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U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TO STUDY PROTECTION OF JERUSALEM

LAKE SUCCESS, April 26. (JTA) -- The U.N. General Assembly today took its first step toward safeguarding Jerusalem and its inhabitants by adopting a decision directing the Trusteeship Council to undertake immediately a study of measures to this effect. The Council was instructed to submit concrete proposals to the Assembly within the shortest time possible." The Council will begin work tomorrow.

Despite the fact that the U.S.S.R. last night broke its boycott of the Trusteeship Council and officially announced that it would join that body apparently with a view toward having a stronger voice in matters concerning Palestine, Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko today opposed handing over the Jerusalem security problem to the Council. He pointed out that the Council is not concerned with matters of security and suggested that for the sake of urgency the question of Jerusalem be referred to a special sub-committee of the Political Committee for speedy action. Polish delegate Julius Katz-Suchy also called for a sub-committee, but added that all recommendations on Jerusalem be brought back to the General Assembly within ten days.

No time limit was set by the Assembly for the Trusteeship Council to submit recommendations on Jerusalem security. The decision was adopted on the basis of a resolution submitted by France and amended by Sweden. Forty-six states voted in favor of the decision, none against and seven abstained. A Czechoslovak proposal that the preamble to the resolution be amended to conform with the Assembly's partition decision of last November was overwhelmingly rejected.

Vote Shows U.S. May Find It Impossible to Reverse Partition

An Australian amendment which would have referred action on Jerusalem to a General Assembly sub-committee rather than to the Trusteeship Council was also defeated. But the final tally--26 against, 20 in favor and seven abstaining--provided the first real test of pro-partition strength and was interpreted as an indication that the United States may find it impossible to reverse partition and have trusteeship adopted by the required two-thirds majority.

The coalition of the Soviet bloc, Latin American faction and the Pacific dominions which are pledged to support partition was reinforced in today's balloting by a surprise decision by British Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones to support the Australian amendment. It was obvious during the voting that the pro-partition forces are aware that the United States considers Jerusalem trusteeship an opening wedge in the drive to impose trusteeship on the whole of Palestine.

A U.S. spokesman declared that his country is prepared to supply its share of troops for policing Jerusalem. It was learned that the U.S. regards the problem as military rather than police action since long food and water supply lines must be secured. The French delegation, however, has proposed the immediate recruitment of a volunteer police force employing some officers of the disbanded British police. Its function would be limited to the protection of the Holy Places, the Old City and public buildings.

(Reports from London, quoting authoritative sources, stated today that the British would be willing to remain in Palestine if the Jews and Arabs accepted a

and the authority of an international police force, if a temporary trusteeship created with the Allied powers of World War I administering it, if no attempt is to enforce partition at this time and if the U.S. agrees to suspend pressure for Jewish immigration pending further study of Palestine's problems. It was also indicated that the U.S. would be asked to pay the major part of the bill for policing Palestine as well as providing 50 percent of the troops, while Britain supplied 40 percent and France, ten percent.)

Husseini Advances Conditions for Arab Acceptance of U.S. Trusteeship Plan

Speaking on behalf of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, Jamal Husseini told the Political Committee today that the Arabs of Palestine will accept the U.S. trusteeship proposal for the whole of Palestine if it is meant to establish an interim government for a short and fixed period to be followed by full independence of a Jewish state. If this condition is not met, the Arabs will proclaim the whole of Palestine an independent Arab state on May 16, he threatened.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, answering Husseini, contented himself with refuting the Arab slur on Silver's being an American of Russian birth. "I submit that it was rather an unworthy statement to make," Silver declared. He reminded the Committee of his loyalty to the United States required no testing by the Arab Higher Committee and that in America "we are all immigrants."

In his response to Husseini's charge that American citizens have no right to speak in the name of the Jewish Agency, Dr. Silver pointed out that the Agency is composed of Jewish representatives from all countries and was recognized in the League of Nations Mandate which called on Jews everywhere to assist in the upbuilding of Palestine.

Gromyko speaking this afternoon described as "a slanderous assertion in a whole series of irresponsible allegations" Husseini's charge that young Jews were being trained in Russia for combat in Palestine. The reasons for these Arab charges, Gromyko said, were obvious and they are not believed even by those who make them.

