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### U.S. GOVERNMENT PRESENTS 15-POINT PLAN FOR PALESTINE TRUSTEESHIP TO SECURITY COUNCIL

LAKE SUCCESS, April 5. (JTA) -- The United States today presented the members of the U.N. Security Council with a 15-point trusteeship plan for Palestine to be administered under the United Nations Trusteeship Council for an indefinite period, until both the Arab and Jewish communities by a majority vote agree on a future government. (See Jewish Agency reaction on page 3.)

Only nine out of the 11 members of the Security Council attended the informal meeting today which took place at the headquarters of the U.S. delegation. The representatives of the Soviet Union and of the Ukraine boycotted the meeting.

Under the American plan, the General Assembly will designate the states which will become the trustees. They will have to supply military forces for Palestine at their own expense.

The plan contains specific provisions for Jewish immigration and land purchase in Palestine, but stipulates that they are to be negotiated in consultation with the representatives of the Jewish and Arab communities in Palestine.

A United Nations Governor General will, it is proposed, have the power to recruit local police and volunteer forces in Palestine for the maintenance of law and order. In an emergency, the governor will have the power to call upon the trustee states to supply their armed forces for the defense of the country or the maintenance of internal peace.

The administrative, legislative and judicial powers will be vested in a Palestine Government composed of a cabinet and a democratically-elected legislature--preferably a bi-cameral one. However, the governor will have the power to govern should the legislature be unable to exercise its powers.

The United Nations is expected to assume considerable financial responsibility for the trusteeship, although if the security problem improves Palestine is expected to be a financially self-sufficient community. However, the Palestine Government may secure credit from a special U.N. fund to be raised by contributions from all the member states.

Major governmental officials, such as the Chief Justice and the Governor General, would be on the pay of the United Nations to assure their loyalty to the world organization, according to the plan. Human rights guarantees and measures for the protection of Holy Places are modelled after similar sections of the statute prepared for the international city of Jerusalem by the Trusteeship Council.

A spokesman for the U.S. delegation would not state positively whether the United States will be one of the trustees for Palestine. However, he called attention to a statement made by Sen. Warren Austin before the Security Council that the American Government is ready to assume its share along with other states in a trusteeship arrangement. The spokesman said it was the purpose of the current negotiations to set up a government in Palestine before the termination of the Mandate.

ARABS SUFFER MAJOR DEFEAT IN ATTEMPT TO STORM JEWISH VILLAGE NEAR HAIFA; 40 DIE

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- Arab guerrilla forces today suffered one of the severest defeats in the entire four-month-old war when they were hurled back from the Jewish village of Mishmar Emek, southeast of Haifa, after a battle which lasted all night and most of the day. Arab casualties are believed to be 40 dead and 70 wounded. Jewish casualties are reported to be much lower.

The importance of the objective to the Arabs was demonstrated by a report that they used 25-pound cannon and armored vehicles in an unsuccessful attempt to dislodge the Jewish defenders. This calibre of artillery is generally used against tanks and pillbox emplacements and hitherto has been used only by the British in Palestine. The attackers are believed to number between 1,000 and 1,500 men against the Jews' 400.

The battle was joined last night when the guerrillas attempted to crash into Mishmar Emek by a strong frontal attack. After two direct assaults proved unsuccessful, the Arabs circled the village and attempted to make the defenders' position untenable by use of artillery, mortar and machinegun fire from the hills commanding the village. When this attempt failed the Arabs set up siege lines from which they maintained a constant curtain of fire.

Late in the day Haganah reinforcements broke through the Arab lines, dispersing one section of the attacking forces. Afterwards a Jewish counteroffensive cut deep into the Arab positions and accounted for many casualties. The Arabs are said to be led by their top leader, Fawzi Kaukauji, who apparently opened the Arab spring offensive with this blow.

The Jewish forces occupying the Arab village of Castel, west of Jerusalem, have held off Arab counterattacks for a third day and established new and stronger defensive positions in the town. The Arabs late today resorted to the establishment of roadblocks between Castel and Jerusalem in an attempt to cut the Jews off from reinforcements and supplies. The Haganah, however, smashed most of the roadblocks and many local Arabs are fleeing to Hebron. The Jews are said to have thrown heavy forces into the area to set up new bases from which to attack Arab roadblocks and ambushes which have kept food convoys out of Jerusalem for the past week.

