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S. ZIONISTS PLEDGE SUPPORT TO PALESTINE JEWS IN CARRYING OUT PARTITION DECISION

NEW YORK, March 21. (JTA) -- A pledge of "utmost support" of whatever action the Jewish community of Palestine may take in implementing the U.N. partition decision was voiced here today at an emergency meeting of the Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America. The meeting also adopted a resolution expressing "horror" at the prospect of the use of force against the Jews of Palestine "implicit" in the trusteeship proposal.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, told the meeting that "if trusteeship is anything like the White Paper, the American government will be forced into a position of fighting the Jews in Palestine."

Declaring that Secretary of State Marshall's statement last night that a temporary trusteeship is necessary after Britain's surrender of the Palestine Mandate on May 15 "leaves much to be desired as to fact and accuracy," Dr. Silver charged that from the very first day of the Big Four meetings on Palestine the United States intended "to scuttle partition, reopen the whole issue and maneuver for a new meeting of the General Assembly at which an international trusteeship would be proposed by the U.S." He added: "To represent the United States as the champion of partition at the Security Council is fantastic."

If trusteeship is established, Dr. Silver said, "I prophesy that Great Britain will be there alone or with one or two countries. No matter what uniforms are worn--American, Chinese or French--the Jews will fight immigration barriers."

"The oil interests organized a systematic campaign to persuade the American Government to alter its position on the Palestine partition plan," he stated. "President Truman became a convert to the idea that partition had to be done away with. The plan, as it was evolved, was presented to the American people in the light that partition was a threat to international peace. Oil imperialism is hiding itself beneath the American flag. All of this was part of a plan to make the Zionist movement abhorrent in the eyes of the American people and linked with Communism."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, ZOA national president, declared that "it is not yet too late for President Truman to shake himself loose from this conspiracy fostered by oil profiteers," adding that "millions of American citizens will call the Administration to account for its acts of omission and commission. Responsible opinion from coast to coast expresses resentment and bewilderment at these latest gyrations of the State Department," he said.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, asserted the "U.S. proposal, far from solving the Palestine problem, will only aggravate it. It will require more force to enforce a U.S. trusteeship over Palestine than it would have required to implement partition." Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Administrative Council, charged the Truman administration with duplicity and with overt moves to undermine and destroy the authority of the United Nations. Daniel Frisch, ZOA vice-president, expressed the belief that the Jewish state would be established on schedule despite the reversal of the U.S. traditional position on Palestine.

VOLENCE IN PALESTINE CONTINUES; DISSATISFACTION WITH U.S. TRUSTEESHIP PLAN MOUNTS

JERUSALEM, March 21. (JTA) -- Violence continued in Palestine today while dissatisfaction with the United States proposal for abandonment of partition by the United Nations mounted throughout the Jewish community.

Six Jews, including two young children, were killed today when Arabs blew up the Solel Boneh building in Haifa. Early reports said that 14 Jews were hospitalized and 22 were injured slightly by the blast, while eight buildings were damaged and 21 vehicles destroyed by the force of the explosion.

A few minutes before the explosion, an Arab was seen leaving a big truck parked in front of the building. It is believed to have been filled with 400 pounds of explosives. Haganah men immediately sounded an alarm, but before the building and its immediate vicinity could be evacuated, the truck blew up. Fires broke out in surrounding buildings and several heavy trucks in the area were also set afire by the blast.

Meanwhile, a uniformed band of 500 Arabs attacked a Jewish convoy near Bat el ed. One Jew was killed and one truck was completely demolished in the attack. A large Arab force attacked the colony of Motza, about six miles from Jerusalem and one of the oldest Jewish settlements in the Hebron Hills. Haganah defenders reported they inflicted heavy casualties on the attackers, but lost three men in the fighting.

Five Jews were believed killed when a mine blew up under an armored bus in which they were driving from Safad to Rosh Pina. Hartov, about 15 miles west of Jerusalem, was attacked again today for the third successive day.

Within the past 24 hours Arab bands have attacked a Jewish convoy near Bet Naballah; a Jewish convoy headed for the Hadassah hospital on Mt. Scopus; Kibbutz Maapil, near Qaqun, in which heavy machinegun fire was exchanged for seven consecutive hours; a Jewish armored car near Rishon LeZion; Mekor Haim; Kfar Yechezkiel, in which between 600 and 800 Arabs participated; Kfar Darom; Kfar Blum and Bet Shugerman.

