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U.N. APPOINTS GROUP TO FORMULATE PLANS FOR PROVISIONAL REGIME TO GOVERN PALESTINE

LAKE SUCCESS, May 4. (JTA) -- The United Nations today turned over to a 12-member sub-committee the task of trying to formulate plans for a provisional regime to govern Palestine when the British Mandate ends.

This action, proposed in an amendment submitted by Dr. Guillermo Belt of Cuba, was approved by a vote of 33-7, with 13 nations abstaining. The Slavic bloc and Uruguay voted against. Most other pro-partition countries abstained.

The sub-committee will consist of delegates from Argentina, Belgium, Canada, China, Cuba, Guatemala, France, India, Norway, Poland, Soviet Union, and United States. It is therefore considered as essentially predisposed against partition, since only three of its 12 members -- Russia, Guatemala and Poland -- are firmly committed to uphold the Assembly decision of last November 29.

Three possible courses lie before the sub-committee, which is scheduled to start work tomorrow. They are U.N. trusteeship, the British proposal to establish a "neutral" custodian administration that would take over assets and essential services of the outgoing Palestine Government and partition.

The new body is also directed to take into account which of the alternatives "will commend itself to the Arab and Jewish communities," whether the proposal is workable and can be implemented, and what its approximate cost will be. No time limit was set for the sub-committee's report back to the Political Committee. The sub-committee is authorized to consult representatives of the U.N. Palestine Commission, the Mandatory Power, the Arab Higher Committee, the Jewish Agency as well as secretariat and other experts on Palestine.

The Political Committee failed to accept a challenge by Andrei Gromyko to expel Arab invaders from Palestine if the United Nations seriously intended to bring peace and pave the way for a lasting settlement. Gromyko attacked the British suggestion advanced yesterday by Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones. The British plan, he declared, is a veiled attempt to sidetrack partition.

King Abdullah of Transjordan today warned the United Nations that events in Palestine will reach a "pinnacle of horror" after May 15. In a telegram received here by Secretary-General Trygve Lie, the King restated his readiness to "give the Jews in Palestine full Arab nationality in a unitary state sharing all that we share while yet enjoying a special administration in particular areas." He deplored useless fighting in Palestine and declared that he was persuaded the Jewish community as a whole wishes to live in amity with the Arabs.

ARABS RENEW ATTACK ON Kfar ETZION; JEWS REPULSE NEW ARAB INVASION FROM SYRIA

JERUSALEM, May 4. (JTA) -- A strong force of Arabs today launched a renewed attack on Kfar Etzion, strongest of a chain of colonies in the Hebron Hills, south of Jerusalem. The force, composed chiefly of Arab Legionnaires, reinforced by a company of Iraqi troops and local Arab guerrillas, opened fire at dawn. Late reports stated that the Jews have repulsed the Arabs, despite the fact that the raiders were supported by armored cars, field guns and heavy machine guns.

Meanwhile, a government broadcast stated that a new invasion attack by foreign Arabs on Jewish settlements in Upper Galilee has been beaten off by the Jews. A Haganah report said that a Lebanese artillery unit was seen crossing the Palestine frontier in the direction of Ramath-Naphtali, near the Syrian border.

(British War Minister Emanuel Shinwell today told Commons that the Haganah and Irgun are believed to possess about 100 armored cars, mostly vehicles to which armor plate was recently attached, a very small number of track vehicles such as Bren gun carriers and a number of half-tracks. The gun carriers have been stolen from the British, Shinwell said, but the origin of the half-tracks is not yet known.)

Although the cease fire agreement in the Katamon quarter of Jerusalem expired at 4 P.M., quiet reigned in the area pending further negotiations for a renewal or extension of the truce. It is believed that the U.N. Consular Truce Commission is active in the latest attempts to maintain the peace.

Plan to Convert Jerusalem into Red Cross Security Zone

International Red Cross representative Jacques de Reynier told a press conference that the Red Cross has been contacted by various non-political, non-military organizations who are interested in converting the entire city into "a security zone under the Red Cross." Under such a set-up, he asserted, non-combatants would be admitted to the city which would be supplied with food and water by the Red Cross.

Northwest of the city two Jewish settlements, Atarot and Neve Yacob, were shelled last night by Arab artillery in positions in the Judean Hills. The Jews reported that some 30 shells fell on the settlements. The Haganah raided a group of buildings near the Hebrew University from which snipers were active yesterday.

The Sternists charged that the recall of British troops to Palestine means the end of all evacuation plans, and warned that they will strike at the British. "There will never be peace and order with the British in Palestine," the underground added.

A Jewish Agency spokesman in Tel Aviv revealed that the Agency has established a custodian for Arab property. He said the move was necessitated by the fact that Arab evacuees abandoned a good deal of property behind when they fled the scenes of fighting in various parts of the country. He also revealed that the Agency has granted a safe conduct to an Egyptian convoy which will evacuate Egyptian citizens from Jerusalem and return them to their native land.

