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### U.N. COMMISSION STARTS DISCUSSION ON JEWISH AGENCY REQUEST FOR ARMING MILITIA

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Arguments for the sending of an international police force to Palestine and the immediate arming of the Haganah by the United Nations were presented today by Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, at a session here of the U.N. Implementation Commission, at which the Agency's request for the establishment of a Jewish militia in Palestine was considered.

Emphasizing that the immediate supplying of arms to the Haganah is a matter of extreme urgency, Shertok said that this action is necessary in view of the fact that the Arabs are getting arms "through governmental channels," while the Jews are prevented from securing weapons as a result of the U.S. arms embargo. In addition, he said, those arms which the Jews in Palestine possess are continually being confiscated by the British authorities.

While suggesting that arms for the militia should be supplied through the Provisional Councils of Governments, which are to be established during the transitional period between the surrender of the Mandate and the declaration of independence, Shertok declared that in view of the urgency of the situation, the Jewish Agency should be entrusted with receiving these arms until the Provisional Council of the Jewish Government is set up. He urged that the Implementation Commission take steps to establish the Provisional Councils as quickly as possible.

The representative of the Agency also asked the Commission to formulate a general policy with regard to sending arms to Palestine. He said that the Security Council must not allow the sending of arms to governments which defy the U.N. decision.

Regarding the establishment of the Jewish militia, Shertok told the Commission that the Agency contemplates a force of between 30,000 and 35,000 strong. Members of this force will be recruited preferably within Palestine, he stated.

Elaborating on the Agency's request for an international police force, Shertok said that such a force would serve as a "potential deterrent" to a possible Arab revolt. The presence of an international force would indicate that the U.N. is determined to carry out its decision on Palestine, he declared.

Replying to a question by Karel Lisicky, chairman of the Commission, as to how the Agency intends to finance the arming of its militia, Shertok said that the Agency believes it is entitled to international assistance. The arms, he said, could be supplied by the Security Council, from the stores of demobilized armies or from member states. The most practicable method of financing would be through the granting of loans for purchasing the necessary military equipment.

Shertok assured the commission that the Jewish militia could work without outside assistance. Neither the Haganah nor the Irgun would be incorporated into the militia as organized groups, but their members would be accepted on an individual basis, he concluded.

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BRITISH EMBARGO PORT OF TEL AVIV; SAY SHIPS ORDERED TO HAIFA TO PREVENT ARMS SMUGGLING

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The British authorities in Palestine today ramped down an embargo on the port of Tel Aviv. An official spokesman said the move was taken to prevent the smuggling of arms and munitions into the Jewish section of Palestine.

The British action became known when the American freighter Export which arrived in Tel Aviv yesterday was today ordered to put into Haifa. At the latter port the authorities have greater facilities for more exhaustive checks on cargo. The Export's entire 600-ton cargo was destined for Tel Aviv merchants, including a shipment of new cars.

At the American consulate here it was confirmed today that all American shipping will be required to call at Haifa. A consulate spokesman intimated that after the vessels are inspected at Haifa they may be permitted to unload at Tel Aviv.

A Jew, Samuel Giffisman, and a British army corporal were shot and killed today on the road between Haifa and Tel Aviv when a group of Arabs opened fire on their truck. Police who arrived on the scene to investigate the murders were also brought under fire. In Haifa, a Jew, Alex Kaiserman, was beaten to death by Arabs. Earlier, two Jews shot and wounded an Arab police superintendent and an Arab police inspector. Two Jews were wounded in an exchange of shots on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border.

Two Arabs were killed and several wounded in a scrap between Arabs and British troops at the village of Khirbet Ikhzaa, in the Gaza district. One Briton was injured. Two explosions in Jerusalem caused no casualties, but some damage.

A gang of Arab bandits held up a freight train between Haifa and Athlit this afternoon, stealing some 200 bags of cement and injuring the fireman. Between Beers and Quaquim the train was held up by a second band of Arabs who made off with another 50 bags of cement. The rail line near Lydda was damaged by a blast last night, set by unknown persons, and a section of track was uprooted today near Betit, on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv line.

From Cyprus it was reported that 480 Jews, part of a larger group to be admitted to Palestine from the Island under the January quota, embarked on the Jewish vessel Kedmah today for the journey to Haifa. They are expected to arrive at that port tomorrow.

