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MEMBERS OF U.N. TRUCE COMMISSION BEGIN WORK TODAY; U.S. REDRAFTS TRUSTEESHIP PLAN

LAKE SUCCESS, April 25. (JTA) -- Representatives of the United States, France and Belgium, which last Friday night were designated a Palestine truce Commission by the Security Council, will meet here tomorrow to begin working on plans for investigating the extent to which the Jews and Arabs in Palestine are cooperating in effectuating the Council's truce resolution.

The three countries were appointed because they have consulates in Jerusalem and thus have representatives on the scene to supervise compliance with the truce plan. Although specific instructions have not yet gone out from the U.N. Secretariat here, it is likely that a representative of the Palestine Commission's advance party in Jerusalem will approach the consuls to see what assistance they need.

Meanwhile, the American delegation, taking cognizance of the first unfavorable reactions to its trusteeship plan for Palestine, has redrafted the proposal and hopes to have the new one ready for tomorrow's resumption of debate in the Political Committee. In essence, the plan has not been altered substantially. Some deletions have been made--notably those paragraphs dealing with the type of legislature to be established in the trust territory, the Governor-General's term of office and several other technical points. However, the new plan, just as the working paper, does not specify the number of displaced Jewish immigrants to be admitted to Palestine.

British Secretary for Colonies Arthur Creech-Jones, in a speech to the Political Committee which was awaited by the delegates who had hoped for a positive word from Britain concerning her willingness to cooperate with the U.S. and France in enforcing a trusteeship decision, shed no light on his government's readiness to keep troops in Palestine beyond their scheduled date of departure. He reiterated British objections to the "unrealistic" partition plan and urged that the trusteeship paper be discussed "realistically." He added that a final decision has not yet been reached in London on cooperation in enforcing such a plan, but indicated that acceptance of the plan by his government would hinge on a commitment by the western powers to enforce it.

Political Committee to Consider Jerusalem Plan Today

As the Political Committee winds up its general debate tomorrow, action is expected on a French proposal to establish immediately an international regime for the city of Jerusalem in order to safeguard it in the midst of the Palestine war. The French also want a U.N. Governor-General named for the city. Most of the delegations at Lake Success seem agreed that the problem of Jerusalem should be given priority over the problem of the entire country.

Although the plans of the Soviet bloc and the six or seven small nations which definitely favor partition are not yet known, great interest has been aroused here by a report from Warsaw that the Polish Government has decided to press for admission of the Jewish state to the United Nations as soon as the state is proclaimed on May 16.

10 IRGUN TROOPS LAUNCH ATTACK ON JAFFA; THOUSANDS OF ARABS FLEEING PORT CITY

JERUSALEM, April 25. (JTA) -- Some 3,000 men of the Irgun Zvai Leumi today launched an independent attack on the all-Arab port city of Jaffa. The Haganah immediately announced that the Irgun high command had gathered its forces from all parts of the country and concentrated them for this attack without previously informing the Haganah nor receiving its permission for the action.

The battle was preceded by an exceedingly heavy mortar shelling which some observers considered one of the biggest barrages laid down during the five-month-old conflict. Thousands of Arabs were reported to be evacuating the city, particularly in the districts adjoining Tel Aviv. The Haganah penetrated several borderline quarters and destroyed snipers' posts then withdrew to their defense positions along the entire length of the common boundary. First reports placed the Irgun forces within several miles of quarters in Jaffa, including Manshieh.

At Haifa, meanwhile, the situation remained quiet as the battle veered off to the southwest, where the Jews have already occupied three Arab villages lying athwart the main supply and communications roads to the port city. The Jewish leadership has announced that all Haifa Jews are welcome to remain in the city if they follow their normal pursuits.

Jewish estimates place the number of Arabs remaining in Haifa at 25,000 after the exodus of the last few days in which as many as 15,000 to 30,000 Arabs may have fled. The city for Acre or points in Lebanon in response to the Palestine Arab Higher Committee's call to evacuate the city rather than accept Jewish surrender terms. A Jewish spokesman pointed out that the city's residents would have fared much better if they remained in Haifa, but that the Arab leadership was exploiting the situation to further the political claim that the Jews desired to drive the Arabs out of Palestine.

Haganah Invades Sheikh Jarrach Quarter of Jerusalem

The Haganah undertook a major offensive within Jerusalem today when it invaded and occupied the Sheikh Jarrach quarter--stronghold of the Iraqi forces in the city--after an attack from the district caused considerable Jewish casualties last night. The invasion took place in the pre-dawn hours, but the battle continued during the day and into tonight after the British entered the hostilities.

As a result of British shelling of their new positions the Jews withdrew from most of them--despite the fact that they had completely overrun and gained control of the most important Arab centers in Jerusalem. Late in the day, following the Jews' refusal to evacuate the last major position captured earlier until the British made good their promise to oust the Iraqi from Sheikh Jarrach, the British started to bombard their position with medium anti-tank guns.

