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## U.S. SUBMITS TRUSTEESHIP PLAN TODAY TO UNITED NATIONS AS A "WORKING PAPER"

FLUSHING MEADOWS, April 19. (JTA) -- The U.N. General Assembly today referred the Palestine question to its Political Committee and then promptly adjourned. The Political Committee will start its meetings tomorrow morning at Lake Success under chairmanship of T.F. Tsiang, of China.

Meanwhile, the United States was quietly circulating a 47-article draft of a trusteeship agreement to a handful of key delegations which will be presented to the Political Committee tomorrow as a working paper. The draft is a detailed elaboration of the 15-point program for Palestine trusteeship which Senator Warren R. Austin, of the U.S. delegation, presented informally to members of the Security Council a few weeks ago. Under this plan, Palestine would be governed by the U.N. Trusteeship Council for a minimum of three years, or until the majority of Arabs and Jews agreed to a plebiscite on the form of a new regime.

According to Austin's original proposal, an undesignated number of U.N. member states would agree to underwrite the peace and stand ready to send troops to Palestine if called upon by the U.N.-appointed governor-general. While this feature of the project is not spelled out, it is assumed that the countries involved would be the U.S., Britain and France.

## U.S. Urges Abolition of Land Purchase Restrictions, Favors Immigration

The U.S. draft agreement would specifically abolish the present restrictions on the purchase of land in Palestine. There shall be "no limitation on the sale, purchase or use of land," it reads, "which discriminates on the grounds of race, nationality, community or creed."

This feature, designed to appease Jewish demands, is counter-balanced by provisions on immigration which are expected to be filled in after consultation and negotiation with the Arabs and Jews. The American proposal divides immigration into two categories: general and displaced persons. The number of "non-displaced persons" admitted to Palestine is to be determined annually by the U.N. governor-general in accordance with Palestine's absorptive capacity.

Other salient recommendations in the U.S. proposal are:

1. The United Nations at large shall be the administering authority, acting through a governor-general designated by and responsible to the Trusteeship Council, until a bi-cameral legislature comes into being;
2. The governor-general will be appointed for a three-year term, subject to renewal in the event that the Jews and Arabs fail to accept an alternative plan for self-government;
3. The "House of Representatives," as it is called in the U.S. draft, would have an Arab majority since it would be elected by proportional representation. The upper chamber, however, would consist of 30 members: 15 Jews and 15 Arabs.

Palestine citizenship would be extended to all persons resident in the country on July 1, 1947 "who were not on that date the nationals of any states outside of Palestine" and those who file by Nov. 1, 1948, a renunciation of their former nationality.

H. PALESTINE COMMISSION ABANDONS DECISION TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

LAKE SUCCESS, April 19. (JTA) -- The U.N. Palestine Commission today agreed unanimously to abandon the establishment of a Jewish Provisional Council of Government provided in the partition decision which is now under reconsideration at the special session of the General Assembly.

This action precludes recognition of any Jewish provisional government that may be established in Palestine after May 15, unless the Assembly fails to agree on trusteeship as a substitute for partition.

At the same time, the Palestine Commission conceded that its plan for the recruitment of an interim Jerusalem police force has failed. The Commission's hope of recruiting 250 men to form a nucleus for the special Jerusalem police force out of British personnel volunteering to remain in Palestine was dashed by a letter from the British delegation revealing that only 50 volunteers remain to choose from because of the Commission's tardiness in arranging to retain them. These men, the letter said, are chiefly young and inexperienced, none of them officers or inspectors.

Faced with this prospect the Commission promptly cabled Pablo Ascarate, chief of the U.N. advance party in Palestine, to arrange for the retention of as many of the 50 as are suitable for service. The Commission also took exception to the implied accusation that it, rather than the Mandatory, was responsible for this failure. It pointed out that its first call for volunteers issued last February was dismissed by the British as a declaration of policy rather than a decision. At the time, it was estimated that 4,000 men could have been retained. Furthermore, the British by refusing to permit the Commission entry into Palestine before May 1 had made negotiation impossible.

The only reassuring note at today's special meeting was the announcement that emergency arrangements for shipping and stockpiling essential food supplies had been concluded between the Jewish Agency, the Arab Chamber of Commerce and Steel Brothers, a London firm of shippers and bankers.