South Africa Reiterates Support of Partition

South African delegate Harry T. Andrews told the Committee that he was instructed to state that "of the many proposals made in respect of Palestine over the last years, the South African Government still adheres to its attitude that partition with economic union is the only practical solution." He read a message from Premier Jan Christiaan Smuts that it would be "an indelible disgrace before history" if the Holy Shrines were damaged or destroyed in the fighting.

Partition was also supported during the afternoon session by the delegates of Byelorussia and Guatemala, while Yemen and Iraq strongly opposed it. Guatemalan delegate Jorge Garcia Granados said the Committee "must be realistic enough to realize that trusteeship now is impossible" and that partition is so far advanced that only brute force could undo it.

The principle of prompt and effective action to safeguard Jerusalem was supported by all delegations which spoke today. Syria served notice, however, that an international regime in the Holy City should not be considered part of an overall partition plan and should not prejudice a final solution.

OR BATTLE FOR JERUSALEM CONTROL SHAPING UP; HEAVY FIGHTING IN JAFFA, ACRE REPORTED

JERUSALEM, April 26. (JTA) -- Jews and Arabs in Jerusalem were preparing today for a major battle for control of the city. Heavy fighting is expected to break out within hours, following the Arab seizure of the British Army's Alamein camp, two miles from here, which was evacuated earlier.

Arab forces, including units of the Transjordan Legion, were reportedly waiting for the signal to open fire from behind sandbag emplacements in the British camp, while Jews were seen stationed in a wood close by. Tension in the city mounted hourly as the deadline for the withdrawal of the last of the British troops-- sunset -- neared.

The Palestine Information Office, news communication center in Jerusalem, closed down today, leaving correspondents for overseas news agencies and newspapers without immediately available facilities for filing news to the outside world.

(A Reuters dispatch from Damascus reported today that the Transjordan Army has occupied Jericho, northwest of the Dead Sea, following a Transjordanian declaration of war on "Zionism." The armies of Syria, Lebanon, Transjordan and Iraq, the dispatch added, have agreed to open a three-front attack on Palestine with a combined force of 40,000 men before May 1.)

Meanwhile, fighting in Jaffa flared up again today with Irgun units reported shelling the city's center. Outlying sections of Tel Aviv were hit by Arab mortars replying to the Irgunist cannonade. One dispatch from the front said the Arab seaport was being subjected to "extremely heavy" rifle and machine gunfire and that some bullets had sent Tel Aviv shopping crowds scurrying for cover.

Arab Legionnaires In Acre Reported Shelling Haifa

More than 140 Arabs broke out of the British prison in Acre today after Arab guerrillas stationed on a nearby hill shelled the jail with mortars. Arab sources reported that a large Haganah force was attacking the city, but said that results of the heavy fighting were not yet known. Another report stated that Arab legionnaires in Acre were shelling Haifa, some ten miles to the south.

British sources in Haifa said that truce negotiations between the Jews and Arabs there "have gone well." Police were boarding all shop windows to prevent looting in the city, and mixed groups of unarmed Jews and Arabs appeared on the streets today, indicating that a halt in the evacuation of the city's Arab population has begun.

Lydda airport, 15 miles southeast of Tel Aviv, was taken over by the British today after its seizure by Arab Legion forces yesterday. All international plane and air mail service at Lydda was suspended and scheduled flights bound for the airport were canceled. All Jewish members of the airport's staff are reported to have left.

The Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road was blocked today near Bab el Wed, the only Arab stronghold along the vital highway still in Arab hands. A huge stone barrier in the middle of the highway was bombed by a Jewish plane, but there was no report as to the success of the operation.

Reports from Cairo claimed today that King Abdullah of Transjordan has decided to lead his crack Arab Legion into Palestine to fight the Jews. Ten thousand Legionnaires are stationed in Palestine at present as members of Britain's security forces. An Arab League source in Cairo claimed that 12,000 Iraqi troops have left Bagdad for Amman, Transjordanian capital, to await orders to enter Palestine within ten days.

