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MR. SHERTOK APPEAR BEFORE "BIG POWERS;" GROMYKO ATTENDS TALKS AS A "BYSTANDER"

NEW YORK, Mar. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Moshe Shertok today appeared before the representatives of three of the four major powers involved in the Four parley on Palestine in response to invitations from the United States, France and China. Soviet representative Andrei Gromyko participated as a "bystander."

United States delegate Warren Austin announced that similar invitations had been forwarded to the representatives of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee in New York. No reply had been received, he said, adding that an attempt had also been made to contact the Higher Committee in Jerusalem.

Asked if the invitations were extended on the basis of partition, Austin replied: "Only partition, that's the only basis, that's what we are talking about."

Dr. Silver proposed a nine-point program for action by the Security Council. It provides:

1. Assumption of responsibility by the Security Council for implementation of partition.
2. The Council should determine if an attempt of aggression and threat to peace is made.
3. It should determine what direct threat to peace is being made by the Arab states.
4. It should call on the Arab member states of the U.N. to stop mobilizing against Palestine and to withdraw their nationals already in Palestine.
5. It should call on the Arab members to halt war propaganda against the Jewish decision.
6. It should call on the Mandatory to prevent further invasion and expel invaders already there.
7. The Council should instruct the Palestine Commission to proceed with all phases of implementation, especially the establishment of Provisional Councils of Government, and the organization and equipment of militias.
8. The Council should call upon all member states to offer arms to those who ask the U.N. and to withhold them from all who defy the United Nations.
9. The Council should instruct the Palestine Commission to take all steps to help in the maintenance of peace in Jerusalem.

Following the meeting of the Big Powers with the representatives of the Jewish Agency, Gromyko issued a statement saying that consultations by the Big Powers with Britain or with the Palestine Commission "only confuses the situation." He sat through today's session as a non-participant and also took no part in an invitation to the other three powers to the New York representatives of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee to appear before them on Monday morning.

Before Dr. Silver submitted his nine-point program, Moshe Shertok replied to the questions formulated by the United States with the consent of France and China.

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sum total of his replies is that the Jewish Agency will not retreat from the General Assembly partition resolution.

Asked if any agreement between the Arabs and Jews was possible before termination of the Mandate, Shertok replied "no." He said the Jews in Palestine are ready to assume full responsibility for setting up administrative machinery and will maintain law and order, providing that the Mandatory cooperates. Asked if economic union is essential to the success of the plan, he replied "no."

Asked by Senator Austin what capacity of immigration is intended in Palestine, Dr. Silver replied the Jewish plan is to admit 1,000,000 Jews into Palestine over the next ten years. Palestine, he said, could absorb them, adding that there would be no fear of inundation of Jews in the Middle East, since most of Europe's prospective immigrants were slaughtered.

Shertok was asked by Austin if he thought Article 40 of the Charter, in which the Security Council calls upon interested parties to comply with preliminary recommendations to avoid an aggravating situation, would be a sufficient step at this stage. Shertok replied "yes" - as a first step it would set the Arabs thinking. It was never visualized that partition could be applied without some threat of force, he added.

American Delegation Denies Reports It Abandons Partition as Palestine Solution

A spokesman for the U.S. delegation today officially denied newspaper reports that the U.S. has abandoned partition as a formula for settling the Palestine dispute. In a statement issued here without elaboration or explanation, the delegation declared:

"The purpose of the present consultations is to find a means for the peaceful implementation of the General Assembly resolution for partition of Palestine. Such a solution is required because the peoples of Palestine must be able to live together, not fight constantly. This purpose is not being assisted by the refusal of one or more parties to take part in the consultations.

"Judgments on the possibilities of peaceful implementation should be based on the answers to the questions and not on the questions. It has been pointed out already that the questions were not solely U.S. questions."

The spokesman did not specify which questions he meant, but it was assumed he referred to ten questions submitted by the Big Four to the Palestine Commission. Unanimous replies were drafted by members of the Commission within an hour after they were received.

