer, all members of the executive of the Jewish National Council, and Dr. Granovsky, head of the Jewish National Fund.

Detailed Plans for all Govt. Depts. Will be Ready at End of This Month

The following three main sub-committees have been functioning: finance, economics, land and agriculture; transport, communications, posts, telegraph, civil aviation, police, prisons and general and district administrators; and health, education, immigration, labor, social welfare and information.

The top planning committee appointed the following sub-committees; a legal committee to draft a legal system and advise on legislation; a committee on foreign affairs and a committee on the city of Jerusalem. All committees will have their reports and recommendations ready by the end of this month, and some have already completed their work.

The spokesman revealed that selection of subordinate personnel has already begun and that many present government officials, including Britons and Arabs, have expressed willingness to serve the new Jewish state.

The constitution of the state will be drafted by a Constituent Assembly, which will be chosen in a manner determined by the Implementation Commission, but a skeleton framework of the constitution already exists, it was disclosed.

The first-year budget of the new state has been estimated at between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000. The site for the capital has not yet been fixed.

SITUATION ON SYRIAN BORDER "DETERIORATING," HAGANAH SAYS; ARABS BLOCK NEGEV ROADS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The situation in Upper Galilee, which has been tense since the first Arab raids from Syria on Friday, is deteriorating steadily and Arab roadblocks have been erected on all main roads, a Haganah spokesman stated tonight. He said that "the general feeling is that there is no authority in the region, no police."

The one incident reported from the area was an attack on a milk truck traveling between Kfar Szold and Dafneh by a large band of Arabs. Guards assigned to the vehicle returned the fire, but there were no casualties on either side. Later, troops arrived and a brief engagement developed.

At the other end of the country, in the Negev, a Jewish convoy was attacked near a British military camp by a large guerrilla unit, which had erected roadblocks and were lying in ambush on both sides of the road. Although Haganah guards accompanying the convoy replied to the Arab fire, the vehicles were forced to turn back. Later, however, several convoys broke through roadblocks and proceeded to their destinations after inflicting casualties on the Arabs. One driver was killed.

A Haganah "punitive squad" blew up an Arab flour mill at Beth Safa, near Jerusalem, killing four and wounding five guerrillas. The mill had been used as a base for a 200-man guerilla band.

A cousin of the Mufti, who was acting as commander of the units operating in the Jerusalem district, was wounded, and Ibrahim el Chelmoni, a unit commander, was killed today when a Haganah unit counter-attacked Arabs who had been sniping at the Mekor Haim suburb of Jerusalem for several days. Seven British soldiers were wounded, three seriously during an engagement with an Arab band at Eit Safafa on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Three Arabs were killed.

Arab "Civil War" Develops When Villagers Oppose Guerrilla Operation

A minor civil war developed in Deir Yassin, an Arab village adjoining the Montefiore quarter of Jerusalem, when a group of non-resident Arabs arrived to launch an attack on the Montefiore section. The inhabitants, fearing that their village would become a battleground, opposed the operation and in the clash that developed one member of the band was killed. Police subsequently evacuated three of the leading villagers, apparently fearing that the guerrillas would seek revenge.

Two Jews were killed today at Wadi Rushmeh and seven wounded during a day of sporadic exchanges. In Haifa, two Jewish truck drivers were killed and their vehicles set afire, and a British soldier was killed when troops who were sent to the scene clashed with the Arabs. Another Jew was later stabbed to death in the same vicinity. A body of an unidentified Jew, who had been stabbed and shot to death, was found near Tireh, on the coast directly below the Lebanese border.

An armed band, identified as Jews, held up Barclays Bank in Tel Aviv at the height of the rush hour and escaped with bags of currency estimated to total \$40,000.

The official casualty toll from Nov. 30 through Jan. 10 was given today as 2,074, of whom 634 were killed and the remainder wounded. Of the dead, 330 were Arabs, 262 were Jews and the others were British troops and police and civilians. However, unofficially it is reported that the death toll has reached 692 Arabs and 281 Jews.

JEWISH AGENCY WILL SEEK MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR 25,000 MEN; WILL ASK U.N. POLICE FORCE

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency will formally ask the United Nations to send an international police force to Palestine and to provide immediate financial aid for the equipment of a Jewish militia of 15,000 to 25,000 men, it was revealed here today by Moshe Shertok, head of the Agency's political department, who has just returned from a brief visit to Palestine.

Urging the U.N. Implementation Commission to hasten its departure to Palestine, since its early arrival there would have a "moral effect," Shertok told a press conference that the present situation in Palestine is greatly aggravated by British learning of Jewish defense units in action, while not molesting the Arabs. United Nations action, he said, can deal a "mortal blow" to Arab sabotage of the partition decision of the General Assembly.

The Jewish Agency leader categorically denied that there was any intention on the part of responsible Jewish groups to ship explosives from the United States to Palestine without the necessary permits. He added that it is the "elementary duty" of the Jewish Agency to negotiate for defense through all channels, in order to back the U.N. decision.