Three British police deserters seized in an Arab attack last week on Neve Jacob will be tried aboard the British vessel, Empire Rest, for fear of possible Jewish attempts to abduct the Britons, it was learned here.

Ben Gurion Rejects Trusteeship; Says Jews Will Defend Their State

Meanwhile, a Jewish Agency representative today told a press conference that a Jewish state already exists and international recognition will come in the future. He added that partition was never an academic issue but a realistic one, and that the "central government is in liquidation and its prerogatives have been taken over by Arabs in the Arab parts of the country and by Jews in the Jewish parts."

His statement followed on the heels of anti-American demonstrations in Tel Aviv by dissident elements who also called on the members of the Jewish Agency executive to resign, and after a statement by David Ben Gurion last night in which he rejected trusteeship and emphasized that the Jews would continue to defend their state.

"It is we who will decide the fate of Palestine," Ben Gurion declared. "We cannot agree to any sort of trusteeship, permanent or temporary. The Jewish state exists because we defend it. Only by our strength, if we are already and have enough time to use it in full," he continued, "will the Jewish state be established."

He insisted that the first problem facing the Jews was security, then establishment of a state and, finally, the reaching of an accord with the Arabs. Referring to the long-range effects of the American proposal, the Agency chairman

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asserted that it is more harmful to the U.N. and its prestige than to the Jews. He also warned the British that the Jews would act quickly and vigorously if the Mandatory showed signs of failing to withdraw from Palestine as it had announced.

Dissidents Stage Anti-American Demonstrations in Tel Aviv

Tel Aviv last night was the scene of a number of anti-American demonstrations by the Sternists and the Irgunists. The dissidents coupled their anti-American slogans with demands that the members of the Jewish Agency executive, who "brought us to this mess," resign. They also demanded that a constituent assembly be convened immediately to annul the Agency's consent to partition and proclaim the "sacredness of an undivided Palestine." They also called for the establishment of a united Jewish military organization.

Although the comment in Jewish circles varied, nowhere was there any serious talk of compromise. Various Jewish leaders, including Jewish National Council chairman David Remez, expressed confidence that the Jews would rally from this blow and go on to establish and defend their state. A Haganah statement said that the Jews knew all the time that their state would be built "with the might of our creation and the force of our defense" rather than by the efforts of outsiders. The resistance movement's statement also emphasized that the Jews would find a way to reach an understanding with the Arabs.

BRITISH CABINET MEETS TODAY TO CONSIDER U.S. PROPOSAL FOR U.N. TRUSTEESHIP FOR PALESTINE

LONDON, March 21. (JTA) -- The British Cabinet is expected to reach a final decision on its role in Palestine at a meeting here tomorrow to which Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones are expected to be present to discuss the ramifications of the American proposal to abandon the partition scheme for Palestine and replace it with a temporary U.N. trusteeship.

Some circles close to the government predict that the Cabinet meeting will result in a speeding up of the evacuation plan for Palestine in an attempt to avoid involvement in the trusteeship plan. These same circles point out that the British government has been aware that the U.S. was considering such a proposal, but had not expected its introduction at this point. Other sources state that some members of the Cabinet discussed the proposal last week, knowing that it would be offered by the U.S.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office announced yesterday that Britain will not alter its plans to surrender the Mandate by May 15 or evacuate its troops by August 1. Earlier, while speculation was still rife that Britain might offer to remain in Palestine either pending clarification of the problems raised by the new U.S. proposal or as a trusteeship for the U.N., the Colonial Office issued a denial of the likelihood of reversing the British Government's decision. Since then a number of interdepartmental meetings have been held.

Prof. Selig Brodetzky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, today called on British Jewry to rally to the support of a Jewish state in Palestine despite the American policy reversal. At a meeting of the Board, he asserted that the great majority of the Jews were "shocked" at the U.S. position as stated by Warren Austin at the Security Council last Friday.

Pointing out repeatedly that partition was the ultimate compromise for the Jews, Prof. Brodetzky said the situation in Palestine had become more and more difficult. "I do not see how it is possible to turn around completely as if the situation in Palestine now were what it was when without taking into account steps taken by the British Government on the procedure for leaving the country," he said.

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ILL TO BE INTRODUCED INTO SENATE TO REITERATE TRADITIONAL U.S. PALESTINE POLICY

WASHINGTON, March 21. (JTA) -- Members of Congress, dissatisfied with the American abandonment of Palestine partition, will press a bill to reaffirm the United States Government's traditional pro-Jewish attitude on Palestine and expressing Congressional opposition to the new policy, it was indicated here over the week-end. Owen Brewster of Maine stated that he expects to introduce such a bill into the upper house this week and other Representatives and Senators are expected to rally its support.

