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## U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS PALESTINE ON MONDAY; BRITISH REPLY ON MILITIA AWAITED

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The U.N. Palestine Commission tonight completed the first draft of its special report on Palestine security which is to be submitted to the Security Council. It was announced tonight that the Council will begin formal discussion of the Palestine security situation on Monday.

General Andrew G.L. McNaughton of Canada, president of the Security Council, indicated that the Council may spend considerable time on the problem next week. "Members of the Council are giving the greatest attention to the situation in Palestine" he said.

The five-nation Palestine Commission was expecting a report today on negotiations which its Philippine member, Vicente J. Francisco, has been conducting with the British delegation at the United Nations regarding the establishment of a legal and well-equipped Jewish militia. However, Senator Francisco was not in a position to present his report today, apparently because his negotiations have not yet been completed.

Meanwhile, the Commission made an open bid today for the services of the administrative personnel of the Palestine Government by announcing that it is interested in retaining "all employees of the Palestine Administration who wish to continue in service after the termination of the Mandate." The Commission asked the Mandatory power to circulate this offer among the government employees.

The move, which is considered as an indication that the Commission is moving speedily to take over the administrative functions from the Mandatory power, was largely inspired by a cabled offer this week to the Commission on behalf of more than 3,000 contract government employees in Palestine to serve under the United Nations.

## Palestine Arab Higher Committee Charges U.S. with "Political Blackmail"

The Palestine Arab Higher Committee, in a bellicose letter to Secretary-General Trygve Lie, advised the Commission to stay out of Palestine and called for the abandonment of the partition plan. The letter accused the United States of "political blackmail" and the U.N. of "aggression," in relation to their effort to implement the partitioning of Palestine.

The letter also charged the U.S. Government with bringing "flagrant interference and pressure" to bear on the delegations of Siam, Liberia, the Philippines, Haiti and others, in order to secure a majority of votes in favor of partition at the last General Assembly session. It declared that the Arab Higher Committee will never recognize the authority of the U.N. on partition. It warned the Security Council against sending an international police force to Palestine, declaring that such a force will meet with effective opposition on the part of every Arab.

## DAY PASSES PEACEFULLY IN PALESTINE; NO MAJOR INCIDENTS OR VIOLENCE REPORTED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The day passed relatively quietly in Palestine today, without any major incidents or instances of violence being reported here up to the evening.

WARNS OF GREATER BLOODSHED IN PALESTINE IF U.S. EMBARGO ON ARMS IS NOT LIFTED

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Warning that the situation in Palestine may become bloody and as disastrous as in Spain" unless the United States lifts its embargo shipping arms to Jews in Palestine, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, told a press conference today that "some members of U.S. Government are collaborating in a conspiracy to frustrate the U.N. partition decision."

Dr. Silver, who returned last night from a three-week stay in Palestine following an urgent call from Zionist leaders here, reported that "the British are trying to make it as easy as possible for the Arabs to defeat the U.N. plan by violence." At the same time, he emphasized, life in Palestine today is far from chaotic and no business enterprise has closed down as a result of violence. "The Zionist leader emphasized that "not a single settlement has been abandoned by the Jewish people; there is no intention to abandon any area whatever."

The Jews of Palestine, he said, are resolved to defend their rights to the last, for they know that their back is to the wall, and that this is the last stand. There is no other solution for them but the establishment of the Jewish state this year.

Pointing out that either a well-equipped Jewish militia or an international force is needed to maintain law and order in Palestine, in view of the "neutral" position of the British there, Dr. Silver said that it is common knowledge that a large concentration of Arab forces in Nablus is awaiting the signal to begin operations against the Jews. "Not a single one of these non-Palestinian, well-equipped fully-armed Arabs has been arrested," he charged.

The Zionist leader bitterly criticized the British Government for spreading propaganda that Soviet agents are allegedly infiltrating Palestine on refugee ships. Similar criticism was voiced at the press conference by Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency. Referring to the two refugee ships, Pan York and Pan Crescent, Shertok said that apart from 4,500 children aboard the vessels, all other passengers were members of Zionist organizations.