JEWISH ACTION COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES TO END SOON, JEWISH CIRCLES BELIEVE

PRAGUE, April 26. (JTA) -- Czechoslovak Jewish circles here expressed the belief that the reorganization activities of the Jewish Actions Committee, which began with the establishment of the new government, will soon come to an end.

At the same time it was learned that Eugene Fishgrund, head of the Prague office of the Jewish Agency, has been appointed to membership on the Administrative Committee of the Council of Jewish Communities of Bohemia-Moravia. Until recently there were no Zionists on the Committee, following the shake-up of the membership of the body conducted by the Actions Committee.

Final changes in the Prague Jewish Community were announced today as follows: Dr. Karel Stein, a Zionist, remains as chairman of the group; the new vice-chairmen are Dr. Edmund Schwarz, Alois Gips, who will represent the Orthodox section of the community, and Joseph Shulz. In addition to the chairman and vice-chairmen, the group is now composed of four additional executive members, three of whom were named by the Jewish Actions Committee.

Ernest Frischer, who was removed from his post as chairman of the Council of Jewish Communities of Bohemia-Moravia, has been allowed to remain on the Prague Jewish Community's Board, which is made up of 32 members.

ITALIAN POLICE SEARCHED ALL DISPLACED JEWISH TRAINING CENTERS FOR ARMS CACHES

ROME, April 26. (JTA) -- Every Jewish training farm and school in Italy was searched for arms by Italian police units in the week preceding the recent Italian national elections, it was reported here today. In Rome, where the surveillance of the DP's has been particularly close, the headquarters of various Zionist political organizations were also checked.

POLISH PAIR SENTENCED TO JAIL TERMS FOR ROLE IN EXECUTION OF BIALYSTOK JEWS

WARSAW, April 26. (JTA) -- Felix Furmanowicz and his wife, Wladyslawa, were sentenced today to 15 and six-year prison terms, respectively, for participating in the deportations and executions of Jews from Bialystok. The pair was also convicted of active collaboration with the Gestapo. They succeeded in hiding out in Lower Silesia until a few months ago when they were recognized and arrested.

PERCENT OF BOGOTA JEWS LOST PROPERTY IN RECENT RIOTS; DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$500,000

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- Eighty percent of the Jews of Bogota, capital of Colombia, lost property during the recent anti-government riots there, Dr. Joseph Grutzendler, Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in Colombia who is now in New York, declared today. He told the JTA that recent letters from Bogota estimated that some \$500,000 worth of Jewish property was destroyed.

Dr. Grutzendler, a prominent local physician and a former representative of the Joint Distribution Committee in Colombia, added that the attacks on Jewish shops were not because of any anti-Semitic feeling, but as part of the mob action against all shops. He said the Jews lost heavily because they were not insured against loss by mob action.

The Jews in Bogota do not need food or medical care, he stated, but need funds to re-establish their businesses. In the cities of Medellin and Cali, where fairly large Jewish communities exist, he asserted, the Jews suffered very little during the disturbances.

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HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORTED AGREED ON BILL TO ADMIT 200,000 DP'S IN TWO YEARS

WASHINGTON, April 26. (JTA) -- The House Judiciary Committee has tentatively agreed on a bill to admit 200,000 DP's to this country within two years which would permit the quotas of the DP's' countries of origin in advance to the same numerical extent that the refugees are admitted as immigrants now, it was learned here today.

The Committee, which has been meeting in closed session to consider a bill introduced by Rep. Frank Fellows of Maine, has also decided on admitting the immigrants on the same nationality proportion that they exist among the total DP population. Priorities would be established for the DP immigrants on the basis of their occupational skills. The DP's would be divided into three categories as follows:

Firstly, those qualified as farm laborers, physicians, dentists, medical nurses, and household and clothing workers and persons possessing special educational, scientific or technological qualifications; secondly, blood relatives of American citizens or alien residents who entered the U.S. legally, to the third degree of consanguinity; thirdly, all other eligible DP's. Minor orphans would be admitted on a non-quota basis.

Under the measure a DP would be defined as any person who on April 21, 1947, was and is now in Italy or in the United States, British or French occupation zones of Germany or Austria and who during World War II fought the Nazis and who is unable or unwilling to return to his native country for fear of persecution.