"We firmly believe that the U.N. can do both, put us militarily on our feet and assist us by means of international force," Shertok declared. "It is in any case inconceivable to us that the U.N. should do neither--that is to say, neither form an international force, nor give us - and in very good time, and time is desperately short--the necessary assistance to enable us to fend for ourselves, if it is their wisdom that we should fend for ourselves in defense of the Jewish territory and in the maintenance of law and order within it."

Jewish Militia Can Check Arab Sabotage, Shertok Says; Scores Embargo

Pointing out that it is essential that a Jewish militia be established as soon as possible, in order to check Arab sabotage of the U.N. decision, Shertok stated: This means authority to form it, to issue arms and equip it and to provide financial aid to tide it over the transitional period. The formation of a militia is essentially a state responsibility. Once the state has become a going concern, naturally it will assume fully the financial burden involved in the maintenance of this armed force. But the problem with which we are today confronted is to prepare for the assumption of state responsibility and have the militia fully ready for the day on which full responsibility would devolve on us. Now we have to do it while deprived of the sources of governmental revenue and we believe ourselves to be entitled to claim through the channels of the U.N., financial assistance to tide us over this period and to enable us to discharge the responsibility when it materializes.

"With regard to the issue of arms, what we would like to see is a clear U.N. policy of universal application," Shertok continued. "The problem will not be solved by an indiscriminate embargo on arms. The problem will certainly not be solved by an embargo imposed on one country while other countries continue to trade freely in arms. We are in this respect placed at a very great disadvantage through not being a state as yet and having to face on the other side a number of states pledged to the defeat of U.N. policy. These states are able to use state finances and state machinery for the free and unrestricted purchase of arms in the markets of many countries with the intention of subsequently turning over those arms to clandestine military organizations charged with the task of subverting and defeating U.N. policy in Palestine."

ANTI-JEWISH DEMONSTRATIONS IN PERSIA; MOSLEM CROWDS SHOUT "DEATH TO JEWS"

TEHERAN, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish demonstrations were held here today and yesterday with Moslem demonstrators shouting "death to the Jews." Seyd Abolghassem Kashani, a Moslem leader, addressing a mass-meeting, called for a "holy war" against Jewish atrocities." Kashani was imprisoned during the war for Nazi sympathies.

The Persian weekly newspaper Mard Embrooz published an article charging that branches of the Haganah are active in Persia. The agitation by Moslem leaders here directed against Hindus as well as Jews.

ARAB ATTACK JEWISH HOUSES IN BAHREIN; PROTECTION OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT SOUGHT

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The entire Jewish population in Bahrein, a British protectorate on the Persian Gulf--numbering forty families--is in grave danger of extinction, according to a cable received by the World Jewish Congress here. The cable says that "houses were destroyed and the synagogue and scrolls burned" during Arab attacks on Jews.

The World Jewish Congress addressed a request to the British Ambassador in Washington asking that his government "take all necessary steps immediately to save these innocent people from certain destruction." Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the World Jewish Congress also telegraphed today to Secretary of State Marshall asking the U.S. Government to intervene for Jews in countries of the Arab League. The telegram reads:

"Urgently call your attention to anti-Jewish acts organized by the Arab League in its member countries. In Lebanon and Syria Jews require special police permits to travel, Palestinian Jews are being expelled and visas to Jews, including American citizens, are refused. In Egypt employment possibilities are restricted, applications for citizenship are not processed and a bill to condemn Zionists to life imprisonment is being considered.

"In addition passage of a general anti-Jewish law drafted by the Arab League is imminent. This law would confiscate property of Zionists and freeze the property of other Jews for use against the Jewish state in Palestine. Only those serving in the Arab armies against the Jewish state would be excluded. Most earnestly request intervention by the State Department to end the grave injustices inflicted upon Jews in these lands."

SYRIAN GOVERNMENT TO OUST JEWISH STUDENTS ATTENDING AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN BEIRUT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- A dispatch from Beirut today said that the Lebanese Government has notified the American University here that sixty Jewish students at the institution must leave the country by Jan. 31. The university operates under a charter issued by the New York State legislature.

LEGAL ACTION PLANNED TO REGAIN CONFISCATED EXPLOSIVES DESTINED FOR PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Legal action to regain the explosives bought from the War Assets Administration for legitimate shipment to Palestine will be taken by Leonard Weissman, the exporter who was authorized by a Haganah representative to buy the explosives, it was reported here today. The explosives were to have been stored until the government lifted its embargo, imposed on Dec. 5, on arms shipments to the Middle East.

The New York Herald Tribune, in an editorial today said that the embargo placed by the State Department on all arms shipments to the Middle East "is a simple but more than a little Pharisaical solution." The paper points out that the State

Department cannot overcome the fact that the Palestinian Arabs are getting not only arms, but armed men from the neighboring Arab states, that the British are not having success in maintaining order now and are about to evacuate; and that if Jewish Palestine is to achieve and maintain the independence which this country officially advocates, its people will have to get arms from somewhere.