This development became known here after the release of a statement by Secretary of State George C. Marshall explaining the reasons for the sudden American reversal of a U.N. trusteeship for Palestine. It was also learned here today that Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, former special advisor to President Roosevelt, yesterday conferred with President Truman at the White House. It is assumed that they discussed the new aspects of the Palestine situation.

Determination on the part of the Administration to use the greatest pressure in pushing its trusteeship plan was indicated in high circles here. It was understood that should the Soviet Union use its veto power at the Security Council to block the American proposal, the U.S. would poll the 57 member states of the U.N. on a special session of the General Assembly which would probably be held some time in April.

The policy switch was bitterly attacked by Harold E. Stassen, Republican presidential aspirant, who labelled it an "invitation to international anarchy." Earlier, Sen. Robert A. Taft, another Republican hopeful, disapproved of the new plan, asserting that its acceptance would require the dispatch of an armed force to Palestine. Meanwhile, the number of members of both houses voicing opposition to the American trusteeship proposal continued to mount throughout the week-end.

Secretary Marshall's statement, issued last night in Los Angeles, declared that the American plan was decided upon because of the need to maintain peace in Palestine, particularly after Britain surrenders the Mandate on May 15. Pointing out that "no successor government will be in a position on that date to maintain law and order," the Secretary added: "A truce is essential. A military truce cannot be achieved under existing circumstances without a parallel truce in the political field. A political truce, however, would bring us up to May 15 without elementary arrangements for keeping order in that situation."

Stressing that the U.S. visualized a temporary trusteeship, he stated that the "trusteeship could be ended as soon as a peaceful solution can be found" and that its existence would not prejudice the eventual political settlement. "The United States has repeatedly stated that we were seeking a solution for Palestine within the framework of the United Nations and that we are not going to act unilaterally."

Regarding the authorship of the new plan, Marshall said that the plan "appeared to me, after most careful consideration, to be the wisest course to follow. I recommended it to the President and he approved my recommendation."

UNITED NATIONS CIRCLES SEE U.S. PROPOSAL AS DOOM OF PEACEFUL PALESTINE SOLUTION

LAKE SUCCESS, March 21. (JTA) -- The certainty that an international army will have to be sent to Palestine, if peace and order is to be restored, was underscored at United Nations headquarters here this week-end by gloomy delegates who saw in the United States reversal on partition the quenching of all hope for a peaceful solution.

Meanwhile, Arthur Lourie, director of the Jewish Agency's New York office, charged that British military supplies had been moved from Egypt to Palestine in the first half of this month for the use of the Arab Legion. In a letter to Karel Lisicky,

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Chairman of the U.N. Palestine Commission, Lourié said "the actions of the British authorities in this regard are incomprehensible in the light of their professed neutrality in the present situation in Palestine." He called attention to reports that units of the Arab Legion have entered Palestine "under authority of the Arab League" and that members of the Legion have frequently figured in attacks on Jews in the past."

NEW YORK PRESS, AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS ASSAIL U.S. SHIFT ON PALESTINE

NEW YORK, March 21. (JTA) -- Criticism of the United States reversal of its Palestine policy and sponsorship of a temporary U.N. trusteeship for the Mandate was voiced today in leading New York newspapers. At the same time, major American Jewish groups struck out sharply against the plan to scrap partition.

Charging that the United States has "played a shabby trick on the Jewish community in Palestine," which puts its faith in our promises," the New York Times stated: Three things need to be said, and to be said at once, concerning the present shift of American policy on Palestine. The first is that it comes as a climax to a series of moves which has seldom been matched, for ineptness, in the handling of any international situation by an American Administration.

"The second is that it is a plain and unmistakable surrender to the threat of force. And the third is that it holds little promise to being able to avoid the very hazards which it is intended to circumvent."

The Herald-Tribune editorially asserted that "there are few Americans who will be able to regard the action of their government in the case of Palestine without a sinking of the heart. Quite apart from the merits of the partition plan," the paper said, "it is painfully obvious that Mr. Austin's statement to the Security Council on Friday represents either a reversal of the earlier policy of the United States or an acknowledgment that the policy ignored facts which were patent to the most casual observer. Neither alternative is to the credit of the Administration."