The "shadow" government of the Jewish State today began a series of closed meetings to decide on the form for proclaiming the Jewish Republic May 16. Other important items under discussion, as the end of the British mandate draws near, are a name for the Jewish State, the selection of the capital, deciding whether the legislature should have one or two houses and the formation of a militia to replace the Haganah.

LEHMAN CONFERS WITH TRUMAN ON PALESTINE; LIMITED ARAB-JEWISH TRUCE URGED BY LEHMAN

WASHINGTON, May 4. (JTA) -- Gov. Herbert H. Lehman today discussed the Palestine question with President Truman at the President's request. He later refused to disclose the results of the conversation and denied that he was considering taking any position that would make him advisor to the President on Palestine.

President Truman is deeply interested and concerned about the situation in Palestine, he told reporters after leaving the White House. Asked for his own views, Lehman said that he considers the Palestine situation "very unfortunate" and that he still believes in partition with an international force to maintain peace. He also believes that steps must be taken by the U.N. to set up a trusteeship for the entire area of Jerusalem.

"Since time is so short," he stated, "I would like to see a limited truce of about three or four months, under which there would be no final determination with regard to partition or trusteeship, and which would provide for substantial immigration and land purchase, and permitting free passage throughout Palestine for all persons engaged in peaceful pursuits." He thought immigration should be set at approximately 100,000 persons monthly.

BEVIN CALLS FOR SWIFT ESTABLISHMENT OF MACHINERY TO BRING JEWS AND ARABS TOGETHER

LONDON, May 4. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin today told Parliament that "there is still time for moderation and reason to win Palestine, but in a few days it may be too late." The vital requirement now, he said, is that shooting cease and some machinery be established of which the Jews and the Arabs could make use.

Bevin emphasized that the British Government has used all of its influence to prevent the invasion of Palestine by Arab countries. The British authorities also warned the Jews and Arabs that until May 15, no aggression would be tolerated in Palestine.

The Foreign Minister reiterated that Britain does not intend to retain the Mandate after May 15 and will not use any of its resources after that date for the purpose of enforcing any settlement against the wishes of either the Jews or the Arabs. He said that reports of Arab invasion of Palestine during the last few days have not been confirmed by British military advisers.

Parliamentary circles expressed surprise that Bevin failed to mention the reinforcements sent to Palestine from Cyprus and Malta this week. Opposition speakers stressed that the dispatch of reinforcements caused great confusion as to what the government's Palestine policy is now. They disagreed with Bevin's view that the British Government has made real attempts to bring peace to Palestine.

U.S., BRITAIN AGREED TO FORCE JEWS OUT OF GALILEE AND NEGEV, JEWISH LEADER CHARGES

LONDON, May 4. (JTA) -- The charge that the United States and Britain have reached a secret agreement to force the Palestine Jews out of Galilee and the Negev and confine them in a small coastal "ghetto" strip was made here today by S.Z. Shragai, member of the Jewish Agency executive, who told a meeting of Mizrahi Laborites that this agreement was "behind" the American trusteeship plan.

Shragai asserted that the British were calling in foreign Arabs to fight in Palestine because the local population would not war upon the Jews and that the Palestine Arabs will "take Bevin to task" for attempting to interfere with progress in the Middle East. He also said that the Palestine Jews will not be deceived by the trusteeship plan and would no longer place their faith in any of the great powers.

EUROPEAN POLICE FORCES ASKED TO JOIN IN SEARCH FOR FARRAN BOMB PERPETRATOR

LONDON, May 4. (JTA) -- The International Police Commission in Paris was asked Scotland Yard today to have all police forces in Europe join in the search for the person or persons responsible for mailing a parcel bomb to Capt. Roy Alexander Farran which yesterday accidentally killed his brother, Rex, who opened the package. Meanwhile, Capt. Farran has left his home at Wolverhampton for an unknown destination.

Simultaneously, Scotland Yard instituted one of the greatest manhunts in recent British police history in an effort to find "Jewish terrorists" in Britain, who they believe may be responsible for the mailing of the bomb. Capt. Farran was acquitted last year of charges of killing an 18-year-old Palestinian Jew, Alexander Rubovitz. The Stern Group, which claimed the murdered Palestinian youth as a member of the organization, vowed to avenge his death at the time Farran was freed. One report said the Hebrew word for revenge was found in the parcel's markings.

Scotland Yard announced, meanwhile, that it is on the track of an Arab band organized in this country for the purpose of smuggling arms into Palestine via Lebanon. Customs officials over the week-end seized two packages containing a large sum of small-denomination currency addressed to persons resident in Britain, presumably for the payment of arms.

