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PROVISIONAL JEWISH GOVT. COUNCIL MEETS ON MAY 16 TO PROCLAIM JEWISH INDEPENDENCE

JERUSALEM, May 11. (JTA) -- The 37-member Provisional Jewish Government Council today called a meeting for May 16 to proclaim Jewish independence and establish a Jewish state.

It is taken for granted here that after May 15 the British naval blockade of Palestine will end. It is believed that the Arabs may attempt to frighten off Jewish immigrant shipping by bombing Tel Aviv, but observers here think that the Jews are prepared to retaliate with an air force probably better than that of the Arabs.

It is also considered certain that British forces will shortly leave most or all parts of Palestine for the Haifa enclave where they will embark for the journey to England or other British bases. It was learned today that the Jews and the British have reached an agreement on the use of the Haifa port under which the Jews will not use it for naval purposes until the British have completely withdrawn their forces--by August 1.

There is reason to believe that King Abdullah of Transjordan is trying discreetly to establish contact with the Jewish Agency on a Palestine settlement, despite his bellicose statements of the past few weeks. Although his Arab Legion is the best Arab force in the Middle East, it is assumed that he does not wish to risk losing it in a battle with the Jews.

Jaffa Will Be Held By Jews As Bargaining Point for Peace with Abdullah

It is believed to be virtually certain that the Jews will not keep Jaffa, which must fall into their hands shortly. But they will hold the city as a bargaining point with Abdullah who, if he comes to terms with the Jews, will be given the port, thus providing him with an opening on the Mediterranean Sea.

The virtual surrender of Jaffa was forecast today in an official communique describing an appeal by an emergency committee in the city to the United Nations to appoint a neutral observer acceptable to both the Jews and Arabs to supervise Jaffa's status as an undefended open city.

The communique stated that of more than 50,000 Arab inhabitants of the port, only some 4,000 remained. There is no quorum of the municipal council; in fact, only one councillor remains and he organized the emergency committee. In the committee's appeal directed to the U.N. through the local district commissioner, a Briton, it is pledged that the city will not be defended nor used for any military purpose.

A Haganah spokesman today said that the Haganah had not officially been approached on a truce for Jaffa by the British, who are scheduled to evacuate the

city this week. Previously, the Jews had demanded that the Arabs negotiate with the Haganah directly. Another Haganah spokesman claimed the capture of the Arab village of Akbara, south of Safad today.

Jewish Agency Stipulates Conditions for Demilitarization of Jerusalem

The Jewish Agency today denied a statement yesterday by International Red Cross representative Jacques de Reynier that the Jews have accepted in principle a plan for demilitarizing the city and turning it over to the Red Cross to administer. A spokesman said that the Jewish Agency has not yet commented on the plan, while other sources assert that the Jews will demand as one condition for acceptance of the plan that the supply route from Tel Aviv remains in their hands, now that they have finally won control of the entire stretch of highway--although the Arabs were reported to be counterattacking today.

Earlier, de Reynier revealed that he had given both the Jewish and Arab organizations in the city until May 14 to come forward with written acceptance of the terms of the Red Cross proposal. He was hopeful because, he said, he had the verbal assurance of all Jewish and Arab groups. He emphasized that other attempts at establishing a permanent truce had failed and said: "It will be us or war."

Meanwhile it was learned here that A.S.P. Clark, manager of Barclays Bank in Jerusalem, has definitely rejected the post of United Nations Commissioner for Jerusalem. Both the Jews and the Arabs had previously agreed on him as an acceptable candidate.

Voice of Israel, the official broadcasting station of the Jewish state, will begin transmitting on May 16, it was announced today by Zvi Lurie, broadcasting director and head of the Public Information Office. The short wave transmission will be heard throughout the Middle East for six hours daily. It will include one-and-a-half hours in English and Arabic. Broadcasts in other languages are planned. The Information Office plans later to build a large transmitter for world broadcasts in Yiddish and other languages for Jews throughout the world.

