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U.N. ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZES BRITAIN TO APPOINT A "NEUTRAL MAYOR" FOR JERUSALEM

FLUSHING MEADOWS, May 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Jose Arce, president of the United Nations General Assembly, today gavelled the world organization into authorizing the British Government to appoint a "neutral mayor" for Jerusalem, shorn of all effective powers to maintain peace.

The person selected must be acceptable to both the Jews and Arabs. He will serve as special commissioner, succeeding the defunct Jerusalem commission. The final vote was 35 to zero, with 17 nations abstaining. Arce, whose ruling was attacked after the Assembly adjourned as "high-handed" and "a piece of expert railroading," maneuvered a vote on the first three paragraphs of his own draft resolution authorizing the British appointment.

He ruled that a French amendment which would have made the mayor a U.N. appointee with specific police powers was not an integral part of the resolution. The Assembly thus deferred the major question of what powers the mayor would eventually exercise, passing the matter to the Political Committee on a motion proposed by John Eood of Australia.

Even if Jews and Arabs should now agree upon a mutually acceptable candidate, he would not have the power to maintain law and order until the Assembly makes a decision on the French proposal or a similar enforcement provision.

U.S. Will Share Administrative Responsibility Under Trusteeship

Before the balloting, Francis B. Sayre, of the U.S., restated America's pledge to undertake a share of the responsibility for administering Jerusalem, but only under a trusteeship agreement. His assertion that the United Nations has no authority to administer any territory except under the Charter's trusteeship article was echoed by Faris El Khouri, of Syria.

Exactly what shape the eventual administration will take now depends upon the Political Committee. It will have to choose between some version of the French amendment submitted this morning and the U.S. plan for a simple trusteeship. The French proposal calls for the immediate appointment of a U.N. delegate -- not a British appointee -- who would fly to Jerusalem and take charge. His task would be to recruit and control a municipal police force, to observe the cease-fire order in the Old City, to assume the municipal administration of Jerusalem, protection of the Holy Places and safeguarding of the city's food and water supply lines.

Sayre told the Assembly that further delay in appointing an administrator for Jerusalem was impossible because the British have set a deadline for appointing a special commissioner. Unless the request were made before May 9, he said, the British Government would not have time enough to have the enabling legislation, vesting in him the continuing authority for Jerusalem's administration, ready until after the Mandate expires.

JEWISH AGENCY APPEALS TO SECURITY COUNCIL TO ACT AGAINST ARAB ATTACKS ON PALESTINE

LAKE SUCCESS, May 6. (JTA)--An appeal by the Jewish Agency to the U.N. Security Council to take "all appropriate action under the Charter" against the Arab states which have committed acts of aggression against the Jews of Palestine and are preparing for "offensive operations on a larger scale" following termination of the Palestine Mandate May 15, was today made public by the Agency.

The 17-point Agency statement, signed by Moshe Shertok and addressed to Alexandre Parodi, president of the Council, also pointed out the British Government's responsibility for the aggressive actions of the Arab Legion in Palestine. The memorandum listed specific Arab Legion actions--such as the occupation of the town of Jericho and the Alemain military camp near Jerusalem and the attack on Geshur last month--and reminded the Council of specific British pledges to remove the Legion from Palestine. In the light of this failure to remove the Legion, Britain must be held responsible for attacks by Transjordan troops on Jews, the memorandum said.

Shertok also detailed a number of invasion attacks on Jewish settlements in northeastern Palestine by Syrians and Lebanese. Despite various denials of attacks on Dan, Dafni, Kfar Szold and other colonies, he said, the evidence of shell-damaged buildings and the existence of casualties testify to the existence of Arab attacks on May 1 and May 4, as previously reported by Jewish sources.

ARABS REOPEN ATTACK ON MISHMAR HAEMEK; ABDULLAH REJECTS GENERAL TRUCE IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA)--A large Arab force today attacked Mishmar Haemek, key to the defense of Haifa, for the second time within a month, the Haganah announced. Several large enemy concentrations have been sighted in the vicinity of the Hashomer Hatzair settlement, which is about 15 miles southeast of the port city, and which was the scene of one of the worst routs suffered by Arab forces thus far in the war.