U.N. Commission Says Partition Cannot Be Implemented by Peaceful Means

The replies establish that "the Palestine Commission does not consider it possible to implement the partition plan by peaceful means either as a whole or in substantial part so long as the existing vigorous Arab resistance to partition persists."

The Commission in its answers also points out that while it "can take and has in fact taken some preliminary steps toward the selection of the Provisional Council of Government for the proposed Jewish state, that Provisional Council will not be able to carry out its function in the sense of the plan, prior to the termination of the Mandate." The position of the Mandatory power precludes any possibility of fulfilling by April 1 certain parts of the plan as regards either the Arab or the Jewish state, the Commission emphasized.

The Palestine Commission unanimously approved this afternoon its second monthly progress report to the Security Council. The report will be transmitted to the Council on Monday when discussion of the Palestine question will be resumed.

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WISE AGENCY WITHDRAWS CONSULAR IMMUNITY FOR VEHICLES; CRISIS IN JEWISH CABINET

JERUSALEM, Mar. 12 (JTA)--The Jewish Agency today withdrew consular immunity against search from all vehicles owned by foreign consulates in Jerusalem. The step was taken following yesterday's bombing of the Agency headquarters by an Arab who succeeded in getting into the Agency premises with explosives only because his car flew the American flag and was recognized as the automobile of the U.S. Consul General.

A spokesman for the Agency today said that the Agency attaches no responsibility to the bombing of the Agency headquarters in which 13 persons lost their lives and 90 were injured. The consulate was evacuated this morning for about an hour when an anonymous telephone caller warned that the building was about to be bombed. The warning proved to be a false alarm.

From Tel Aviv it was reported that the newly-created Jewish Government is facing a new crisis following ratification of a defense agreement between the Haganah and the Irgun last night. The United Labor Party, formed by the merger of the left-wing Eshomer Hatzair and L'Achduth Avoda, has decided to withdraw from the Provisional Government Council and the Cabinet because it is not satisfied with the representation given it and the ratification of the defense pact. David Ben Gurion and Finance Minister-designate Eliezer Kaplan voted against the pact, it was learned.

Although the agreement has been ratified in fact, it will not be officially announced until all members of the Agency executive living abroad have registered their opinions. They have been cabled the conditions of the Haganah-Irgun alliance.

Five Jews were killed and three wounded today in a series of Arab attacks on Jewish convoys in various parts of the country. One, a woman, died in a running battle near Motza, two were killed near Samakh and two died en route from the Dead Sea area to Jerusalem. Also, one Jew was killed and one injured when the men, on a Haganah patrol, encountered a large band of Arabs near Sodom and exchanged shots with them.

The 13 victims of the Jewish Agency bombing were buried today in the new area of the ancient Cemetery of the Sanhedrin, in Jerusalem. The bodies, draped in simple prayer shawls, were transported in four undecorated trucks. Leading the funerals were the families of the identified victims, officials of the Agency, the two Chief Rabbis and members of the Jewish National Council. A large crowd of Jews of all ages followed the cortege. Three of the dead have not yet been identified.

FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER RE-AFFIRMS FRANCE'S PRO-PALESTINE STAND ON PALESTINE

PARIS, Mar. 12. (JTA)--Replying to last week's criticism in the National Assembly of the French Government's pro-partition vote on Palestine in the U.N. General Assembly, Foreign Minister Georges Bidault told the National Assembly last night: "France judges causes not according to her own interests, but mainly according to the inherent justice in each case."

Following Bidault's statement, Socialist Deputy M. Lapie expressed approval of the Foreign Minister's declaration, describing it as a "policy of justice, and by no means designed to sacrifice the Arabs."

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IS IN HUNGARY CONTINUE TO SEEK THEIR WAY TO U.S. ZONES; CROSS BORDER ILLEGALLY

MUNICH, Mar. 12. (JTA) -- Several small groups of Hungarian Jewish refugees infiltrated the American zone in Austria during the past week, Dr. William Haber, advisor on Jewish affairs to the U.S. command in Europe, reported today following his return from a trip during which he surveyed conditions in the Jewish DP camps in the U.S. zones of Germany and Austria.