"To the best of my knowledge, not a single person who could correctly be described as a Communist agent was deliberately placed aboard these two ships to disseminate Communist propaganda," Shertok stated. "Such inclusions would be prevented as would the inclusion of all persons who want to come to Palestine for purposes other than those of settling and joining in the building of the Jewish state."

BRITISH COMMISSIONER IN CYPRUS REITERATES DENIAL ON "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION" AMONG DEFS

KYRENIA, Cyprus, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Sir Godfrey Collins, British administrator of the Jewish refugee camps in Cyprus, today reiterated that he had heard "absolutely nothing" of any Communist papers being found among the 15,000 Jews who were diverted by the British from Palestine to Cyprus aboard the two refugee ships Pan York and Pan Crescent.

Commenting on a communique issued yesterday in London by the Colonial Office, Sir Godfrey said that Collins denied making such a statement on Tuesday. Sir Godfrey told a Reuter correspondent here today that the first time he had heard of any Communist papers being discovered among the Pan York and Pan Crescent immigrants was when a London report containing this allegation was published in the New York press last day.

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS GROUP BLAMES JEWISH AND ARAB LEADERS FOR PALESTINE SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Jewish and Arab leaders in Palestine are blamed for the present situation there and for the fact that the Palestine problem remains "insoluble" in a report by the House Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee on the Near East published today.

The sub-committee, consisting of Reps. Frances P. Bolton and Chester E. Crowley, visited Palestine, Iraq and Saudi Arabia. It came to the conclusion that the "intolerance" of Arabs and Jews and the "rigidity" of their leaders are responsible for strained Arab-Jewish relations.

The report cites arguments for a federated Arab-Jewish state in Palestine and asserts that Dr. J.L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, favors this idea. It also refers to "groups of Orthodox Jews, strangely inarticulate" who told the members of the sub-committee that to them "Zionism is the greatest tragedy ever faced by the Jewish people."

N.Y. Press Urges U.S. to Take Lead in Implementing Partition Decision

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The leading newspapers of New York were today unanimous in demanding that immediate action be taken to make the U.N. partition decision effective, and that the United States must take a leading role in this action.

The Herald-Tribune, in an editorial, says that the position of the United States with regard to Palestine "is one of peculiar responsibility." Urging that the Jews of Palestine be armed, the article states: "Officially and unofficially the United States took the lead in urging a change in the conditions of the British mandate, and later in promoting partition. If Palestine collapses into anarchy upon the withdrawal of the British it will be a terrible reflection upon American policy no less than upon the prestige and authority of the United Nations. It is necessary, therefore, that this country take the initiative in securing U.N. action to implement partition. The most obvious procedure would be to give the Jews of Palestine the legal right and the means to defend themselves."

Pointing out that the United Nations is looking to the United States "for some light and leading" on the enforcement of the partition decision, the Herald-Tribune emphasizes that America "cannot afford to withhold it." The keynote of American policy, "the article says, "must be collective action; it should not involve unilateral measures that would impose the entire burden on the United States. But the present state of collective paralysis on the Palestine issue is too dangerous to endure--too dangerous for Palestine, for the U.N. and for the United States."

The N.Y. Times, terming the Palestine question "a test case for the United Nations," says "It would be unworthy of the great nations to stand aside, shrugging off the responsibility of their own decision, while these smaller countries continued to wrestle with the problem. The United Nations, which produced the partition plan, is under a moral obligation to provide the necessary means to make that plan effective. It is to the Security Council that we must look for action. We believe that this action should be taken without further hazardous delay; that the very presence of an international force would have a quieting effect, and that Palestine is inescapably a test case for the United Nations."

The New York Post and the newspaper PM have been publishing articles during the past few days commenting on the situation in a similar vein. The articles in the two papers take issue with the latest British allegation that Communist agents are "infiltrating" refugee ships carrying Jews from Europe to Palestine. They term this allegation "a smear" against the Jews.

PROTECTION OF JEWS IN ARAB COUNTRIES WILL BE SOUGHT AT U.N. BY SEPHARDIC LEADER.