16 Arabs Killed at Sarafand; Zionist Actions Committee Parley Postponed

Sixteen Arabs were killed and 20 wounded when a Haganah force invaded the Arab town of Sarafand, next to the former British Army base. The base, now occupied by guerrillas, was used by the British during the war to train 30,000 Haganah troops to fight the Nazis. Another Haganah unit penetrated Ramleh and blew up the home of Hassan Salameh, commander of the Arab forces in southern Palestine.

The Jews repulsed a two-hour attack on Yechiam, in northern Palestine, this morning. The raiders, who used machineguns and mortars, suffered heavy casualties.

A report to the effect that High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham and members of the Palestine Government intend to leave Jerusalem before May 15, when the Mandate ends was officially denied here today.

A Jewish Agency spokesman today announced that the emergency meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee, which was scheduled to meet in Tel Aviv yesterday and was postponed until tomorrow, has again been put off for several days. This action was taken to permit all members of the body to arrive in Tel Aviv and participate in the forthcoming discussions.

ISH AGENCY CRITICIZES U.S. TRUSTEESHIP PLAN; SAYS IT PERPETUATES BRITISH WHITE PAPER

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- The American plan for a trusteeship for Palestine, which was presented to the Security Council today, was sharply criticized by a spokesman for the Jewish Agency who termed it "an attempt to perpetuate under U.N. auspices" British White Paper policy and warned that the Jewish people would oppose it. The text of the Agency statement follows:

"This is an attempt to perpetuate, under U.N. auspices, the 1939 White Paper policy which has brought nothing but suffering and death to the Jews and bloodshed and pain in Palestine. Practically every single provision is an attack on the fundamental rights of the Jewish people.

"The main effect of the scheme is to subjugate the Jews as a minority to Arab domination. Despite all avowals to the contrary, the proposal irreparably prejudices the final political settlement in favor of the unitary Arab state's proposal which the General Assembly, like every other impartial tribunal, has emphatically rejected.

"The U.S. proposal will be far more difficult to implement than the partition plan. Is it the intention of the U.S. to send tens of thousands of American troops to Palestine to suppress the independence of its people and subject them to perpetual arbitrary rule imposed from outside and backed by force?

"The plan will meet with the most determined opposition of the Jewish people and will strengthen their conviction that only in statehood lies their salvation."

The U.N. Palestine Commission today cabled Pablo de Azcarate, head of the Commission's advance party in Jerusalem, to ascertain his opinion on whether the advance party's remaining in Palestine serves a useful purpose. The general consensus of opinion in the Commission was that the presence of the advance party in New York during the special session would be of great value to the General Assembly and the Commission.

CONGRESSIONAL BODY COMPLETES ACTION ON BILL TO ADMIT 200,000 DP'S WITHIN TWO YEARS

WASHINGTON, April 5. (JTA) -- The House Immigration Sub-Committee today completed action on a bill to admit 200,000 displaced persons to the United States during two years, beginning July 1 of this year. Rep. Frank Fellows of Maine, Sub-Committee chairman, said he would introduce the bill in the House some day this week--as soon as several committee amendments are written into the measure. The full Judiciary Committee is expected to vote on the bill next Tuesday.

The new bill provides that DP's be accepted for admission to the U.S. on the basis of the percentage of each nationality under the care of the International Refugee Organization. Under this provision, somewhere between 50,000 to 55,000 of those admitted would be Jewish DP's.

About 15,000 of the 200,000 quota numbers would be used to legalize the status of refugees who came to the United States on temporary visas and who are unable to return home for fear of religious or political persecution. Those who became DP's before April 21, 1947, are eligible for admission under terms of the bill. Orphans under 21 are to be admitted without regard to quotas.

U. GENOCIDE COMMITTEE DECIDES TO HEAR REPRESENTATIVE OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

LAKE SUCCESS, April 5. (JTA) -- The Ad Hoc Committee on Genocide this afternoon decided by a vote of three to one to hear a representative of the World Jewish Congress on the subject of genocide. The three were the U.S., U.S.S.R. and Poland.