A report from Amman, capital of Transjordan, stated that King Abdullah has withdrawn his envoy from an Arab League conference in Damascus and has announced that regardless of what other Arab states will do, he intends to invade Palestine after May 15. "I reject any general truce in Palestine because it means outright submission to Zionist demands," he is reported to have declared. Meanwhile, the U.N. Consular Truce Commission met with Arab officials in Jerusalem today in an attempt to negotiate a permanent truce in the city.

Reports from Jaffa assert that all but 10,000 of the port's 70,000 Arab inhabitants have fled. One hundred odd Egyptian nationals today left Jerusalem for the Egyptian border in a six-bus convoy under the protection of the Red Cross. Some of the 30-odd British tanks which were landed at Haifa to reinforce British troops have arrived in Jerusalem. The whereabouts of the others as well as the placement of the newly arrived reinforcements is being guarded as a military secret.

A Haganah spokesman today condemned the killing yesterday of seven British soldiers by the Sternists as a "cowardly, murderous attack" which must be considered a provocation aimed at the Jewish security forces. The Britons were shot yesterday when they dismounted from a truck to find out why an armored vehicle blocked their path on the road between Raanana and Nathanya. Police and soldiers were today still tracking the gunmen.

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TRUMAN OPTIMISTIC ON PALESTINE; SAYS EFFORTS FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT DID NOT FAIL

WASHINGTON, May 6. (JTA) -- President Truman said today that he does not believe efforts to find a peaceful solution for the Palestine problem have failed.

The President was asked about press reports to the effect that he had made an effort to settle the Palestine issue, but that these efforts had failed within the last 24 hours. He replied that he did not think the efforts have failed.

This country, Truman said, is still making every effort to prevent bloodshed in Palestine and doing everything it can to get the Palestine problem settled peacefully. There is still hope of a peaceful settlement, he declared.

Asked if he were still making efforts to get the British to remain in Palestine after May 15, the President replied that he had been in no communication with the British except through the U.N. and that he did not know what the U.N. had asked the British to do. The U.S. Government, he said, is making every effort through the U.N. to get the problem settled.

BRITISH POSTMASTER ANNOUNCES SUSPENSION OF ALL MAIL, WIRE SERVICES TO PALESTINE

LONDON, May 6. (JTA) -- The Postmaster General announced today that all mail and wire service to Palestine has been suspended. He added that he cannot guarantee telephonic communication with Palestine, Iraq, Transjordan or Lebanon because of landline difficulties beyond Egypt.

(The U.N. Palestine Commission at Lake Success last night concluded an agreement with the Haifa Chamber of Shipping to resume the interrupted international mail service to and from Palestine. H.R. Gratz, president of the Chamber, who negotiated the agreement, will leave tomorrow for Berne, Switzerland, to secure approval from the International Post Union.)

CONGRESSIONAL BODY EXPECTS ADMISSION OF 50,000 JEWS TO U.S. UNDER NEW BILL

WASHINGTON, May 6. (JTA) -- About 50,000 of the 200,000 displaced persons who would be admitted to the United States under the terms of the Fellows Bill, approved last week by the House Judiciary Committee, would be Jewish, it was indicated in a report filed with the House today by the Committee.

The report pointed out that the bill was approved "for broad humanitarian reasons" and because the maintenance in camps of the 835,000 DP's would involve considerable expense for the taxpayers, many difficulties for the U.S. Army in Europe and a heavy burden for the devastated countries of Western Europe. It voiced the hope that "our readiness to admit what amounts to about 24 percent of the displaced persons to be resettled should be regarded by other immigrant-receiving countries as an inducement rather than a discharge from their obligations to accept a proportionate share of the homeless victims of Nazi and Communist persecution."

The report emphasized that the "occupational skills of the refugees represent a rich source of labor supply" and that the DP's "have other characteristics which should be of help in making them valuable citizens of the country of their resettlement." Describing the DP problem as an "emergency problem," the Committee said the measure should be completely divorced from the general subject of immigration.

In a separate statement, Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York called the bill "obviously a compromise" measure. He declared that he did not believe that it offered as good a solution as the Stratton Bill which would have set the figure at 400,000 DP's.