Dr. Silver Summoned to Return to U.S.; Dr. Weizmann Expected Here

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency executive, is preparing to fly back to the United States in response to an urgent call to participate in important discussions concerning the implementation of partition. It was learned here today. Dr. Silver arrived here recently to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee, which has been postponed until March.

(From London it was reported that Dr. Chaim Weizmann will shortly fly back to the U.S. from which he came to England a few weeks ago. The seriousness of Dr. Weizmann's mission in the U.S. was underlined by the fact that the aged Zionist leader was preparing to return to his home in Palestine shortly.)

HOUSE HEARS PLEA FOR BI-PARTISAN APPROACH TO PALESTINE ISSUE; LIFTING OF EMBARGO PROBED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- A bi-partisan approach to the Palestine problem was urged today on the floor of the House by Rep. Jacob K. Javits of New York, who also called for the lifting of the U.S. embargo on the shipment of arms to Palestine. The American policy with regard to the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine has always been endorsed by both the Democratic and the Republican parties, Rep. Javits pointed out.

(The New York Times today reported from Washington that "a movement is developing inside the State Department and the Cabinet to extend the bi-partisan or non-partisan foreign policy to all questions relating to Palestine." The report stated "on responsible authority" that efforts are being made to get President Truman and the leaders of the Republican Party together on a Palestine policy "so that domestic political factors do not in the future influence the United States decisions of concern to the Holy Land.")

Rep. Javits also answered charges that the partitioning of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states would endanger American oil interests in the Arab countries and would cut off the supply of oil from the Middle East. He urged that a survey of Middle Eastern oil resources be made to determine what part they would play in the European Recovery Program and to what extent they would be available for the national security of the United States. He also asked Congress to establish "to what extent the operations of American oil companies are helping or crossing up American foreign policy."

In calling for the lifting of the arms embargo, Rep. Javits emphasized that it is a step which the U. S. Government must take to help in the implementation of the U.N. partition decision, so that arms "may be shipped to such armed militia, whether Jewish or Arab, as is recognized by the United Nations Commission." The U.S. Government, he said, must warn the Arab nations that unless they cooperate under the terms of the U.N. Charter, they will have to answer to the Security Council for "conspiring to defeat the U.N. decision."

Washington Officials Seek to Avoid Influence of Pro-Zionist Groups

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Three main factors are giving impetus to the movement which is developing within the State Department and the Cabinet for securing bi-partisan policy on Palestine, James Reston, diplomatic correspondent of the N.Y. Times, said today in a report from Washington.

The first factor, he stated, is "the conviction widely held at the State and Defense Departments, that President Truman's decision to support the partition of Palestine was influenced by the political strength of pro-Zionist organizations. A second factor, especially strong at the service departments, is the growing concern over America's oil resources in the Near and Middle East, dominated by the Arab states and not far from the Soviet Union. A third factor is the effort of pro-Zionists to induce the government to send United States troops to Palestine to assist in implementing the United Nations partition plan.

"Probably the main consideration in the minds of those urging a bi-partisan approach to the Palestine problem, however, is the feeling that, unless an understanding is reached between the two major political parties on this question, especially in a Presidential campaign year, there will be constant political pressure on the government to keep pressing for partition and to support the Palestine Government when the latter does attain political independence," the Times said.

JEWISH PETITION ASKS I.R.O. FOR FIRM POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN IMMIGRATION

GENEVA, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- A petition urging the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization, which is currently meeting here, to adopt a firm policy of refusing to enter into immigration agreements with nations which would permit discrimination against any minority group among the DP's, and not to allow discrimination in the employment of DP's in Europe was formally presented to the parley today by the American Jewish Committee.

A spokesman for the I.R.O. denied that a recent U.S. Army order to DP's in Austria to become self-sufficient or leave the camps would mean that displaced Jews would be subject without qualification to Austrian labor laws, as have been other DP's. He asserted that the I.R.O. would retain the power of protecting Jewish DP's against discrimination either by Austrian fellow workers or employers. He added that only if suitable employment is available will Jewish DP's become subject to the Army order.