The British also brought Arab Legion reinforcements in to aid them. The Arab forces soon drew Jewish mortar fire which wrecked three of their armored cars. In the Katamon quarter, meanwhile, the Arabs briefly shelled the Rehavia quarter, in which the Jewish Agency headquarters are located.

Reports from Tel Aviv, received here late tonight, said that Arab Legionnaires had seized the Lydda airport, about 15 miles southeast of Tel Aviv, in the wake of a British withdrawal from the field. All international airlines at the airport, except an Egyptian line, discontinued operations as the Jews and Arabs prepared to battle for the vital communications link.

A refugee vessel, the Mishmar Haam (Guardian of the People), intercepted with 59 vesselless Jews aboard was brought into Haifa harbor today and its passengers were reported to Cyprus.

ARAB STUDENTS ASK BAN ON JEWS IN EGYPTIAN UNIVERSITIES; JEWS ATTACKED IN BEIRUT

CAIRO, April 25. (JTA) -- Jews were this week-end barred from a student meeting at the Feroz Al Awal University, in Alexandria, following their protest against a resolution banning Jewish students from Egyptian universities.

The Jewish students objected to the ban, asserting that education recognized no boundaries of religion or nationality. The Egyptian students' resolution also called on the government to intervene in Palestine with men and arms to "save the situation" there.

Meanwhile, Cairo newspapers which have rarely attacked the Arab League and never on the Palestine issue, this week-end sharply criticized the League for "failing" to bolster the Arab nationalist cause in Palestine. The editorial attacks, which allowed a student demonstration at the headquarters of the League here, called for an end to "fruitless political meetings" and demanded that men and guns be sent to Palestine to prevent the Jews from establishing a state there. "Palestine cities are disappearing one after another while we still are making speeches and promises," the independent Al Zamane declared.

From Beirut, capital of Lebanon, came reports of an explosion in the Jewish quarter and the looting and burning of several shops. At the same time, students demonstrated before government offices and distributed pamphlets accusing Transjordan's Arab Legion of failing to defend Palestine against Zionism.

From Bagdad, Iraqi capital, came dispatches telling of an Arab accord on a military and political campaign against the Jews of Palestine. The accord is said to have been reached in Amman, capital of Transjordan's King Abdullah, where Arab military chieftains and political leaders have been considering proposals. It is reported that representatives of the other Arab states accepted proposals put forward by Abdullah, against whom they have previously been in unofficial alliance. It was also reported that one aspect of the agreement was that no regular armies would be sent to Palestine, but that the "volunteer" system would be continued.

BRITISH CABINET MEETS TODAY TO DISCUSS AMERICAN PROPOSAL FOR PALESTINE TRUSTEESHIP

LONDON, April 25. (JTA) -- The British Cabinet is scheduled to meet tomorrow to discuss the Palestine situation in relation to the American trusteeship proposal to the United Nations.

Among the specific points to be thrashed out, it is understood, will be how Britain will raise a force to assist the United States and France impose the American plan, in the event the U.N. General Assembly accepts it. Reports here tend to indicate the government favors raising such a force by "volunteer" methods because the sending of conscripts is expected to raise a storm of protests.

Minister of War Emanuel Shinwell last night told a meeting at Newcastle that the government is determined to end the Palestine Mandate on May 15, regardless of rumors to the contrary. A spokesman for the Foreign Office made much the same announcement earlier in the day in reply to questions based on reports that the new trusteeship plan was causing the British Government to halt the evacuation of Palestine. No further official statement on the matter is expected before Wednesday. Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin is slated to speak in Commons in reply to a question asking under what circumstances the government is prepared to continue the administration of Palestine.

CZECHOSLOVAK CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES FREEDOM OF RELIGION; MAKES ANTI-SEMITISM ILLEGAL

PRAGUE, April 25. (JTA) -- The draft of the new Czechoslovak constitution, which is scheduled to be submitted to the parliament this week will guarantee freedom of conscience and religion and places all religions on an equal basis, it was learned today.

An important new provision in the constitution is the prohibition on disseminating Nazi and fascist propaganda in any form, as well as racial intolerance and national chauvinism. Previously, the law only prohibited and punished persons who publicly incited racial violence. The new constitution makes any demonstration of anti-Semitism a criminal offense.

CH JEW CONVICTED OF EMBEZZLEMENT AND COLLABORATION WITH NAZIS GETS NEW TRIAL

THE HAGUE, April 25. (JTA) -- The Court of Cassation, a Dutch appellate tribunal, this week-end ordered the re-trial of Frederik Weinreb, 37-year-old Dutch Jew, who was convicted on charges of having accepted money from fellow Jews during the German occupation on the pretext that he would aid them to escape the Gestapo.