LONDON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Elie Eliashar, president of the Jerusalem Sephardic Community, will leave for the United States within the next few days to arouse, through the United Nations, world public opinion to the danger of the massacre of hundreds of thousands of Jews living in various Oriental countries. Eliashar, who is now in London in connection with the same mission, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that large-scale pogroms can be expected during the weeks immediately following British surrender of the Palestine Mandate on May 15.

He urged that all attempts be made to divorce the Palestine question from the fate of the Jews in Arab countries who are treated as hostages and prisoners at the mercy of mobs and irresponsible rulers. He pointed out most of the atrocities committed against Jews during the past few months have occurred in territories under the complete control of Britain.

The leader of the Sephardic Jews stressed that administrative, if not legal, discrimination through racial boycott and impeding the right of free movement is practiced against the Jews in all Arab countries, in opposition to the principles of the U.N. Charter. Reviewing the recent situation in a number of Arab lands where Jews have been the victims of mobs, he stated that the number of Jews killed in Aden was about twice the official figure of 78; that in the British protectorate of Bahrain, where only 55 Jewish families dwell, 67 Jews were injured in a riot; that 12 synagogues were destroyed in the Syrian city of Aleppo and that an anti-Zionist law in Egypt threatens the entire Jewish community with ruin.

Eliashar pointed out that he has appealed to the United States, Britain and France on humanitarian grounds to protect the isolated and endangered Jews. He reported that the French authorities are cooperating to a great extent - offering relief to pogrom victims and adopting precautionary measures in Arab territories and also admitting to French schools Jewish students expelled from Beirut colleges.

In Britain, leading Jewish organizations and leaders are hopeful that the government will agree to some form of concerted international action to protect the Jews. Meanwhile, the government is expected momentarily to announce an inquiry into the Aden pogrom which Jewish circles have been urging for the past month.

Eliashar, who intends to make a formal plea at Lake Success for international protection for the Jews in Oriental countries, expressed the hope that all Jewish organizations will act in concert on this matter and will avoid making separate approaches to the world tribunal.

GERMAN WOMEN DEMAND RETURN OF HOUSES WHICH FORM NEW BAVARIAN DP CAMP

MUNICH, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Fifty German women demonstrated today at a meeting of the Bavarian Parliament demanding the return of houses which form the Neu Freimann displaced persons camp. Dr. Philip Auerbach, Minister for Persecutees in the Bavarian Government, told the demonstrators that most Germans who were known to be Nazis were still living in comfortable homes and if there is a housing shortage the women should demand the eviction of these Germans rather than the ejection of the 'Nazis' worst victims."

The Ministry of Interior has ordered the postponement of the restoration of houses and furniture to "denazified" Germans who have applied for the belongings on the basis of a law which provides that Germans who have paid their fines in "denazification" courts may have their property returned to them. The postponement was ordered pending clarification of the law, since several "denazified" Germans have applied for the return of homes which have since been used by racial and political persecutees.

ANTI-BIAS BILL, APPROVED YESTERDAY, MAY NOT BE VOTED UPON BY SENATE AT THIS SESSION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Despite the fact that the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee yesterday approved by a 7-5 vote the Ives F.E.P.C. Bill which provides for the creation of a permanent National Commission Against Discrimination in Employment, it was considered unlikely here today that the bill will be placed on the Senate calendar and voted upon at this session.

The action of the Senate Committee, which was taken despite the opposition of Sen. Robert A. Taft, the Committee's chairman and candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, was lauded by the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. President Truman, in his civil rights message to Congress last Monday, asked for passage of the FEPC bill and other anti-discrimination legislation.

The Ives Bill would bar job discrimination by both employers and labor unions. It would create a seven-member national commission to carry out this purpose. The commission would be directed first to use conciliation, persuasion and other voluntary methods to settle any complaints of discrimination. If voluntary methods failed, the commission would follow an enforcement procedure similar to that used by the National Labor Relations Board.

The commission would conduct hearings and be empowered to issue orders directing any employer or union found guilty of job discrimination to cease such actions. Actual enforcement of its orders would be left to the Federal courts, with all parties having right of appeal.