ROMANIANS WHO PARTICIPATED IN JASSY MASSACRE RE-ARRESTED; TRIAL OPENS THIS MONTH

BUCHAREST, April 5. (JTA) -- A number of Rumanian war criminals who were used provisionally two years ago on charges of having participated in the Jassy massacre in which 4,000 Jews lost their lives in 1941 were re-arrested today.

The Bucharest Court of Appeals to which the entire case was referred, after the People's Court and a military court closed the case against 152 "small fry" by either freeing them or imposing minor sentences, today completed its study of the indictment. The court decided to re-hear the charges and will begin the mass trial sometime this month. However, 61 of the original defendants have died or disappeared since their indictment and only 91 will go on trial.

APPEAL COURT IN HOLLAND HEARS CASE OF ORTHODOX JEW CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

THE HAGUE, April 5. (JTA) -- The Court of Cassation today heard an appeal against the sentence of three-and-a-half years imprisonment imposed upon Frederik Weinreb, a 37-year-old Dutch Orthodox Jew convicted on charges of having embezzled money secured from other Jews in the Netherlands during the Nazi occupation under the pretext of helping them to flee the country and escape deportation by the Gestapo to extermination camps in Poland.

Counteracting this appeal, the prosecutor demanded that the term of Weinreb's imprisonment be increased to six years, less the two years he has served under preliminary arrest. The Court of Cassation decided to announce its verdict on April 19.

A charge of collaboration with Nazi occupation forces during the war which was originally brought against Weinreb was subsequently dropped. At the time of the appeal trial, Weinreb admitted that he had accepted money from Jews who feared deportation to the Nazi death camps in the East, but insisted that all of the money was to bribe the Nazis in order to secure permission for these Jews to escape from the country.

Taking the stand today, Weinreb told the court that the testimony of earlier witnesses against him had not proved his guilt. He maintained that he was not a collaborator and said that he had not been released from the Westerbork concentration camp by the Nazis in order to aid them in their campaign against the Jews, and that he had never been asked for full information in his own defense and had therefore never given it.

(Acting on behalf of the International League for the Rights of Man, the noted Dutch jurist A.E.D. von Saher, who is now in the United States, sent a brief to New York to the Department of Justice at The Hague urging Weinreb's release. The World Jewish Congress, at the time of Weinreb's earlier arrest, asserted that Weinreb was innocent of the charges brought against him. The World Agudas Israel Organization last year called the case a "kind of new Dreyfus case in our times.")

J.D.C. DIRECTORS CONFERENCE OPENS IN PARIS; WILL BE ADDRESSED BY U.S. AMBASSADOR

PARIS, April 5. (JTA) -- A week-long annual all-Europe conference of the Joint Distribution Committee opened here today with 19 field directors and six American Jewish leaders in attendance. Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, chairman of the agency's European executive committee, is conference chairman.

Jefferson Caffery, U.S. Ambassador to France, will address the conference's opening session on April 11, it was announced. The conference will analyze JDC activities in Europe to date, and formulate detailed plans for the remainder of 1948.

## CAN JEWISH CONGRESS PARLEY CLOSES WITH CALL FOR U.S. ABANDONMENT OF TRUSTEESHIP

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- A demand that the United States Government abandon its proposal for a trusteeship for Palestine was made here last night in a resolution adopted by the closing session of the four-day biennial convention of the American Jewish Congress. Plans to hold a special session in Washington today to discuss the "Palestine Crisis" before adjournment were cancelled at the last minute.

The 1,200 delegates also urged the U.S. to revert to its original decision to support Palestine partition and extend recognition to the Jewish state which will be proclaimed in Palestine May 16. The parley demanded the lifting of the State Department embargo on arms shipments to the Jews of Palestine, and expressed the determination of American Jewry to support fully the Jewish community of Palestine in its struggle for independence.

In another resolution the conference called for immigration legislation based on the original Stratton Bill, which called for the admission of 400,000 DP's of all ages within four years. It condemned the Wiley-Revercomb Bill, which would admit 100,000 refugees in two years and under severe restrictions, as inadequate.

Expressing grave concern over the precarious position of the 800,000 Jews living in Moslem and Arab lands, the delegates urged the American Government to support the request for international action made by the World Jewish Congress in its memorandum to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations to protect the lives and rights of Jews in Moslem and Arab lands.

Several resolutions called for legislation and public action to deal with the convention termed "the increasing challenge to civil liberties in America." Specific measures approved by the delegates included the passage of Federal fair employment practices legislation, anti-lynching and anti-poll tax laws, the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and state action against bias in education and housing.

