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DECISION TO FORM A JEWISH CABINET ANNOUNCED IN PALESTINE; WILL FUNCTION AFTER MAY 15

JERUSALEM, April 13, (JTA)--The Jewish Agency announced today that a 13-man cabinet will be formed as the central authority for the Jewish State in accordance with the decision adopted yesterday in Tel Aviv by the Zionist Actions Committee, the supreme Zionist body between congresses.

Prior to the conclusion of the session, the Actions Committee decided that the central Jewish authority would be composed of 37 members, including the 13 Cabinet members. Together with Arab delegates "who recognize the Jewish State," they will form the provisional council of government which is to take over the administration of the Jewish State after the expiration of the British Mandate on May 15.

Major Michael Comay, spokesman for the Jewish Agency, today told a press conference that the Cabinet will be composed of the 12 following ministers: Foreign Affairs, Defense, Interior, Economics and Finance, Immigration, Labor, Agriculture, Commerce and Industry, Public Works and Communications, Justice, Education, Health and Social Welfare. They will be headed by a Prime Minister, who will be the 13th cabinet member.

Fifty key appointments for the Jewish Civil Administration have already been made, Major Comay said. He revealed that the Jewish Agency is presently engaged in organizing in detail all of the departments which will be included in the civil service.

The "Declaration of Jewish Independence" adopted yesterday by the Zionist Actions Committee is not meant to defy anyone, Comay told the press conference. "The simple and logical conclusion of the actual facts is that the Jewish National Home is ripe for independent existence, for which there are two practical tests: the ability to govern and to defend itself. The latter does not require much elucidation--it is seen in the battlefields," he declared.

Substantiating the Jewish claim that the Jews can govern themselves, Comay revealed that a central administrative machinery established by the Jewish Agency is already functioning with 20 departments. He said the United Nations partition resolution was not a starting point on the road to Jewish self-government, but had been the beginning of the end of Jewish efforts for self-rule. The crumbling of the British Administration helped to speed the tempo of this development, he stated.

U.S. Asks For Standstill on Political and Military Action in Palestine

LAKE SUCCESS, April 13. (JTA)--The U.S. delegate in a truce resolution on Palestine, today asked the Security Council to order a "standstill" on all political and military action in Palestine as one of the basic conditions for a truce.

The request of the U.S. delegation could result in preventing the Jewish Agency from establishing a Jewish Provisional Council of Government. The U.S. delegation also asked the Security Council to issue a cease-fire order and set up a truce commission to go to Palestine for on-the-spot supervision.

JEWIS PERISH IN ARAB ATTACK ON MEDICAL CONVOY; DR. YASSKI, HADASSAH HEAD, KILLED

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- At least 34 Jews were officially reported killed today in one of the fiercest Arab attacks Palestine has seen since the outbreak of hostilities. An 11-vehicle convoy en route to the Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus was forced to halt outside the Arab Sheikh Jarrah quarter of Jerusalem when the leading trucks -- carrying food and medical supplies to the hospital and to the Hebrew University -- were blown up by Arab-planted mines.

As soon as the convoy was stopped, Arabs perched on adjacent rooftops opened up with a blazing barrage that resulted in immediate casualties, most of whom were medical personnel. Among those killed was Dr. Chaim Yasski, head of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Palestine since 1928, who was well-known in the United States. Dr. Edward Joseph, chief surgeon at the hospital, was slightly injured.

Haganah members trying to reach the attack area had to battle their way for hours through mined roads. Arab reinforcements, however, succeeded in reaching the sector with comparative ease. Police officials, who said that in addition to the 36 Jews killed, 21 were seriously injured and three slightly, reported that British troops using heavy machineguns and small mortars beat off the Arabs after six hours of fighting. The British were also reported to have brought many of the wounded to the Hadassah Hospital before they succeeded in establishing a truce.

At late reports, several of the convoy vehicles were reported ablaze, while many charred bodies lined the road. A high British police official, said to have been fighting alongside the Arabs, was killed shortly before the end of the battle in which the Arabs, many of them behind sandbags and stone walls, sent two armored cars soaked with gasoline in a "fire bomb" attack against the stationary Jewish trucks.

Earlier, the biggest Jewish convoy ever to get through to the 100,000 besieged Jews in Jerusalem -- consisting of 210 food trucks -- raced into the city amid wild cheering and rejoicing. Responsible Jewish circles believe that the Arab siege of the Holy City is definitely broken and predict normal communications with Tel Aviv will be established shortly. The convoy was said to have brought in 600 tons of food provisions.

Mishmar Haemek Fighters Rout Arabs; Furmansky Dies in Battle

In the Mishmar Haemek engagement, where Jewish fighters have been virtually isolated by stubborn Arab attacks for the past week, Haganah radio announced today that Arab forces under the command of Fazri Kawakji had been driven from the area immediately surrounding the colony and "are now in full retreat." Later reports said a Jewish force pursuing the Arabs in the direction of Jenin, Arab stronghold in central Palestine, was repulsed when the retreating Arabs opened fire on their pursuers.

A force of 30 armored cars from Nahalal, summoned by the Mishmar Haemek fighters to aid in routing the guerrillas, succeeded in reaching the battle area in time to hit the enemy's flank with concentrated fire, resulting in the Arabs beating an even hastier retreat than previously. Moshe Furmansky, Hashomer Hatzair leader who represented the organization in the United States for several years, was among the Jewish casualties in the Mishmar Haemek engagement. Jewish sources claimed 38 Arabs were killed in today's battle.

The U.S. consulate here revealed today it would evacuate by air all American citizens wishing to leave Palestine because of present-day hostilities. The consulate is urging all other Americans who choose to remain in the Middle East to leave Palestine before all vehicular traffic is cut off. The consulate office here is operating on a skeleton staff, with many staff members assigned to Haifa.