The Commission announced that Steel Brothers would advance 80 percent of the funds needed to import 26,000 tons of wheat, 4,200 tons of sugar and 650 tons of meat. This amount, the Commission said, would ensure adequate food stocks until July 15. The British concern will be responsible for shipping and warehousing these imports in Palestine though the British Government will act as purchasing agent. Distribution will have to be made by Jewish and Arab authorities in Palestine which together are required to advance 20 percent of the total, \$5,200,000.

It was announced today that the Palestine Government has asked the United Kingdom to release this sum out of blocked Palestinian sterling balances. The Palestine Administration has already issued import licenses, the Commission was advised, to cover these emergency shipments.

PROVISIONAL JEWISH CABINET INTRODUCES INCOME TAX PLAN TO REPLACE GOVERNMENT LEVY

TEL AVIV, April 19. (JTA) -- Anticipating the establishment of a Jewish Government after the expiration of the Palestine Mandate on May 15, the Provisional Jewish Cabinet last night launched a "Jewish State Fund" to collect income taxes from the Jewish community. Employers were asked to deduct withholding taxes from their employees' salaries, as soon as the Palestine Government's income tax collection ceases.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council have instructed all Jewish civil service employees to remain at their posts until further notice to prevent any possible damage to public installation or disruption of services after May 15.

ARAB POPULATION OF TIBERIAS EVACUATED BY BRITISH; HAGANAH PROCLAIMS JEWISH REGIME

JERUSALEM, April 19. (JTA) -- The entire Arab population of the mixed town of Tiberias, in northern Palestine, was evacuated today under supervision of British troops. The evacuation was completed by early this evening at which time the Jewish quarter of the town was placed under curfew.

Immediately after the evacuation began, the local Haganah leader proclaimed the existence of a "Jewish independent regime" in Tiberias. He also announced the establishment of a special Jewish military police force to keep order in the town and guard all abandoned property, including that owned by the Arabs or the government, as well as to protect the holy places of all three religions against damage and trespass. During the curfew hours tonight, an Arab was shot by an unidentified sniper.

The Tiberias Jewish community council issued a statement pointing out that the "Arabs have not been expelled from the town. They were the first to attack and retreat when the Jews replied, but they will return one day to their homes as free citizens with full rights."

The Haganah today claimed to have captured an important Arab military leader in Jerusalem. The man, Hanna Azouri, was kidnapped by a party of armed Jews together with Major J. Reefer, an official of the Palestine Supreme Court. Reefer was questioned for three hours and then was released, but Azouri, who is also said to be a court official, is still missing.

The Jewish Agency today charged the British with being "practically a third party" in the war and of aiding the Arab Legion in its anti-Jewish activities. The charge was made by an Agency spokesman commenting on an official government statement concerning yesterday's fierce battle at Neve Yaacob to the effect that the engagement was provoked by Jews firing on an Arab Legion armored patrol car.

Jewish traffic was rerouted in Jerusalem for several hours this afternoon in order to avoid King George Avenue, one of the main thoroughfares in the city, because the street was under Arab mortar fire. During an exchange of fire between the Arabs and Jewish forces in this area, British troops fired several heavy shells at the Jewish positions and wounded a number of Haganah men.

The Palestine Government has issued an official warning to all British nationals to leave the country before May 15, after which date the government cannot offer them protection. The warning declared that the government would not be liable for losses incurred by the abandonment of business and homes by Britons who followed the government's advice.

ZIONIST LEADERS REPORT PALESTINE JEWS WILL FIGHT ATTEMPT TO IMPEDE INDEPENDENCE

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- The "stagefaring insipitude" of the State Department in relation to the Palestine situation was denounced here tonight by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, addressing a rally of 1,000 metropolitan Zionist leaders and key workers. Dr. Neumann added that the Jewish people will not "tamely submit" to any new solution and that any attempt to deprive them of their independence under the guise of trusteeship or any other plan must be implemented by "overwhelming military force."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, head of the United Palestine Appeal, who together with Dr. Neumann just returned from a meeting of the Zionist Action Committee in Tel Aviv, said the rally that "the Jews of Palestine are confident of their ability to meet the Arab threat and they have demonstrated that their confidence is not misplaced; not a single Jewish position has been evacuated." He also stated that the Jews of Palestine are heartened by the American public's unfavorable reaction to the U.S. Government's proposal of partition.