Declaring that despite generally poor living conditions, the Jewish displaced persons are still hopeful of leaving Germany, Dr. Haber emphasized that "conditions in Germany--as bad as they are--are much better than in Austria."

He said that Rumanian Jews who entered the American zone in Germany after April 21, 1947, are especially in dire straits. In conferring with American Military Government authorities in Germany, he was informed that approximately 2,000 "illegals" were living in Bavaria alone. The U.S. Army is determined to carry out its plans of evicting them from the Jewish DP camps and transferring them to German refugee centers, he was warned by the authorities.

ROMANIA DRAFTS CONSTITUTION GUARANTEEING EQUALITY FOR ALL; OUTLAWES RACIAL PROPAGANDA

BUCHAREST, Mar. 12. (JTA) -- The draft constitution being prepared for adoption by the National Assembly contains a specific guarantee that all citizens shall be recognized as equal under the law regardless of sex, nationality, race or creed, it was reported today. The constitution makes it a punishable offense to disseminate racial hatred propaganda.

Another provision of the new constitution takes from the various religious communities the right to maintain parochial school systems. However, the state will undertake to provide schools for all nationalities and it is expected that the Jewish communities' financial burdens will be considerably lightened under such an arrangement.

KENYA DETAINEES WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO PALESTINE UNTIL MILITARY EVACUATION COMPLETED

LONDON, Mar. 12. (JTA) -- The Attorney-General in Kenya officially denied today reports that the Jewish detainees in the Gilgil internment camp will be repatriated to Palestine immediately prior to the expiration of the Palestine Mandate on May 15.

In a message to the Assirei Zion committee here, he said the Jews, who were sent to Kenya for alleged acts of terrorism in Palestine, would be returned to Palestine before the scheduled evacuation of British troops ends on Aug. 1. He added, however, that if the United Nations objects to this plan, the Jews will be repatriated before May 15.

Meanwhile it was learned here that a small group of sick detainees will be returned to Palestine shortly. Jewish inmates in the camp have protested the Attorney-General's order to postpone their release until the later date and have urged strong intervention in their behalf.

GROUP OF 125 AUSTRIAN JEWS RETURNS TO VIENNA FROM PALESTINE; CITY PROVIDES HOUSING

VIENNA, Mar. 12. (JTA) -- A group of 125 Austrian Jews returned here today from Palestine whence they fled when the Nazis over-ran Austria. About half of them will be housed in municipal lodging homes, while the remainder will be put up at special quarters for returnees.

RELIGIOUS PROBLEMS OF AMERICAN JEWRY DISCUSSED AT INAUGURATION OF H.U.C. PRESIDENT

CINCINNATI, Mar. 12. (JTA)--The complaint that Jewish welfare funds throughout the country allocated "niggardly sums" to national Jewish religious institutions and organizations was voiced here today by Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, at the opening of a three-day program marking the inauguration of Dr. Nelson Glueck as the fourth president of Hebrew Union College.

Dr. Eisendrath called it "a startling fact" that less than one percent of all the monies raised by the Jewish communities throughout the country is allocated towards national religious purposes. He said: "Out of the tens of millions raised for overseas and local needs by our welfare funds and federations, the allocation to national Jewish religious institutions fell from the magnificent fraction of .08 in 1945 to .03 in 1946, while the figure for 1947, when it is finally compiled, will in all likelihood fall still lower and may approach the vanishing point."

Rabbi Philip Bernstein of Rochester, speaking on the preservation of American Judaism, stated that although there is a high degree of non-observance of formal Judaism among young Jewish people throughout the world, "most Jews are fondly and firmly attached to the memories and the ceremonies of Judaism." He urged a Judaism of the future in which "there must be a central emphasis on tradition. The mistakes of early rationalistic Reform Judaism must be abandoned," he said. He made a plea for greater traditional ritual.

Dr. Louis Binstock of Chicago declared that "American Jewry will not survive as a separate political entity, as a distinct secular culture or civilization, nor through philanthropy, nor through Jewish defense organizations." The survival of the American synagogue, he said, is dependent upon the elimination of "the neurotic trends it displays, tortured as it is by its past, tired in its present, timid about its future."