CZECH CABINET URGES LEGALIZATION OF JEWISH MARRIAGES PERFORMED UNDER NAZI REGIME

PRAGUE, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The draft of a law legalizing religious and common-law marriages which took place at the Theresienstadt concentration camp during the Nazi occupation has been submitted by the cabinet to parliament, it was reported here today.

Under the proposed legislation, which also includes a section giving marital rights to fiancées of men who died in concentration camps, the wife of such a union would be entitled to all social and legal rights of a woman married under the provisions of the civil law. Children of the union would also have all rights including that of their father's name and inheriting his property.

BRITISH GOVT. CIRCLES DOUBTFUL OF EFFECTIVENESS OF LEGISLATION TO BAN ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Government circles and some leading lawyers have expressed doubts concerning the effectiveness of a projected law to ban anti-Semitic activity and propaganda. The legislation has been under discussion in the Cabinet for some weeks.

The Labor Party executive which meets tomorrow will hear a report of a deputation of its own members which recently met with Home Secretary James Chuter Ede on the problem of fascist and anti-Semitic activity. Ede reportedly told the delegation, which was accompanied by highly placed trade union leaders, that he was considering an order to ban the use of loudspeakers at public meetings except during the period of the general election. He is understood to have said that without loudspeakers few meetings, particularly those of pro-fascist and racist groups, would be able to attract much of an audience.

JES IN POLAND PLAN TO SEEK MUNICIPAL AID FOR EDUCATIONAL AND WELFARE INSTITUTIONS

WARSAW, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders in Poland are mapping plans to make Jewish institutions in this country more dependent on internal support rather than on aid from abroad, it was revealed here today by Joel Latebnik, general secretary of the Central Jewish Committee.

The plan visualizes securing funds from local municipalities for the maintenance of Jewish schools, orphanages and similar institutions. Jewish members of the municipal councils will, under this plan, ask the municipalities to provide for these institutions by including them in municipal budgets as is done with non-Jewish educational and welfare institutions.

FORTY JEWISH LEADERS LEAVE BY PLANE FOR EUROPE AND PALESTINE ON U.J.A. MISSION

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Forty Jewish leaders from every section of the United States departed today for Paris aboard a plane called the "United Jewish Appeal Star of Hope" on the first leg of a four-week flying mission to Europe and Palestine, undertaken in conjunction with the \$250,000,000 nationwide campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, to study the rehabilitation needs of the remaining Jews of Europe and to survey the immigration, upbuilding and settlement requirements in Palestine.

The American Jewish leaders, who are making the trip at their own expense in order to report to their communities on the Jewish position abroad, will visit France, Germany, Italy and Palestine.

The delegation took with it for presentation to the Jews of Palestine a miniature gold replica of the Statue of Liberty from Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York City and a gold key to the city of St. Louis from Mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann of that city. Part of the delegation will live with the Jews in the D.P. camps of Germany and Italy during its stay in those countries. The delegation will spend considerable time in the new Jewish settlements now being established in Palestine.

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, national chairman of the U.J.A., acting in behalf of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury and general chairman of the record-breaking drive, offered a special prayer for the success and safety of the mission. "The visit that these representative leaders of the Jewish community of America have undertaken to make to Europe and Palestine reflects the deep concern which the Jews in this country feel over the continued homelessness and suffering of our fellow Jews in Europe, and demonstrates the determination of American Jewry to give the widest support for relief and rehabilitation overseas as well as for mass immigration, upbuilding and security in Palestine," Rabbi Wise said.

Chairman of Delegation Explains Aims of Mission

Irving G. Rhodes of Milwaukee, chairman of the overseas delegation, declared before the group boarded the plane that "we are undertaking this arduous flying trip to study at first hand the relief and rehabilitation needs of the Jews of Europe which must be met in 1948 through the United Jewish Appeal and to see for ourselves the tremendous scope of the job which must be accomplished in Palestine within the next twelve months in order to insure a lasting solution to the problems besetting large numbers of Jews in Europe and the heroic members of the Palestine Jewish community.

"We are fully aware of the fact that this overseas mission comes at a time when the entire course of Jewish history for centuries to come will be determined," Rhodes declared. "Upon the success of the \$250,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal rests the hopes and lives of the Jews of Europe and Palestine for generations to come. The extent of the assistance we make available in 1948 towards the upbuilding, settlement and defense of the Jewish state in Palestine will have an important bearing on the future of Jewish history."