U.N. COMMITTEE COMPLETES DISCUSSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS; SOVIET DELEGATE DISSATISFIED

LAKE SUCCESS, May 4. (JTA) -- General discussion on the draft declaration on human rights was completed today by the drafting committee of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights to be followed up tomorrow with a review of the draft covenant which is to be submitted, together with the declaration, for approval to the U.N. Economic and Social Council.

Soviet delegate A.P. Pavlov stated that his delegation considers the draft declaration in its present form as unsatisfactory. The document, he said, fails to satisfy three basic requirements considered essential by his delegation: first, adequate safeguards of human rights; second, guarantees of implementation; third, clear definition of the obligations of the individual to his state. Furthermore, he said, the document fails to condemn discrimination, or incitement to discrimination, for reasons of sex, race, nationality or religion.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, speaking for the U.S. delegation, said that the United States was anxious, as a starting point, to produce a short and concise document which would appeal more to the people. The declaration, she added, should contain a statement of the standards for which they are striving. But since the declaration carries no legal weight, the spelling out of the legal obligations, she declared, should be done in the covenant. The basic attitude to be taken in regard to the covenant is to agree on provisions having the widest acceptance, although not necessarily covering all rights, she argued.

ARABS EXPELLED FROM JEWISH MEETING IN PARIS AFTER ONE ATTEMPTS TO STRANGLE SPEAKER

PARIS, May 4. (JTA) -- Some 30 Arabs were expelled from a hall here last night after one of them attempted to strangle a Jewish speaker at a meeting sponsored by the French League for a Free Palestine. The police ejected all the Arabs who had invaded the Jewish meeting, because they heckled the speakers and interfered with good order before the attack on the speaker took place.

164 JEWISH REFUGEES SAIL FROM SHANGHAI EN ROUTE TO U.S.; AIDED BY JDC, USIA

SHANGHAI, May 4. (JTA) -- A group of 164 Jewish refugees sailed from here today aboard the S.S. General Gordon for resettlement in the United States. They were aided to emigrate by the J.D.C. and the United Service for New Americans.

JUSTICE DEPT. SAYS SUPREME COURT RESTRICTIVE COVENANT RULING APPLIES TO RELIGIOUS GROUPS

WASHINGTON, May 4. (JTA) -- The Department of Justice today interpreted yesterday's Supreme Court decision rendering court enforcement of restrictive covenants based on race or color illegal as applying also to religious groups. The Court's decision mentioned only private real estate agreements which barred groups on the basis of race or color.

"It is the opinion of the Department of Justice that the rulings of the Supreme Court are applicable with equal force to similar agreements based on creed," the department said. "It would now seem certain that no state through its courts can support or enforce private agreements which are designed to do what the state itself prohibited from doing."

Leading Jewish Groups Laud High Court's Decision

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- The U.S. Supreme Court decision forbidding court enforcement of restrictive real estate covenants was hailed today in a joint statement issued by Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Jacob Grumet, chairman of the civil rights committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The statement by the two Jewish leaders was released also on behalf of the Jewish Labor Committee and the Jewish War Veterans.

"The unanimous decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, forbidding enforcement by state or Federal courts of racially restrictive real estate agreements, is a milestone in the democratic effort to eliminate discrimination in the enjoyment of basic civil and political rights by all groups, regardless of race, color, religion or national origin," the statement said. "Restrictive covenants have been a major weapon in the segregation of racial and religious minorities," the statement continued. "Such segregation inevitably is a threat to democracy. For this reason, the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Jewish War Veterans and the Jewish Labor Committee, on Dec. 1, 1947, filed a brief as 'friends of the Court' in the cases upon which the Supreme Court has just ruled."

The statement points out that while the Supreme Court decision does not void all discriminatory restrictive covenants, it does make it impossible for persons entering into such agreements to invoke the aid of the courts in enforcing them. "As such, it is another step in the recent series of Supreme Court decisions, state statutes, and Federal recommendations which reaffirm and strengthen the civil rights of every citizen, regardless of race, creed, color or national origin. These decisions and recommendations add impetus to the campaign of education which aims to eliminate prejudice and bigotry," it concluded.

FREEDMAN ADMITS IN COURT HE SPENT \$100,000 FOR ANTI-ZIONIST NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- Benjamin H. Freedman, founder of the League for Peace with Justice in Palestine, who is a principal witness in a libel suit action now taking place in Mid-Manhattan Magistrates Court, said today that although his parents were Jewish, his wife and children are Catholic and he attends church services regularly. He has not been able to be baptized, however, he said. He added that he has studied at length "under Jesuit Fathers."

Appearing today at the libel suit trial brought against the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League by Hallam Richardson, attorney for his group, Freedman admitted that he has spent \$100,000 in newspaper advertisements which espoused his group's anti-Zionist views. He said, under cross-examination, that he had "frequently been in touch" with the representatives of various Arab states in this country during the past few years. Yesterday he confirmed that he had extended in a cable to Cairo "full encouragement" to the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem.