NATION-WIDE DRIVE AGAINST RACIAL PREJUDICE PLANNED BY BUSINESS, CIVIC GROUPS

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- An intensified campaign against racial prejudice will be started throughout the United States shortly, aided and supported by the entire advertising profession and by many business, labor and civic organizations, it was reported here today. The drive will be conducted by the Advertising Council, Inc.

"Every means of advertising which could probably be useful will be mobilized in this fight against prejudice," it was announced at a press conference. "Some of the best brains in the advertising profession have donated their time and talent to the design of striking posters and eloquent statements of the American creed. Through business facilities we will use advertising in newspapers, magazines, over the air, in outdoor display panels and subway car cards."

The campaign will concentrate on slogans stressing the following major points: Accept or reject people on their individual worth; do not listen to or spread rumors against a race or religion, and speak up, wherever one is: in business, school, labor union, church or social group, against group prejudice. The program will have the support of the Association of National Advertisers, the American Association of Advertising Agencies, and the Bureau of Advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

U.S. NAVY OFFICER WHO RETURNED TO POLAND TO FIND FAMILY'S MURDERERS SUCCEEDS IN MISSION

WARSAW, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- An American Naval officer who came to Poland to find and prosecute the murderers of his family has accomplished his mission, it was reported here today.

Edmund Katz, a New York Jew born in Lubatchev, learned that his entire family was killed during a pogrom in his native town which was led by a Pole named Serdynski and his son. Captain Katz, who was aided by the police, searched for the pair for many months and finally found the senior Serdynski in Lower Silesia and the son in a village in the Posen area. The pair were arrested by the police and confessed their crime. They are expected to stand trial soon.

182 DISPLACED JEWS ARRIVE IN UNITED STATES FROM GERMANY; AIDED BY JDC AND HIAS

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A total of 182 displaced Jews and refugee immigrants arrived here today aboard the Marine Marlin from Bremerhaven, Germany. Of them, 115 were aided by the JDC and 67 by HIAS.

MAJOR ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS IN U.S. ISSUE JOINT PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING U.J.A. DRIVE

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Asserting that the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund must play a decisive role "in this year of transition," the heads of twelve major American Zionist groups issued a joint proclamation today calling upon Zionists of all parties to form a united front in support of the \$250,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal as a means of securing the establishment of the Jewish state in Palestine.

The Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund, which are the component bodies of the United Palestine Appeal, derive their American support from the combined campaign of the U.J.A. The proclamation called upon the members and friends of the various Zionist organizations to take the lead in the mobilization of all resources of local communities through the formation of representative councils embracing all Zionist groups.

CLOTHING WORKERS UNION URGES TRUMAN TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF PALESTINE DECISION

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The executive board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, CIO, which is currently meeting here, has called on President Truman to implement the U.N. decision on Palestine "by exerting real influence." The board's statement also pointed out that Arabs are being given access to arms and other war materials from the U.S. and Britain and at the same time that Jews are denied such support and "are even being disarmed."

NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT DECORATES UNKNOWN JEWISH SOLDIER OF WARSAW GHETTO

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Netherlands Ambassador, Eelco N. van Kleeff, will confer the insignia of the Resistance Cross awarded by the Dutch Government to the Unknown Soldier of the Warsaw Ghetto Battle, at a ceremony to be held tomorrow at the Netherlands Consulate General. The decoration will be permanently placed in the monument which is being erected in New York.

CHARLES E. WILSON AWARDED AMERICAN HEBREW MEDAL FOR 1947 FOR INTER-FAITH WORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Charles E. Wilson, chairman of the President's Committee on Civil Rights, has been awarded the American Hebrew Medal for 1947, it was announced today, for contributing most during the past year towards the promotion of better understanding between Christians and Jews in the United States.

SIMEON STRUNSKY, NOTED N.Y. TIMES COLUMNIST, DIES; WAS 68 YEARS OLD

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Simeon Strunsky, noted columnist of the New York Times, died yesterday at the age of 68 after a long illness. He served as an editorial writer on the Times since 1924 and conducted his "Topics of the Times" column for the past 15 years. A native of Vitebsk, Russia, he was brought to the United States by his parents, Isadore and Pearl Weinstein Strunsky, at the age of seven and spent his early years on the lower East Side.