In a special resolution the convention called on the American Government to exercise its fullest power in strengthening the United Nations as "the bulwark of world peace" and for a meeting of the leaders of the Soviet Union and the U.S. in order to avert war.

## JEWISH REFUSE PALESTINE ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE LEADER PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN ENGLAND

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- Jamal Hussein, acting chairman of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, was today refused permission to remain in Britain longer than necessary to change planes and proceed to Lake Success.

Hussein had originally not planned to stay in Britain, but when his plane arrived he found instructions from the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem to protest to the British Government against the sale of Palestinian airports and military camps. Although he did not enter a formal protest, Hussein told newsmen that the property belonged to the Arabs and "we will never let the Jews have them. We want the British Government postpone this plan," he added.

H.A. Goodman, political secretary of the Agudas Israel, this morning conferred with Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones before departing by air for Lake Success. It is believed that they discussed the protection of Jerusalem after the termination of the Palestine Mandate.

The British Government will publish on April 14 a "British valedictory to Palestine" in the form of an elaborate 123-page book on plans for the city of Jerusalem. It will contain more than 250 illustrations including many photographs, unfolding maps and color reproductions of paintings of Jerusalem scenes.

# SPENT \$73,000,000 IN 1947, ANNUAL REPORT DISCLOSES; AIDED 30,000 JEWS TO EMIGRATE

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- Appropriations totalling \$73,341,500 for relief, instruction and resettlement operations in behalf of nearly 1,000,000 Jews over- were made during 1947 by the Joint Distribution Committee, according to its an- report released here today.

It was the largest aid program ever undertaken in a single year by any volun- agency, and brings to nearly \$300,000,000 the sum expended by J.D.C. for over- aid since its establishment in 1914. Of this sum, approximately half was spent on V-E Day.

Declaring that at the end of the war in Europe in May, 1945, Jewish survivors the continent "were barely hanging on to life," Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of J.D.C., stated in the report that American Jewry's support through the J.D.C. light the surviving Jews "to the turning point on the road of revival."

Moses A. Leavitt, J.D.C. executive vice-chairman, reported that the J.D.C. aided relief, medical care, child welfare aid, employment opportunities and other ices to Jews in 20 European countries, as well as in North Africa, the Near East Shanghai. More than 100,000 Jews were enabled by the agency to secure full or ial employment during the past year, Leavitt said in the report.

The annual report noted that some 30,000 Jews were aided in emigrating from pe during the past year, with 12,000 going to Palestine, 8,000 to the United es, 5,000 to Latin America and the remainder to other countries. Nearly 750,000 received food supplies from the J.D.C. in 1947, the report stated, with 00,000 pounds of foodstuffs originating in the U.S. alone. Extensive care to 000 of the 182,000 Jewish children in Europe was provided by the J.D.C. during past year, with an educational program supported by the agency enabling 85,000 ths to attend schools and universities, the survey said.

# ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS YIDDISH THEATRE; MINISTERS ATTEND OPENING PERFORMANCE

BUCHAREST, April 5. (JTA) -- For the first time in the history of Rumania the rment is providing support for a Jewish theatre, which presented its opening rformance here last night. The support is being furnished on the same basis as extended to other national minorities in the country.

Ion Pas, Minister of Arts and Gheorghe Vasilichi, Secretary of State in the lstry of Education, attended the first night performance which featured Sholem leyem's "Two Hundred Thousand." The theatre was completely rebuilt with financial stance from the government, the Jewish Democratic Committee and the Joint Distri- tion Committee.

# ZIONIST PARTY CONVENTION IN ARGENTINA DECIDES TO SEND FUNDS TO IRGUN IN PALESTINE

BUENOS AIRES, April 5. (JTA) -- The national convention of the Zionist-Revi- nist Party of Argentina concluded today after adopting several resolutions on the ent Palestine situation. The parley, in which 86 delegates from Buenos Aires outlying communities participated, re-elected Dr. Jacob Damm as national presi- nt.

Keren Tel Hai, the Revisionist fund, collected close to 250,000 pesos during 7, it was reported. The convention decided to send all money slated for Palestine the Irgun Zvai Lemmi, unless a national army is established in Palestine.