N. COMMISSION SUBMITS REPORT ON PALESTINE TO ASSEMBLY; WARNS OF CHAOS AND VIOLENCE

LAKE SUCCESS, April 13. (JTA) -- A warning that violence, starvation and administrative anarchy will follow in the wake of a steadily deteriorating situation in Palestine in the absence of adequate forces to maintain law and order there, was made today by the U.N. Palestine Commission in a special report to the General Assembly session opening Friday at Flushing Meadows.

Admitting its failure and frustration to implement the Assembly's partition decision, the Commission puts the blame for this condition on armed Arab resistance, British non-cooperation and the inaction of the U.N. Security Council. At the same time, it emphasizes that "the Jewish Agency cooperated with the Commission in its task of implementing the Assembly's resolution."

Pointing out that the Jews in Palestine are determined to ensure the establishment of the Jewish State as envisaged by the partition resolution, the report of the Palestine Commission draws the attention of the special session of the Assembly to the following problems, as requiring urgent attention:

1. Clear definition of the responsibilities of the British forces remaining in Palestine after May 15 and the disposition of arms and equipment of the Palestinian police force.
2. The continuation of services in transport, communications, government files, hospitals, prisons and all government institutions.
3. The continuation of government administration and civil services.
4. Arrangements of food imports which the British refuse to undertake beyond June 30, except by an advance payment of \$6,000,000.
5. Establishing a non-Palestinian police force in Jerusalem.

Representatives of Agudas Israel today told the Palestine Commission their organization will not participate in a Jewish government set up against the wishes of the United Nations. At the same time they declared themselves ready to participate in a Provisional Council of Jewish Government established by the Commission. Members of the delegation included Rabbi Glueckman Porush of Jerusalem, Harry Goodman of London, and Meier Schenkolewsky of New York, all members of the world executive of the Agudah organization.

SUSPENSION OF PALESTINE POSTAL SERVICE BEGINS THURSDAY; OTHER SERVICES END MAY 15

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- Postal service will be suspended in Palestine beginning Thursday and concluding May 15, the Postmaster General announced today. He said the move was taken "in the absence of any communications from the U.N. Palestine Commission providing for the acceptance of responsibility for the continuance of postal services."

At the same time, he disclosed that all air mail service will be halted as of May 10; international telephone communications, May 5; radio, cable and wireless service, May 15.

PALESTINE JEWS WILL DEFY U.N. TRUSTEESHIP. NEUMANN REPORTS UPON RETURN TO U.S.

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- The Jews of Palestine will continue to oppose international trusteeship even if the U.N. General Assembly votes in favor of a trusteeship plan, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, declared today upon his return from Palestine where he attended the sessions of the Zionist Actions Committee. Dr. Israel Goldstein also returned on the same plane.

CZECH ZIONISTS PROTEST RE-ORGANIZATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL BY JEWISH ACTION COMMITTEE

PRAGUE, April 13. (JTA)--A memorandum protesting the removal of Zionists from membership in the Board of the Council of Jewish Communities of Bohemia-Moravia by the Jewish Action Committee was submitted today to the Central Action Committee here by the Czechoslovak Zionist Federation.

Pointing out that only one Zionist is at present a member of the Council's Administrative Committee--a wider membership group--the memorandum charges that several Action Committee appointees are not members of the Jewish community and have no rights whatever of voting within the community. This allegation, however, was denied in local Jewish circles.

BILL CALLING FOR DECENTRALIZATION OF CONTROL OF TURKISH JEWRY PRESENTED IN PARLIAMENT

ISTANBUL, April 13. (JTA)--A bill which would reorganize the present system of jurisdiction over the Jewish community in Turkey was introduced in Parliament today. Deputy Salomon Adato declared that under the present set-up, the Jews, as well as other minority groups, suffer considerable hardships from the centralized government authority which controls all synagogues, the Jewish hospital and other communal institutions.

Under the proposed measure, local committees elected by the Jews would be responsible for the administration of all communal matters. The Minister of Interior announced that he would make a thorough study of the proposal.

LIFE OF OSWIECIM DEATH CAMP TO BE CONVERTED INTO CZECH-POLISH ELECTRIC POWER STATION

LONDON, April 13. (JTA)--Oswiecim, the site of the Nazis' most notorious extermination center where, it has been variously estimated, between eight and 30 million Jews and non-Jews were murdered, will soon become a central electric power station, jointly operated by Czechoslovakia and Poland.

The project was disclosed today by Evzen Loebel, permanent chief of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Foreign Trade, who is in London on an official mission.

500 FORMER JEWISH PARTISANS TO JOIN IN UNVEILING OF WARSAW GHETTO MONUMENT MONDAY

WARSAW, April 13. (JTA)--A delegation of 500 Jews who fought as partisans during the war against the Nazis will participate in the unveiling ceremonies of the Warsaw Ghetto monument which will take place next Monday, April 19, the fifth anniversary of the Ghetto revolt.

Meanwhile, work on the memorial is going ahead at an accelerated pace and it is expected that the monument will be completed by the end of the week. The monument's facade will be bronze while black marble, imported from Sweden, will serve as the pedestal.

ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION DECIDES TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO U.S. FOR PALESTINE TALKS

LONDON, April 13. (JTA)--The Anglo-Jewish Association decided today to send a representative to New York to contact "responsible Jewish leaders" on the question of proposing an alternative Palestine policy to America's trusteeship plan.

The decision was taken at a special meeting of the Association's Palestine Committee which considered the "implications of the American policy reversal on Palestine." The executive council of the organization will confer tonight to formulate the Association's position on Palestine.

