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### U.N. IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION DROPS REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL ARMY FOR PALESTINE

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 22. (JTA)--The United Nation Implementation Commission, for the time being, will not ask the Security Council to send an international armed force to Palestine, it became known here today as the Commission started to draft its monthly report to the Security Council.

The general sentiment in the Commission was that the report should avoid making any recommendation on the question of Palestine security, but should confine itself to a day-to-day account of the Commission's work supplemented by a chronological narrative of what has been going on in Palestine. It will then be up to the Council to draw its own conclusion.

At today's session it was stated that the Philippine resolution urging the Implementation Commission to ask the Security Council for action to maintain peace in Palestine has been permanently withdrawn. It was explained that the Commission can nevertheless approach the Security Council on the subject at any time, but such a move in the immediate future was deemed unlikely.

The Commission will also take no action on the British refusal to withdraw from a port in Palestine by February 1 to allow immigration on the ground that the Assembly resolution calling for such a move merely called on Britain to make an effort to do so. The statement made yesterday by Sir Alexander Cadogan is interpreted by the Commission as evidence that Britain is unable to comply with the Assembly request.

The views of the Agudas Israel on the statute for the international regime for the city of Jerusalem which is now being drafted by a special working group of the U.N. Trusteeship Council were presented here by an Agudah delegation which appeared before the group. The delegation was composed of Dr. Jacob Rosenheim, president of the Agudah; Rabbi Isaac Meier Levin, chairman of the Jerusalem Agudah executive; and three New York members of the Agudah world executive; Dr. Isaac Levin, Meier Schenkolewski and Michael G. Tress.

Dr. Rosenheim and Rabbi I.M. Levin--who spoke in Hebrew--submitted a number of suggestions for provisions to assure complete religious freedom in Jerusalem. They spoke at some length on the importance of the city to Orthodox Jews all over the world, and the need for restoring peace and order as soon as possible in Jerusalem, "the symbol of peace." They emphasized that the Agudas Israel, which they called "independent" and "non-Zionist," was in complete accord with other Jewish bodies on basic matters relating to Jerusalem.

As for the separate town units within the city, provided for in the General Assembly's plan for Jerusalem, the Agudah spokesmen expressed the hope that this would not mean separate dwelling areas. They favored a general mingling of the people of the city, as a means of achieving peace and cooperation in the future.

SEVEN JEWS AND 15 ARABS KILLED IN CLASHES ON JERUSALEM-TEL AVIV HIGHWAY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA)--At least 24 persons died today in a series of battles on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road and in Tel Aviv where a crowd of Jews killed a non-Jewish Pole who was known to have contacts with Arab guerrillas.

Seven Jewish settlement policemen died at an Arab roadblock at Yazur, situated athwart the cross country highway, and an eighth Jew was killed in an attack on a Jewish convoy near Motza, a short distance from Jerusalem. In addition, five Jews were wounded in the two actions. Fifteen Arabs are known to be dead in Haganah reprisals for the attacks.

The seven policemen were in a pick-up truck leading a large convoy. As they prepared to clear away the roadblock, Arabs lying in ambush showered them with hand grenades and opened fire with small arms and semi-automatic weapons. A Haganah unit which had halted a short distance behind with the main body of the convoy came to their aid, but it was too late. The truck was overturned and burned and the seven policemen were stabbed, shot and beaten to death. Two wounded men were rescued.

In chasing off the attackers, the Haganah killed three of them. Later, a Haganah detachment spotted a truckload of Arabs approaching the roadblock to take part in the battle and opened fire with machine guns and mortars, killing 12 more Arabs.

The Haganah forces then fanned out from the road and pushed all the guerrillas back into Yazur where they took up prepared positions. The Jews laid siege to the village until British troops arrived, compelling the Jewish militia to withdraw. However, the Arabs opened fire on the Britons, forcing the soldiers to reply.

One Arab was killed and five were severely wounded when a Haganah unit attacked a concentration of armed Arabs in the vicinity of Tel Aviv. One Jew was wounded by snipers firing into Tel Aviv from Jaffa.