Dr. Mordecai Kaplan Urges "Defrostation" of Religious Traditions

Dr. Mordecai Kaplan of New York urged the "defrostation" of the Torah tradition. "Jewish tradition," he said, "must achieve a new life-and-thought pattern that is dynamic rather than static. Jewish tradition must be rendered sufficiently plastic to include a vast range of theoretic and practical content in order that it may conform to the dynamic frame of modern life. It must have due regard for all the needs of human nature and lay great emphasis upon detailed guidance."

Dr. Abraham A. Neuman of Philadelphia, president of Dropsie College, analyzing the place of religion in contemporary life, stated: "The need for filling our life with greater spiritual content is not limited to modern Jewry. There is spiritual hunger abroad in the world and sickness has affected the soul of man. Civilization is starved spiritually at the roots, and the result has been mass, moral stultification. The problems that plague society on all levels--personal, national and international--are being increasingly recognized as manifestations of lack of spiritual faith."

Dr. Samuel S. Cohon, professor of Jewish theology at Hebrew Union College, said that "a paper wall is being erected between Jewish scholars and the people." As a consequence, he added, the place of Judaism in the world's religions "is inadequately understood by most of our people." The science of Judaism thus narrows itself down and grows obsolescent for the Jewish people, he pointed out.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE CANCELS EMERGENCY SESSION; ISSUES EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

NEW YORK, Mar. 12. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Conference today announced that its Interim Committee has decided to cancel an emergency session called for March 21 in New York to make a final decision on the fate of the organization. A statement issued by the Conference says that the Interim Committee voted to cancel the emergency session after reviewing recent developments in Palestine and Europe and after recording its conviction that "the emergency situation which called the conference into being continues."

The resolution which was adopted reads:

"1. The Interim Committee, having reviewed the recent Jewish developments in Palestine and Europe, records its conviction that the emergency situation which called the Conference into being continues. The dangers of jeopardizing the equitable settlement of the Palestine issue, the deteriorating position of the Jewish DP's, the need for completing negotiations designed to secure adequate safeguards for the Jewish people in peace treaties with former enemy countries and to assure restitution of confiscated property, make it imperative to continue such activities of the Conference.

"The Interim Committee, therefore, in order the better to further these vital activities, and in accordance with the mandate of the December 1947 session of the Conference in Chicago with respect to its duration, cancels the emergency session of the American Jewish Conference called for the City of New York on March 21, 1948.

"2. In view of the difficulties encountered in the matter of establishing a permanent American Jewish Assembly as envisaged at the Chicago session, the Interim Committee decided that the work of the Preparatory Commission and its subcommittees is to be suspended."

BILL TO ESTABLISH N.Y. STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM GOES TO GOV. DEWEY; LEHMAN HAILS PLAN

ALBANY, N.Y., Mar. 12. (JTA) -- Governor Thomas E. Dewey today received for approval the bill establishing a state university system in New York and outlawing racial and religious discrimination in the state's institutions of higher learning. The measure was approved yesterday by the Assembly.

Former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, addressing a meeting of the American Association of College Professors at Hunter College in New York, hailed the proposal and pointed out that "there is much discrimination, based on prejudice, in admission of students to private colleges and professional schools. In many private colleges the enrollment of Jewish students seems never to exceed certain fixed quotas."

Cautioning that the "establishment of a State University will not entirely solve that problem," Governor Lehman declared "there must also be adequate legislation which outlaws discriminatory practices to the end that equality of educational opportunity shall be available to all regardless of race, creed, color or national origin."

F.C.C. STUDYING CHARGES LOS ANGELES RADIO STATION'S NEWS BROADCASTS ARE ANTI-SEMITIC

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12. (JTA) -- The Federal Communications Commission is studying charges that Los Angeles radio station KMPX had ordered its news broadcasts slanted, particularly in an anti-Semitic direction. A petition submitted to the F.C.C. by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, urging that KMPX's license be revoked, is also being considered.

No official statements will be made on the case and no action taken until F.C.C. commissioners get both sides of the story, a spokesman said today.

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