A Haganah officer in Tel Aviv revealed that the Stern Group has kidnapped four Haganah men in retaliation for the militia group's holding four Sternists prisoner since Friday. The spokesman said the Sternists were prevented from attacking British troops in Haifa.

ATTLEE MARKS END OF MANDATE WITH FAREWELL MESSAGE TO PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER

LONDON, May 11. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee today sent Palestine High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham a farewell message of gratitude to the Palestine Administration on the occasion of the termination of the British Mandate this Saturday.

"The high hopes with which we took up the Mandate have not been fulfilled," the message said. "We say farewell to the peoples of Palestine under conditions tragically different from those to which it has been our purpose to lead them.

"But even in this time of our greatest disappointment, when so much of constructive work done over so many years for the benefit of all communities is threatened with destruction, the officers of the Palestine service do not have cause for any sense of personal failure," the message continued. "History will honor their achievements. Faced by the most intractable problem, rewarded by baseless calumnies, imputations of partiality and often personal danger, they have established traditional, loyal public services which should be of lasting value to successive authorities."

UNITED NATIONS STALLED ON SAFEGUARDING JERUSALEM; APPOINTS NEW SUB-COMMITTEE

LAKE SUCCESS, May 11. (JTA) -- After hearing repeated and urgent pleas for effective action to safeguard Jerusalem in the four days remaining before May 15, the United Nations Political Committee took the usual course today by creating still another Assembly sub-committee to consider further measures for the protection of the city and its inhabitants.

The final vote was 35 to 1 with 11 nations abstaining, including Russia and the Eastern European bloc. Guatemala was the only member to vote against the proposal on the showdown ballot. A Guatemalan amendment to the resolution, passed with 2 nations abstaining, provides for the new sub-committee to consult with both the Jewish Agency and the Palestine Arab Higher Committee before submitting its recommendations.

Membership of the new sub-committee is identical with that of the Trusteeship Council except for the addition of Brazil, Iran and Sweden. In its original form, as proposed by Francis B. Sayre of the United States, the resolution would have created a sub-committee composed of nations represented on the Trusteeship Council, which grappled with the problem of Jerusalem for two weeks without reaching one significant agreement. The addition of three non-members was suggested by Alexandre Peretti of France and accepted by the U.S. delegation.

Symon K. Tsarapkin of the Soviet Union said the new group would be nothing more than the Trusteeship Council "parading under a new name." He also attacked the United States for "dragging out of the mothballs" its plan for a temporary trusteeship for Jerusalem which had been rejected last week by the Council itself, by Arabs and by Jews.

U.S. to Submit Jerusalem Trusteeship to New Body Today

The American delegation will submit a four-page working paper reviving its original proposal for Jerusalem trusteeship to the sub-committee tomorrow. British delegate John Fletcher-Cooke continued his opposition to trusteeship for Jerusalem and enjoined the Jerusalem body to take no action which might conflict with the efforts of the projected Palestine Central Commission.

Sub-committee officers elected today were Gunnar Hagglof of Sweden, chairman; Mohammad Entezam of Iran, vice-chairman, and Roger Garreau of France, rapporteur. Later, the sub-committee decided to concern itself only with concrete proposals, and not with general principles, which had already been gone into thoroughly in the Trusteeship Council and other bodies.

Meetings will be open, and representatives of the Arab Higher Committee and the Jewish Agency will be present continuously. Inasmuch as no concrete proposals had been submitted the sub-committee adjourned until tomorrow.

The sub-committee considering a solution for the entire Palestine problem spent another day in fruitless argument, with little accomplished at the end of the afternoon's debate. The United States delegation was lukewarm to a suggestion that it participate in an interim agency to administer Palestine. It was generally agreed among the members that the sub-committee report to its parent body, the Political Committee, by Thursday.

The Security Council will hold a short session tomorrow to review two confidential Peace Commission cables and to hear Commission difficulties in carrying out its task.