Haganah Says 1,100 Arabs Infiltrated Palestine; Report Mufti Expected

A Jewish Agency spokesman today revealed that Haganah intelligence agents report that 500 armed Lebanese Arabs and 600 Syrians have infiltrated Palestine in the last few days. It was also reported that the Arab guerrilla stronghold of Nablus was preparing to welcome the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem who was last reported in Syria. The Haganah said that Fawzi el Kawtaji, alleged military leader of the guerrillas, has arrived in the city.

(In London a Foreign Office spokesman, commenting on the reports of the Mufti's imminent arrival in Palestine, said that the ban on his return remains in force and in case he does return the "usual measures" will be initiated. He asserted that the same measures were being taken in the case of Kawtaji, but did not specify how successful they had been.)

A Haganah broadcast last night said that although all Arab attacks have been repulsed up to now, they have been minor compared to what lies ahead. It cited the preparations being made within the country and in neighboring states and the Palestine Government's alleged failure to cope with the situation.

Mrs. Goldie Meirson, head of the Agency political department in Jerusalem, left by air for the United States today to mobilize political, moral and financial assistance for the Jews of Palestine. In her absence, Eliezer Kaplan, Agency treasurer, and Moshe Shapiro, head of the immigration department, will assume her functions.

JEWS ASSAULTED DURING RIOT IN BAGHDAD; THREE ARRESTED WHEN FIRING IN SELF-DEFENSE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Several Baghdad Jews were assaulted during yesterday's demonstrations by students protesting the recently signed Anglo-Iraqi treaty and three were arrested when they fired on the rioters in self-defense, according to a report reaching here today from the Iraqi capital.

Meanwhile, the Arab states surrounding Palestine are proceeding at full speed with their plans for aiding the Arab rioters in Palestine, reports from various capitals indicated. Following the Palestine Government's granting permission to the Syrian Red Crescent Society to send medical teams and supplies to the Arabs in Palestine, representatives of the Red Crescent organizations of Iraq, Lebanon and Syria met to prepare full-scale assistance to the Palestine Arab guerrillas.

The Syrian Government has turned over its allotted share of funds to the "Palestine Defense Fund," which the Palestine Higher Executive is using to finance its war against the Jews. The Syrian Parliament has authorized the issuance of a special "Palestine Stamp" to raise additional monies.

From Cairo, where it was announced that the next meeting of the Arab League Council will be held February 5, dispatches state that 24 Egyptian soldiers have left for Palestine to guard the Egyptian consulate in Jerusalem. The Syrian Government has handed the British a note requesting permission for Syria and Lebanon to send military units to guard their consulates.

HINDU LEADER WELCOMES UNITED NATIONS DECISION TO ESTABLISH JEWISH STATE

NEW DELHI, India, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A statement enthusiastically welcoming the U.N. decision to establish a Jewish state in Palestine has been issued here by Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, head of the Hindu Mahasabha, an organization representing conservative elements in the country.

Savarkar criticized the anti-partition stand taken by the Indian delegates at Lake Success, and questioned the validity of the objections to partition voiced by Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, chief of the Indian delegation, in view of the fact that India itself had just recently been partitioned for similar communal reasons.

Commenting on the explanation by Premier Pandit Nehru that India opposed partition in order not to alienate the Middle East Moslem states, Savarkar said the present policy would alienate the Jews of India and the states which had supported partition. He added that all of Palestine should have been made a Jewish state.

NON-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES IN PALESTINE NOT PERMITTED TO IMPORT ARMS, OFFICIAL SAYS

LONDON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Authorization from the Palestine Government is required for the importation of arms to that country and no non-governmental bodies have been granted such a license, Lt. Col. David Rees-Williams, Undersecretary for Colonies, stated in Commons yesterday.

Rees-Williams' announcement came in reply to questions concerning the importation of arms by Arabs and Jews. He also told the House that the Palestine Government would continue to bend all efforts toward halting visaless Jewish immigration until the Mandate is surrendered.