The delegation, which will confer in Europe with top-ranking United States Army military officials on the problems of the Jewish D.P.'s and in Palestine with leading officials of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, includes Julius Fligelman of Los Angeles, Irwin Ely Goldstein of St. Louis, Joseph Holtzman of Detroit, M.F. Berg, Los Angeles, Louis Berry, Detroit, Mrs. Matilda Brailove, Elizabeth, N.J., Maxwell J. Bristol, North Hollywood, California, Samuel Brown, South Bend, Indiana, Jack Dembo, San Diego, California, Melvin Dubinsky, St. Louis.

Also Louis Chanen, Independence, Iowa, Harold A. Goldman, Des Moines, Iowa, Jack Riatt, Worcester, Mass., Marvin H. Itts, Youngstown, Ohio, Harry L. Jacobs,

St. Louis, Mo., Philip Klaus, Richmond, Va., Samuel C. Klein, St. Louis, Maurice  
 Spanier, Los Angeles, Rabbi Aaron H. Lefkowitz, Long Branch, N.J., Mrs. Babette K.  
 Spitz, St. Louis, Al Lushing, Los Angeles; Rabbi Max Nussbaum, Los Angeles, Joseph  
 Frell, Los Angeles, Ben Solnit, Los Angeles, David Uchill, Denver, Col., and Alvin  
 Wolff, St. Louis.

#### WORLD ORT UNION RELEASES DETAILS OF AGREEMENT WITH I.R.O. TO CONTINUE TRAINING DP'S

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Further details of a recently concluded agree-  
 ment between the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization  
 and the World ORT Union for continuation of the ORT's training program for DP's in  
 Germany, Austria and Italy have been released here by the local office of the ORT.

The agreement not only sets forth the responsibilities of the ORT, but com-  
 mits the I.R.O. to provide suitable facilities for ORT projects, provide work  
 clothes for ORT students, assist with equipment and supplies, provide work oppor-  
 tunities for ORT graduates and give the ORT opportunity to execute work projects  
 undertaken by the I.R.O. in ORT training workshops.

The agreement also gives the ORT the right to transfer its vocational train-  
 ing workshops, together with the remaining ORT supplies and equipment to Palestine  
 or other receiving countries, as the students which the ORT assists emigrate to  
 such countries. The general terms of the agreement are to be implemented in indi-  
 vidual countries or zones by additional agreements between I.R.O. directors and  
 ORT representatives. The ORT has undertaken to expand its vocational training work  
 among Jewish DP's in Germany, Austria and Italy, with the cumulative goal of train-  
 ing not less than 30,000 DP's by the end of 1948.

#### RABI MEIR BERLIN RETURNS TO PALESTINE; HOPES U.N. COMMISSION WILL END ARAB RIOTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Rabbi Meir Berlin, president of the World  
 Synagogue Organization, left yesterday by air for Palestine after a stay of eight  
 weeks in the United States. He expressed the hope that the arrival in Palestine of  
 the U.N. partition commission will "help quell the riots and disorder fomented by the  
 Arab's henchmen."

"If these U.N. representatives and their mission of peace is further ig-  
 nored," he declared, "or if they are intimidated by these irresponsible, dissident  
 Arabs who do not represent native Palestinian Arabs, then the only alternative is  
 the recruitment of a world police force which will bring in line those who dare  
 flout the democratic laws of mankind."

#### GENERAL ZIONIST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN U.S. DISCUSSES PALESTINE EMERGENCY

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Measures to help meet the present emergency  
 in Palestine were discussed last night at a meeting of the executive committee of  
 the American section of the World Confederation of General Zionists.

Meir Hartman, General Zionist leader in Palestine, who just arrived in this  
 country, said that the policy of "impartiality" of the United States Government was  
 "hostile" to the Jews in Palestine. Daniel Auster, former mayor of Jerusalem,  
 described conditions in the city. Other speakers included Dr. Israel Goldstein,  
 chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists; Elias Epstein, Palestine  
 J.N.F. representative now in this country; Daniel Frisch, Z.O.A. vice-president, and  
 Daniel Fisher, executive director of the J.N.F. in America.