The appellate court ordered the lower court which originally convicted Weinreb and sentenced him to three-and-a-half years imprisonment to rehear the case because additional evidence has turned up since his trial, last November, bearing on his behavior among the Jews. Among the specific charges into which the higher court required was one that Weinreb had spied on fellow prisoners for the Nazis while he was imprisoned in the Sheveningen Prison during the occupation.

ENGINEERS UNION ASKS GOVT., OVER LEADERS' OPPOSITION, TO BAN ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, April 25. (JTA) -- Despite the opposition of powerful union chiefs, a member of the Labor Party's executive, the influential Amalgamated Engineering Union, adopted a resolution, at its annual conference at Blackpool this week-end, asking the government to outlaw all forms of fascist and anti-Semitic activity.

Union leaders asserted there was little chance of a totalitarian system developing in Britain, but the conference overrode their appeals to drop the motion, after hearing an eye-witness account from a London Jewish delegate who described the fascist riots and demonstrations in the North London area.

STATE DEPT. SAYS IT WILL SUPPLY INFORMATION ON PALESTINE IF COMMUNICATIONS ARE CUT

WASHINGTON, April 25. (JTA) -- The State Department has assured correspondents here that in the event of a disruption of communications in Palestine it would make available as much information as possible about developments in that country.

State Department press officer Lincoln White, asked if the Department would ensure that such assistance would be given, said he did not know how much information the Department would receive from Palestine, but that in line with a regular policy as much of it as possible would be made available to the press. He said he had no information that disruption of communications between this country and Palestine was imminent.

The White House disclosed that Dr. Louis I. Dublin, a member of the Hadassah Medical Reference Board and vice-president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, met with President Truman and discussed with him the recent Arab attack on the Jewish medical convoy, in which 64 Jews, including physicians and nurses, perished. Left with the President a letter signed by 74 outstanding American scientists, asking the U.S. to prevent the repetition of such incidents.

DO ATTEND "THIRD SEDER" IN NEW YORK SPONSORED BY COMMITTEE FOR LABOR PALESTINE

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Asserting that the celebration of Passover this year is the prelude to the establishment of what will become an "heroic and noble era," Rabbi Stephen S. Wise told an assembled 5,000 guests at the 16th annual "Third Seder" of the National Committee for Labor Palestine held here today at the El Astor, that the Jews "are on the march." He hailed the coming establishment of the Jewish state as the fulfillment of the age-old dream of the Jewish people for national independence.

Throughout the United States this week-end Jews celebrated Passover with their attention focused on the Palestine situation. In pulpits in various cities and towns, rabbis emphasized the parallel between the story of the Exodus and the Palestine developments of today. They urged the United Nations to study the ancient and learn from it that the forces of right will conquer in the face of military and political might.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, in his opening message declared: "This year's festival of freedom will sound a message of freedom, both spiritual and political, for the Jewish community of Palestine and the Jewish people everywhere. The bells of freedom and independence that were rung in America in 1776 are now pealing forth in another bastion of democracy, in Jewish Palestine."

At the "Third Seder," Don Pines, Histadruth delegate in the United States, said that the "Jewish state that will come into being on May 16 will be an "American state. By that I mean it will adhere closely to the principles of democracy and freedom which are the foundations of this great country. All talk about the Jewish state being anti-American in its foreign policy is nonsense, as it is from this country that the material and moral support has come which have made possible the achievement of the ancient dream of the Jewish people for national independence," he concluded.

Congressman Jacob K. Javits told the assemblage that the "United States is pursuing a pro-Arab policy on Palestine. It is difficult to see how any other interpretation can be placed by the Arabs on its actions." A trusteeship would freeze the status quo and would be "exactly what the Arabs want," Javits added.

NEW YORK PROVIDES MOST PLENTIFUL PASSOVER FOR DP'S AND AUSTRIAN JEWS SINCE BEGINNING OF WAR

VIENNA, April 25. (JTA) -- The DP's and Austrian Jews in this city this year celebrated their most plentiful Passover since the beginning of the war because the Joint Distribution Committee supplied 3,600 salaries daily for eight days. The various holiday items distributed by the J.D.C. cost about \$200,000, it was reported.

Seders for Jewish troops and civilian personnel of the U.S. Army in Austria were held Friday and Saturday nights. Special menus were prepared by the Quartermaster Corps, including matzo's that were shipped from New York and kosher wine from Palestine.

N. J. JEWISH CONGREGATION TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS BUILDING OF TWO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

ELIZABETH, N.J., April 25. (JTA) -- The Bnai Israel congregation here will contribute to the building funds of two local Presbyterian parishes, whose churches were destroyed by fire, it was announced here today. Funds will be raised by a benefit concert on May 6 by Bruce Lewis, concert pianist.