SCOTLAND YARD INVESTIGATING PLANTING OF BOMB IN ARAB OFFICE IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Scotland Yard detectives are examining a home-made bomb discovered in the doorway of the Arab Office here last night. The bomb was found in a box, wrapped in paper on which had been plainly scrawled the Star of David.

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Jews in Old City Ask British to Lift Siege Immediately, Guarantee Freedom of Movement

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA)--The Jews in the quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem who have been virtually cut off from the rest of the city for the past few weeks today presented a demand for the immediate lifting of the Arab siege by British forces to the District Commissioner of Jerusalem and the local British military commander.

Mordechai Weingarten, chairman of the quarter's community council, also asked the officials to guarantee that traffic to and from the area be kept free of interference by the Arabs and that an adequate supply of essential materials be kept flowing into the district. The Britons promised to consider the demands. The district commissioner, who brought some white bread into the besieged quarter for distribution among the inhabitants, also promised to enable Jewish residents of the district who were caught outside it when the siege began to return to their homes.

House Years Plea for Lifting of State Department Embargo on Palestine Arms

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. (JTA)--Rep. Arthur G. Klein, New York Democrat, today called upon the U.S. Government to lift the embargo which the State Department has placed on shipments of arms to middle eastern countries and to warn the Arab states against continuing their policy of flouting the U.N. decision to partition Palestine.

In view of American leadership in effecting the U.N. decision, the imposition of the arms embargo placed the U.S. in an "illogical, indefensible, and untenable position," Klein told the House of Representatives, "especially with the discovery that American shotgun ammunition can be shipped to Arabs while explosives intended for Palestine are seized and the shippers arrested. New and startling disclosures about shipments to Arabs can be expected soon," he promised.

Klein also urged the government to insist that Great Britain abide by the majority decision for partition and join with the U.S. in providing arms for the Hagana for police work. There is no time now to establish, train and dispatch a United Nations force, he said. Klein called upon the House to support the Administration in such a course of action because, he said, the peace of the world may well be at stake.

Earlier in the session Rep. Lawrence H. Smith, Wisconsin Republican, told the House that the United States is "in trouble in the Middle East." Referring to Secretary of Defense James Forrester's statement to a House sub-committee that partition of Palestine had jeopardized our Middle Eastern oil supply, Smith said: "The men who are in charge of the armed services are alarmed and justly so...unless we take care of this situation now, we are headed straight for war. The Palestine partition action...has created a critical national security problem. It is fraught with great danger to our country."

Secretary of the Interior Krug told the House Foreign Affairs Committee today, under questioning by Rep. Jacob K. Javits of New York, that 90 percent of Saudi Arabia's governmental revenues derive from oil royalties paid by American oil companies. Rep. Frances Bolton of Ohio had asked Mr. Krug whether the European Recovery Program did not depend on oil from the Middle East and whether, if it were cut off, it would not interfere with the program.

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STATE DEPARTMENT MAY SUSPEND PASSPORTS OF AMERICANS SERVING WITH HAGANAH

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. (JTA)--The passports of the G.I. and other American students now in Palestine and participating in armed activities there, may be temporarily withdrawn and their citizenship suspended during such service, it is reliably learned here.

The State Department declares that no instructions have been sent to the American Consulate General in Jerusalem to take up the passports, and that no passports have actually been withdrawn. However, power to do this, a Department spokesman pointed out, is automatically within the discretion of the Consul, in accordance with a long-standing rule which provides that United States citizens shall not participate in armed activities in another country and that the passports of those doing so are to be taken up during the period of their activity.

An American consular office is to be opened in Haifa, JTA learns on good authority, to expedite the departure of American citizens who wish to leave Palestine because of the current strife.

I.R.O. HEAD ASKS BIG POWERS TO MAKE \$12,500,000 AVAILABLE FOR JEWISH REHABILITATION

GENEVA, Jan. 22. (JTA)--William H. Tuck, executive secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization, today asked the current conference of the Commission to press the Big Powers to make available \$12,500,000 of a fund of \$25,000,000 derived from German assets which has been pledged for Jewish rehabilitation operations.