Louis Lipsky, chairman of the executive committee of the American Jewish Conference, said that he refused to believe that the American proposal for a temporary U.N. trusteeship for Palestine "expressed the considered policy" of the administration in view of its previous efforts in behalf of partition.

The American Jewish Congress assailed the "shameful tactics and duplicity to which our State Department has resorted," calling them "un-American and thoroughly dishonorable."

Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith, said that the United States proposal for the shelving of the partition of Palestine is "a more than astonishing reversal of the American official position of last November. It is an amazing reversal of the wavering policy of five preceeding administrations and of the Congress for more than a quarter of a century."

The American Council for Judaism supported the American reversal on partition as "the only position the United States could take under the circumstances." Lessing J. Rosenwald, president, said "it was the wisest step for the government to take. If a mistake was made, now is the time to rectify it, rather than proceed ahead to disaster."

The United Zionist-Revisionists declared that "the Palestine partition scheme of the Jewish Agency, the climax of years of retreat and appeasement, has miserably collapsed." It called for immediate establishment of a provisional government in Palestine to wage a "relentless" struggle for Jewish statehood "under the leadership of those who never acceded to defeatism."

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15 ANNUAL MEETING ADOPTS \$4,520,000 BUDGET FOR 1948; DP IMMIGRATION TO U.S. URGED

NEW YORK, March 21. (JTA) -- A 1948 budget of \$4,520,000 was adopted here today at the 63rd annual meeting of HIAS, attended by 1,500 delegates of fraternal, labor and religious organizations. The principal speaker was Lt.-Col. Cayton H. Frost, chief of the Displaced Persons branch of the Civil Affairs Division of the U.S. Army, who has just returned from Germany where he has been in charge of all DP camps in the U.S. zone of Germany since V-E Day.

A resolution urging Congressional approval of legislation to admit 400,000 displaced persons to the United States within the next four years was unanimously adopted at the parley. The meeting also adopted a resolution expressing thanks to the Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organization for "the efficient and generous help they have extended to the displaced persons of Europe."

Declaring that a solution to the plight of the DP's "is paramount to a peaceful Europe," Col. Frost told the meeting that the "only sin of the DP's is that they are willing to accept any fate rather than give up freedom." Urging that Congress pass legislation to admit DP's to the United States, Frost declared: "Those who have worked with the DP's in Europe and have come to know them, feel strongly that in general they are physically fit, law-abiding people who long to be permanently settled where they can enjoy political and religious freedom - American style - and have skills and industry, which would be true assets to any community."

Samuel A. Telsey, president of HIAS, reported that a total of 25,143 Jews were last year helped to emigrate from Europe to Latin America, Australia and other countries. He added that because of increased responsibilities in 1947, HIAS incurred a deficit of \$685,357 during the year. Telsey pointed out that 800,000 Jews in Europe "are still living outside of DP camps amidst populations that are traditionally anti-Semitic; emigration is the only recourse, not only for the 220,000 Jewish DP's in the camps, but also for the 800,000 others."

Isaac L. Asofsky, HIAS executive director, asserted that in no year of the organization's 63-year existence was the "desperate and agonized cry for aid that arose from the Jews answered with so much determination." He reported that in 1947 HIAS affected 37,515 locations for persons in the United States and overseas, obtained more than 93,000 documents, and provided more than 170,000 meals to refugee arrivals in the U.S. HIAS also arranged the emigration of close to 10,000 Jews from Germany and Austria during the past year, Asofsky said.

BRITAIN'S PALESTINE POLICY WILL SPELL ITS DOOM, PALESTINE REVISIONIST LEADER DECLARES

NEW YORK, March 21. (JTA) -- Declaring that U.S. support of Britain's Middle East policy will "at this critical juncture, create sympathy and aid for Soviet Russia," Dr. Arieh Altman, president of the United Zionist-Revisionists of Palestine, tonight told a dinner sponsored by the Palestine Pioneers Foundation that "Britain's anti-Jewish policy will not only spell Britain's own doom, but will also destroy the moral foundation of Western Democracy." Dr. Altman warned that "the fire ignited in the hills of Galilee will not confine itself to Palestine alone," but might easily spread through the Middle East and the world.

RABBI WISE REMOVED AT DINNER MARKING 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

NEW YORK, March 21. (JTA) -- The 26th anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish Institute of Religion was celebrated here tonight at a dinner honoring Dr. Stephen S. Wise, founder and president of the institute. Close to 200 graduates of the J.I.R. are now serving as rabbis of congregations throughout the U.S. and as heads of educational and social welfare institutions, it was reported.

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