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500 JEWISH DP'S GO ON HUNGER STRIKE NEAR MILAN; PROTEST CANCELLATION OF RATION BOOKS

ROME, May 6. (JTA) -- One thousand Jewish refugees in an I.R.O. refugee reception center near Milan went on a hunger strike today in protest against an I.R.O. order that 500 Jews in the camp be transferred to another DP center.

The protest began following the I.R.O.'s cancellation of the 500 refugees' ration books as punishment for their refusal to obey the transfer orders.

THIRTY PERCENT OF ALL JEWISH REFUGEES IN AUSTRIA STILL WANT TO GO TO PALESTINE

VIENNA, May 6. (JTA) -- Less than one-quarter of the Jewish DP's registered in Austria have been influenced sufficiently by recent events in Palestine or by other factors to ask emigration to countries other than Palestine, a survey here disclosed today.

Meanwhile, a large clandestine emigration from Austrian DP camps to Palestine is proceeding--mainly of young and able-bodied men and women. Authorities here estimate that 5,000 men and women have left for Palestine during the past six months, including about 1,000 young men last month.

Of the 5,995 displaced Jews who have registered with the Joint Distribution Committee here for emigration to 38 countries other than Palestine, most are described as representing families either of elderly people or with very young children, who wish to emigrate to countries where they have relatives or friends to help them reestablish themselves. There are about 24,000 Jewish DP's and refugees registered in Austria. About 18,000 of them are registered for emigration to Palestine.

Of those DP's wanting to emigrate elsewhere than Palestine--almost half, or 2,261, have expressed a desire to go to the United States. The next largest group in this category, numbering 700, asked for resettlement in Canada.

ROMANIAN JEWS BEGIN PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH JEWS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

BUCHAREST, May 6. (JTA)--A program for strengthening relationships between the Jews of Rumania and Jewish communities in neighboring countries was announced here today by the Jewish Democratic Committee, sponsor of the project.

As the first in a series of cultural exchanges the choir of the Central Consistory of Bulgarian Jews will present two concerts of liturgical and Bulgarian folk music. The group, consisting of more than 100 singers, will present their concert in Bucharest's largest concert hall on May 15 and 16.

Machine and tool shipments sent to the Rumanian ORT by the World ORT Union in Switzerland are exempt from all import duties, the Ministry of Finance announced today. "In view of the great and useful work which this organization is doing in Rumania," the Ministry announcement said it was decided that the group no longer need apply for import licenses.

AUSTRALIANS OFFICIALS SEARCHING FOR SECRET RADIO JAMMING AIR WITH ANTI-SEMITIC PROGRAM

MELBOURNE, Australia, May 6. (JTA)--Communications officials in Australia are trying to track down a secret radio station which has been cutting into regular programs with anti-Semitic propaganda, it was reported here today.

Officials expressed the belief that the station is using a mobile transmitter and changes its location every day. Last night, the clandestine radio broke in on a licensed program with 25 minutes of scurrilous propaganda.

REVIVAL OF KU KLUX KLAN REPORTED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

LOS ANGELES, May 6. (JTA)--The Ku Klux Klan is reappearing "under new names but with the same old viciousness," it was reported here today at the three-day conference of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, attended by 500 delegates from all parts of the country.

Today's session, which was devoted largely to problems of race hatred in cities on the West Coast, heard a report from Milton A. Senn, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, revealing that the Ku Klux Klan is very active in Southern California. The speaker emphasized that methods used by certain groups investigating subversive activities were "frightening away many liberals" from participating in the work of combatting bigotry.

President Truman, in a message to the conference, lauded the activities of the Anti-Defamation League on the 35th anniversary of the organization. "In the troubled world of our time, we can hope to fulfill our destiny as a nation and as a people only if we are able to maintain our inner strength," the President wrote. "That strength will depend upon how well we preserve and enrich our democratic legacy. Citizen groups such as the Anti-Defamation League render an invaluable service in this regard."

Dore Schary, executive producer at RKO Studios and producer of the film "Crossfire" which deals with anti-Semitism in the U.S., last night told the parley that American Jews have a three-fold responsibility--as Americans, as Jews and as a people--with regard to solving race hate problems.