The other half of the fund is at present frozen in Sweden and negotiations are in progress for liquidating the Nazi assets and turning the proceeds over to the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency as reparations. The negotiations are currently tied up in the red tape of national and international currency restrictions.

Tuck also called on countries which were neutral during the war and hold assets of Jews who died heirless as a result of Nazi persecutions to release such property to the central Jewish agencies for the relief of surviving victims. He said that the amounts involved ran into the millions of dollars.

The representatives of the member states of the I.R.O. met in closed sessions today to discuss Tuck's proposed budget for the next fiscal year which provides for the resettlement of some 262,000 DP's during that period and 416,000 during the following year. An American Jewish Committee representative urged the allocation of more funds for the retraining of displaced Jews.

J.D.C. BEGINS BAKING MATZOKS IN GERMANY FOR PASSOVER; 1,200,000 POUNDS WILL BE NEEDED

MUNICH, Jan. 22. (JTA)--The Joint Distribution Committee has begun baking an estimated 1,200,000 pounds of matzohs and matzoh flour in preparation for the coming Passover, it was revealed here.

No matzoh products will be imported into Germany this year, although the flour which will be converted into holiday products in specially prepared ovens, was originally brought in by the J.D.C.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM WILL SEEK NEW METHODS IN CONDUCTING RELIEF FOR JEWS ABROAD

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 22. (JTA)--Leaders of the American Council for Judaism will seek new methods in the present system of Jewish relief operations as a result of a resolution adopted at the Council's annual conference held here this week, in which dissatisfaction was voiced with "the present co-mingling in the United Jewish Appeal of funds for clearly humanitarian purposes with others that are expended for political and foreign governmental purposes."

The resolution instructed the president and executive committee of the American Council for Judaism "together with other like-minded individuals or groups" to negotiate with relief agencies, and in particular with the Joint Distribution Committee, for "the establishment of procedures or a separate fund that will make possible the widest and most generous support of those in distress."

"In the event the Council should find that no satisfactory method is available in the United Jewish Appeal or its constituents which would enable contributions to be made in accordance with the above conditions, the officers and executive committee shall so notify Council members and the executive committee shall, at that time, propose a plan whereby contributions can be made through the American Council for Judaism for purposes described above," the resolution stated.

The Council for Judaism parley also adopted a resolution urging "our fellow Americans of Jewish faith to withhold all support from and to repudiate all Zionist efforts to maintain Zionist camps or any other youth training programs designed to prepare American youth for emigration into Palestine or to cause them to segregate themselves in this country for furthering Political Zionism."

Another resolution requested American Jews to be vigilant against all attempts to create any over-all authority claiming to represent all Jews in secular and political matters. "We urge them not to retreat from the traditional position of Americans of Jewish faith, that no person and no organization can speak for all Jews," the resolution said. "We repudiate the assumed authority of the American Jewish Conference, (now the American Jewish Assembly) now planned as a permanent body or of any other organization claiming to represent all American Jews in political matters, domestic or foreign."

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PARLEY POSTPONED UNTIL MAY; WILL BE HELD IN SWITZERLAND

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA)--The proposed plenary session of the World Jewish Congress, which had been scheduled to open next month, has been postponed until the middle of May, it was announced here by Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, director of the organizational department of the Congress. The session will be held in Switzerland.

EXHIBITION OF LEADING PALESTINIAN PAINTER OPENS AT JEWISH MUSEUM

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA)--The first exhibition in New York of the paintings of Mordecai Ardon-Bronstein, director of the New Bazelel School of Arts and Crafts in Jerusalem, opened here last night at the Jewish Museum. The showing, which will run through March 3, features 24 Palestinian landscapes, portraits and still lifes. Bronstein has been in this country for the past few months, lecturing at the Jewish Theological Seminary and at the Jewish Education Committee of New York.

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