"Clearly, the question of arming or recognizing the Haganah seems in the first instance one for the United Nations Palestine Commission," the editorial says. "But the United States cannot simply wash its hands of a matter in which it is deeply involved. Every one, so far, has shirked the question of security and defense for the proposed Jewish state, yet in the harsh world of today it is obviously the fundamental question in the whole Palestine problem; and if other nations will not themselves fight for the Jewish state, then they must clearly afford to it the means of fighting for and defending itself."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, addressing a dinner at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria which climaxed the Metropolitan Zionist Fund campaign for \$500,000 to finance various ZOA projects, said that the present violence and attacks by armed Arab brigands smuggled over the borders of Palestine can be stopped over night through resolute action on the part of the United Nations. "To this end it would be highly desirable to have an international force accompany the U.N. commission when it arrives in Palestine, he declared,

"Given the opportunity, the Jews of Palestine are well able to defend themselves," Dr. Neumann continued. "They have the manpower but they must be furnished with arms and the right to use what arms they already have. Their armed forces must be recognized as legitimate armed forces. The United States Government which has played such a vital role in bringing about the U.N. decision ought to play a comparable role in its implementation."

CANADA WILL BACK U.N. MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT PARTITION, OFFICIAL TELLS ZIONIST PARLEY

OTTAWA, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government stands ready to support implementation of Zionist aims in Palestine through the agencies of the United Nations, the 600 delegates attending the 29th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of Canada were assured today by Minister of Health Paul Martin. Mr. Martin attacked anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination as alien to the Canadian ideal.

An emergency \$5,000,000 United Palestine Appeal campaign is expected to be proclaimed at the convention, which heard today that \$2,000,000 was raised for Palestine in 1947. Speakers last night and today included Samuel Zacks, president of the ZOC, Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv, Louis Lipsky and Abraham Karsfeld, Palestine labor leader.

Mr. Zacks criticized British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin's Palestine policy, declaring that it "had antagonized the Jews and incited the Arabs to further desperate measures." He expressed the belief that "those nations which voted for the creation of a Jewish state are honor bound to ensure that the means are provided for its protection." He called on Canadian Jews to furnish moral and financial support to the new state.

Mr. Lipsky, who brought greetings from U.S. Zionists, urged the delegates not to be overly enthusiastic concerning the U.N. partition decision to the point where they lose sight of the necessity for serious study and hardwork to guarantee its implementation. Mayor Rokach appealed to the Jews of the Dominion to "strengthen the hand of the Yishuv."

URGES AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES TO BACK ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress and a member of President Truman's Commission on Higher Education, today called on the American Association of Colleges to take leadership in the fight against all racial and religious barriers to higher education by supporting the recommendations of the President's Commission for the passage of state fair educational practices acts. The Association, which begins its annual meeting in Cincinnati tomorrow, will have before it for consideration the report of a special committee headed by Chancellor Tolley of Syracuse University, opposing any legislative efforts to ban discrimination in education.

In a letter to Mrs. Mildred McAfee Horton, president of the Association, Dr. Wise declared that by opposing such legislation the Association of Colleges would not only be disregarding the recommendations of the President's commissions on Civil Rights and Higher Education but "will isolate itself from those throughout the country who seek to remedy an intolerable situation." He asserted that exclusive reliance on voluntary action by institutions of higher learning such as recommended by the Association's committee had been rejected by the President's Commission because of its ineffectiveness.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY TO LAUNCH INTER-CULTURAL PROGRAM WITH \$125,000 GRANT FROM NCCJ

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- A program of leadership training and research in the field of inter-group and inter-cultural education will be launched in the fall of this year by Columbia University's Teachers College, which has been granted \$125,000 for this purpose by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Dr. Hollis L. Caswell, associate dean of Teachers College, said that the main needs are improved understanding of inter-group relations for all educational workers; the preparation of competently trained leaders for schools, colleges, church, industry, labor and community agencies, and the expansion of research and experimentation on inter-group problems on a professional basis. Teachers College will concentrate on the leadership and research aspects.

NEW YORK STATE MAKING PROGRESS IN CURBING DISCRIMINATION BY RESTAURANTS, HOTELS

ALBANY, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Action by New York State law enforcement agencies secured "out of court" satisfactory settlements of a number of complaints of racial and religious discrimination by hotels, resorts and restaurants, it was reported yesterday by Attorney-General Nathaniel L. Goldstein.

Mr. Goldstein attributed the effectiveness of the "educational" approach taken by his office to the presence in the statute books of laws providing punishment for discriminatory practices, which could be invoked if the restaurants or hotels affected had proved recalcitrant. He said that "New York State made substantial gains during 1947 in the field of anti-discrimination."

JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINthal GETS B'NAI B'RITH AWARD FOR WORK ON BEHALF OF JEWISH DP'S

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- A citation for his work as Advisor on Jewish Affairs to the U.S. Army in Germany and Austria was presented yesterday to Judge Louis E. Levinthal by District No. 1 and the Metropolitan Council of B'nai B'rith. The presentation, which took place at the group's annual covenant breakfast, was made by Frank Goldman, national president of B'nai B'rith. Judge Levinthal resigned from his post in Germany last month.