"In any community where there are race tensions," he asserted, "rabble-rousers invariably get around to the Jews as scape-goats. You can have no Jewish problem in a city where you do not have a Negro problem, a Mexican problem, a Japanese problem or any other minority problem. Violent anti-Semitism always goes hand in hand with anti-something else."

CITY OF QUEBEC GIVES UP 15-YEAR FIGHT TO PREVENT CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF NEW SYNAGOGUE

MONTREAL, May 6. (JTA)--An agreement by the Quebec City administration to revoke regulations intended to prevent the erection and use of a synagogue within the city limits has ended a 15-year-old case during which legal and illegal methods have been used by anti-Semitic forces in the community in an attempt to interfere with the religious life of the Jews, the Canadian Jewish Congress announced here today.

During the course of the dispute, unparalleled in Canadian Jewish history, enemies of the Jews forced passage through the municipal council of zoning laws to prohibit the building of the synagogue to replace a century-old temple. When this method failed and the structure was erected, the municipality passed a law expropriating the land on which the building stood. In addition unidentified vandals stoned the synagogue and set fire to its interior.

The Congress, which led the fight to prevent the ousting of the Quebec Jews from their house of worship, campaigned throughout the country to arouse sentiment in favor of the Jewish cause. In a statement issued after the municipality's decision to revoke its restrictive and illegal regulations, the Congress said the "security of the synagogue is insured as a result of this important victory."

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Supreme Court Decision on Real Estate Covenants Has First Application in Chicago

CHICAGO, May 6. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court's decision barring court enforcement of restrictive covenants was invoked here for the first time today when Superior Judge Padden dismissed an injunction which would have prevented a Negro family from taking possession of a house they purchased on Chicago's South Side.

In upholding the family's right to move into the house, Padden declared: "The Supreme Court's decision that restrictive covenants are not enforceable in the courts is very definite and left no room for argument. Restrictive covenants are at an end."

Police Raid Revisionist Youth Headquarters in Capetown in Search for Arms

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, May 6. (JTA) -- The Revisionist Party today denied reports in the local press that the police recently raided the organization's headquarters in Capetown. Despite an official silence on the part of the police, it was learned from reliable sources that Betar, the Revisionist youth organization in Capetown, was raided following receipt of reports that members of the group were training with arms and were storing weapons for Palestine.

Meanwhile, a local newspaper, Die Vaderland, has published an article charging that the Revisionists are purchasing planes and ammunition in South Africa for shipment to the Sternists in Palestine. The newspaper adds that the Haganah informed the local police and that Premier Jan Christian Smuts has issued secret instructions to the authorities to halt these activities.

National Council of Jewish Women Contributes \$36,000 to Hebrew University

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- The National Council of Jewish Women has reached an agreement with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem to contribute \$36,000 for the use of the University's Department of Education, Mrs. Joseph M. Welt, president of the organization announced today.

The grant will make a total of \$72,000 available to the University because the Palestine Government last year announced its willingness to contribute \$36,000 to the Education Department if the grant were matched by a similar sum. The money will be used for a three-year expansion program within the Department. The University ended the last fiscal year with a \$100,000 deficit.

The decision to make a contribution to the cultural life of Palestine was adopted at the National Council's 1946 triennial convention. The negotiations between the University and the Council over the form of this particular contribution extended over the past year. University officials and representatives of the Council will make a joint announcement later this year on the specific content of the project to be financed by the contribution.

U.N. Should Apply Economic Sanctions Against Arab States, Canadian Parliament Told

OTTAWA, May 6. (JTA) -- A proposal that the U.N. Security Council apply economic sanctions against Arab states refusing to abide by U.N. decisions on Palestine was made here today by M.J. Coldwell, national leader of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, Canada's Socialist Party, during a debate in Parliament on foreign affairs.

Reaffirming that partition is still the best solution for the Palestine problem, and blaming the U.S. reversal on partition for the present chaotic situation in the country, Coldwell also urged the Security Council to: 1. Establish immediately an international police force for Palestine; 2. Enable the Palestine Commission to proceed to set up administrative machinery in Palestine; 3. Issue a warning to the Arab states to abide by the U.N.'s decisions and cease all aggressive acts in Palestine.

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