MEMBERS OF POLISH CABINET ATTEND UNVEILING OF WARSAW MEMORIAL TO GHETTO FIGHTERS

WARSAW, April 19. (JTA) -- Thousands of Poles and Jews today attended ceremonies here marking the fifth anniversary of the uprising in the Warsaw ghetto in which over 40,000 Jews lost their lives. Among the participants in the ceremonies, which included the unveiling of a large memorial to the Jewish fighters and martyrs, were some 3,000 delegates from communities in all parts of Poland, 200 delegates from Jewish communities outside the country and representatives of the Polish Government, the army and all political parties.

In the forefront of the ceremonies were survivors of the ghetto battle and Jewish partisans who fought with the Polish and Soviet armies during the war. Among representatives of the government were Premier Josef Cyrankiewicz, Minister for Justice Henryk Swiatkowski and Minister Without Portfolio Wladislaw Baranowski.

Swiatkowski, addressing the meeting, declared: "In the name of the Polish Government and people I pay tribute to the heroic deeds and battle of the Jews of the Warsaw ghetto. Those at the head of the present Polish Government such as Premier Cyrankiewicz and Deputy Premier Gomulka themselves participated actively in the fight against the ghetto insurgents. In the future the Polish Government will give assistance to the fight of the Jewish people for liberty."

Adolph Berman, noted Jewish partisan leader and head of the Jewish Central Committee of Poland, who presided over the Warsaw meeting, stated that "the Polish Jews who fought for the honor of the Jewish nation will, if necessary, voluntarily give their blood as a contribution to the liberty and statehood of Palestine Jewry."

Among the other speakers at the Warsaw ceremony were former partisans Antek Kierman and Chaika Grossman who told the story of the weeks-long battle. A special choir of 250 orphaned Jewish children sang partisan hymns and battle songs. Similar commemorative meetings were held in many other Polish cities and in Warsaw, Lodz and Krakow the government radio presented special memorial programs.

Cost of Monument Covered Mostly by Jewish Communities Abroad

The granite memorial which was unveiled here is 50 feet high and 30 feet wide and features four menorahs, one at each corner. The lights in the menorahs will burn eternally. The center piece, cast in bronze by the noted Jewish sculptor Prof. Nathan Rappaport, depicts a group of ghetto fighters on one side, and a party of Jews being shipped to their deaths by the Nazis, on the other face. The monument, on the spot where the first contingent of some 2,000 Nazi troops entered the ghetto to suppress the uprising, cost 100,000,000 zlotys. The Polish Government contributed 50,000,000 zlotys, Polish Jewry 18,000,000 and the rest was raised by contributions from Jews throughout the world.

Simultaneously, a "Museum of Jewish Martyrdom" was opened here today by the Jewish Historical Institute. Authentic photographs and other graphic evidence portraying the life of the Jews of Poland in the various Nazi ghettos--including torn and blood-stained Scrolls and prayer shawls, as well as drums, shoes and purses made of parchment ripped from the Torahs--fill the museum.

A picture gallery featuring the paintings of 50 Jewish painters who perished at the hands of the Nazis was also opened today. A library containing the volumes retrieved from 75 famous Jewish libraries destroyed during the war, as well as other rare literary materials, has also been established.



S. MILITARY AUTHORITIES ORDER REMOVAL OF DISPLACED JEWS FROM CAMP IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, April 19. (JTA) -- The American military commander in Austria has ordered the transfer of some 450 displaced Jews from the New Palestine camp at Salzburg to other camps in the U.S. zone, it was revealed here today. The move was undertaken to provide additional quarters for the families of American military personnel on duty in Austria who are now living in what the Army ~~has~~ inadequate quarters.

The Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish chaplain attached to the U.S. command in Austria and the Jewish Central Committee are cooperating with the Army in the transfer. No objections have been raised by either the DP's or Jewish voluntary relief organizations because there are a sufficient number of vacancies in other camps in the country to provide for the transferred Jewish families.

Special provision will be made for camp inmates who were formerly imprisoned in concentration camps. They will be permitted to choose quarters in the larger DP centers or find houses in the Austrian community.

FORMER MAYOR OF JASSY ARRESTED IN BUCHAREST; WILL STAND TRIAL FOR MASSACRE OF JEWS

BUCHAREST, April 19. (JTA) -- Constantin Ifrim, former mayor of the Rumanian city of Jassy, has been arrested here and will stand trial among nearly 100 other persons for responsibility in the Jassy massacre of 1941 in which 14,000 Jews were slaughtered, it was reported today.