JEWISH ASK INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE FOR MACHINERY TO IMPLEMENT DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress has called on the Inter-American Conference at Bogota to establish machinery in various Latin American countries to implement provisions of the parley's proposed Declaration of the Rights of Man, the Congress announced here today. The American Jewish Committee has submitted a similar memorandum to the Conference.

The W.J.C. document urged the inclusion of provisions in the Declaration to "guarantee the equality of all in the enjoyment of all rights without regard to race, religion, sex, origin and political creed," and to make clear "that none of the freedoms set forth in the Declaration shall be exploited to disseminate racial, religious or similar forms of hatred." It also asked for a provision "implementing the right to education in such a manner as to conform with the principles of democracy" and to the "strengthening of respect for human rights and to combatting the spirit of intolerance and hatred against other nations or racial, religious and other groups."

NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR GETS REPORT URGING OUTLAWING DISCRIMINATION IN SCHOOLS, HOUSING

TRENTON, N.J., April 26. (JTA) -- The outlawing of discrimination in public housing projects in New Jersey, as well as the prohibition of restrictive real estate covenants, were urged in a special civil liberties report submitted to Governor Alfred E. Driscoll.

The report also proposed the liberalization of admission to the state's schools of higher learning, legislation banning discrimination in New Jersey's commercial schools and the establishment of a state medical school to halt "widespread discriminatory practices in the hospitals of our state in admission of patients as well as in the appointment of doctors, interns and nurses."

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AMERICAN RED CROSS SENDING MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO JEWS AND ARABS IN PALESTINE

GENEVA, April 26. (JTA) -- The American Red Cross is sending large quantities of medical supplies to Palestine for both Jewish and Arab relief organizations, it is announced here today by the International Red Cross, which will supervise the distribution of the supplies in Palestine.

The international body also revealed that it will send additional Swiss representatives to Palestine to help protect hospitals, wounded persons, prisoners of war and, wherever possible, the civilian population. The action was taken following receipt here of written assurances by the Jewish Agency and the Arab Higher Committee that they will adhere to the Geneva convention on warfare.

L. HENSEL DESCRIBES PALESTINE SITUATION IN FIRST HAND STUDY REPORT TO U.J.A. OFFICERS

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- Regardless of all difficulties, the Jews of Palestine "are determined to make available a home and a haven for hundreds of thousands of homeless European Jewish survivors," Col. Henry D. Hensel, a leader in the 1948 United Jewish Appeal campaign, who has just returned from a tour of Palestine, reports here today to officers of the U.J.A.

Col. Hensel reported that "despite all the shooting, Palestine life is pretty much normal." He said that he was told that native Arab Palestinians were reluctant to join in attacks on the Jews, but that they were being forced to take part by the invaders from Syria, Iraq and other Arab countries.

JEWS FACULTY MEMBERS OF PRAGUE UNIVERSITY MURDERED BY NAZIS HONORED AT SERVICE

PRAGUE, April 26. (JTA) -- Services honoring the memory of Jewish faculty members murdered by the Nazis was held here today at the concluding ceremonies of the 600th anniversary celebration of Charles University. Chief Rabbi Gustav Sicher, representing Czechoslovak Jewry delivered the eulogy.

The fifth anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising was marked over the week-end. Several newspapers and radio stations reported in detail on the ghetto monument, while a delegation from the Council of Jewish Communities of Bohemia-Moravia which participated in the dedication of the monument returned here today from Warsaw.

REPHAEL SZERESZOWSKI, POLISH JEWISH LEADER WHO FLED TO U.S. IN 1941, DIES HERE AT 79

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- Rephael Szereszowski, Jewish communal leader in pre-war Poland and member of the Polish parliament from 1922 to 1927, died here today at the age of 79. He arrived in the United States in 1941, after making his way across Asia and embarking at Shanghai.

Szereszowski was a member of the Polish Government's Council for Social Welfare from 1924 until the outbreak of the war. He held many other high positions in the country and from 1916 until 1939 served as councillor of Warsaw six times. He also played an active role in the Jewish cooperative, health and colonization movements in Poland.

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