Ifrim, who was known to the Jews of Jassy as one of their worst prosecutors, fled his home for Bucharest nearly four years ago in an attempt to escape the revenge of the population of the city. It was at Ifrim's orders that the centuries-old Jewish cemetery of Jassy was desecrated and criss-crossed with streets paved with tombstones.

CZECH WHO DENOUNCED JEWISH FRIEND TO NAZIS SENTENCED TO LIFE BY PEOPLES COURT

PRAGUE, April 19. (JTA) -- Jiri Novacek, a Czech who denounced a Jewish friend to the Nazi occupation authorities and caused his deportation and eventual death in a concentration camp, was today sentenced to life imprisonment by a Peoples Court here.

The denunciation took place in 1943. A Czech member of the military police attached to the Nazi headquarters, to whom Novacek denounced his friend, Jindrich Roudnický, testified for the prosecution. The only reason Novacek escaped the death penalty was that several other Jews testified in his behalf, asserting that he had never done anything to injure them although he was in a position to do so during the occupation.

JEWISH CHAPLAIN IN FRENCH ARMY IN GERMANY ELEVATED TO HONORARY RANK OF GENERAL

PARIS, April 19. (JTA) -- The senior Jewish chaplain among the French forces on duty in the French zone of Germany has been elevated to the honorary rank of general, it was announced here this week-end. Previously, only the senior Catholic chaplain held a general rank.

A Foreign Office spokesman has denied reports that the government withdrew licenses for the shipment of arms and ammunition by private firms to Lebanon and Syria. The spokesman said that while the situation in Palestine remains "confused" the government would not export arms to those countries, but that this policy would not interfere with contracts between private munitions makers and the Arab governments.

ZIONIST PARTY EXPELLED FROM RANKS OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF TRANSYLVANIA

BUCHAREST, April 19. (JTA) -- The executive of the Zionist Organization of Transylvania has expelled the provincial United Zionist-Revisionist Party, it was reported today in dispatches from Timiscara where the body met.

The action, which ratified an earlier decision of a regional Zionist conference, followed charges that the Revisionist group had engaged in "activities contrary to the democratic principles of the Zionist Organization."

IS IN SO. AFRICA UNEASY OVER CURRENT NATIONAL ELECTIONS, JEWISH EDITOR REPORTS

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- The violence in Palestine has caused a slight rise in anti-Semitism on the part of the British population in South Africa, Leon Feldberg, editor and publisher of the South African Jewish Times, declared here today on his arrival from Johannesburg to attend the American Newspaper Publishers Association convention which opened today at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Although the Jews in South Africa believe that the United Party, which is headed by Premier Jan Smuts, will emerge victorious in the national elections, which are to take place next month, there is great concern among the Jews over the fact that the Nationalist Party, well-known for its anti-Semitic views, is providing strong opposition to the government party, Mr. Feldberg said. He predicted that the South African delegation at the U.N. General Assembly will continue to support the partitioning of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states.

South African Jewry is nearly 100 percent actively pro-Zionist, Mr. Feldberg stated. Although the Jewish community is comparatively young, interest in Jewish life is very high, he reported. The 100,000 Jews in the country, half of whom are concentrated in Johannesburg and Capetown, support every possible Jewish undertaking.

Religious life at present is weak due to the long-time shortage of religious leaders and instructors, he declared. A Hebrew teachers training school has been established in Johannesburg in an attempt to solve this problem. In addition to their roles in the country's business and professional life, many South African Jews are leaders in the country's agricultural life, he disclosed.

ARGENTINE JEWISH DELEGATION MET WITH ARCE; HE MADE NO PROMISES ON PALESTINE

BUENOS AIRES, April 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Jose Arce, Argentine delegate to the United Nations who was elected president of the special Palestine session of the General Assembly Friday by a bloc of Latin American and Arab states votes, received a Jewish delegation here recently in connection with the Palestine question, it was reported today.

An announcement by the DAIA, central Jewish representative body in Argentina, disclosed that the delegation -- comprising Dr. Moises Goldman, honorary president of DAIA, Samuel Rabinovich, president of the Zionist Federation, and Dr. Leon Dujovne -- met with Arce on the latter's visit here and discussed the Palestine problem with him.

The DAIA announcement said that Arce was "very friendly" to the delegation, but it was learned that he made no promises to the Jews concerning Palestine.