S. SUBMITS NEW PLAN TO ARABS, CAIRO REPORT SAYS; URGES THREE-MONTH PALESTINE TRUCE

CAIRO, May 11. (JTA) -- The U.S. has submitted a new plan for a truce in all of Palestine to the Arab states, it was reliably learned here today. The proposal, which was considered by the Egyptian Cabinet last night, would establish a cease-fire throughout Palestine for a minimum of three months which could be extended every three months thereafter and would also set up a neutral administration in the country.

(In Washington, State Department press representative Lincoln White told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he could neither defend nor confirm the report, nor would the Department make any comment on it.)

COMMONS TO DEBATE PALESTINE MILITARY SITUATION FRIDAY; PRESS SAYS JEWS WINNING STATE

LONDON, May 11. (JTA) -- Parliament will debate the military situation in Palestine on the eve of the mandate's expiration, it was revealed here today. A one-and-a-half hour debate on Friday will be followed by questions concerning the disposition of British military forces between May 15 and August 1, when the military evacuation is scheduled to be completed.

Lord Rothermere's newspapers here, notably the London Daily Mail and the Evening News, which hitherto have been violently anti-Zionist, today published articles by their Jerusalem correspondents describing how "David is beating Goliath." The dispatches stress that the Arabs, with a combined population of 31,000,000, are being beaten by the Jews, "whose numbers do not exceed 800,000."

The "hard fact is," the correspondents report, that "50,000 Jewish combat troops have used their brains, courage and weapons with great skill and, in fact, the Jews have established a state." The correspondents declare that if the Jews had not been held in check by U.N. political considerations and the presence of British troops in Palestine, they would have occupied not only the partition-approved area, but the entire country.

The Daily Mail's Palestine correspondent says that there has recently been a "sizeable intake" of more British officers into the Arab Legion from regiments withdrawn from duty, while British gunnery officers are giving intensive training to the Legionnaires. In spite of this, the correspondent continues, the Jews "still have a lot of cards up their sleeves."

The Evening News' reporter, John Connell, who is on a flying trip to Palestine, describes the so-called Arab Liberation Army as a "trigger-happy, leaderless rabble of peasant boys from the hills and Iraqi mercenaries." Haganah, he writes, "is composed of tough, disciplined, battle-tested troops." Expressing amazement at the extent of Arab looting in Jerusalem, Connell, who says the looting was carried out under the eyes of the British police, concludes:

"In Jewish Jerusalem, I saw confidence, dignity, resolution and serenity, to which the word, 'heroic,' does not seem inappropriate. On the Arab side, I saw defeat, withdrawal and a pitiful lack of leadership."

RUSSIA HAS DECIDED TO SET UP CONSULATES IN JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV, LONDON REPORTS

LONDON, May 11. (JTA) -- Newspaper reports here said today that Russia has decided to open immediately consulates in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Quoting dispatches from Istanbul, the reports stated that three members of the Soviet Embassy staff in that city have been ordered to proceed to Palestine to establish the two consulate offices.

ACTIVITIES OF JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS DEFINED IN SET OF PRINCIPLES ADOPTED BY J.W.B.

CHICAGO, May 11. (JTA) -- A set of principles for the programs of Jewish Community Centers throughout the United States and Canada was made public today by the National Jewish Welfare Board following the conclusion of its annual conference here last night.

In the Statement of Principles adopted at its closing session, the Jewish Welfare Board considers that the individual American Jew is identified with every phase of American life and is politically, economically, culturally and intellectually "a part and parcel thereof." In addition, he recognizes certain aspects of life which concern him as a Jew. The Jewish Community Center is an agency with which he identifies himself voluntarily to satisfy his needs.

"The Jewish content is fundamental to the program of the Jewish Center," the Statement says. "In its total program, the Jewish Center seeks to develop and enrich human personality and group association. To that end, all resources and skills of informal education and leisure-time planning should be employed."

The functions of the Jewish Center, as defined by the Statement, include assistance to the individual Jew to integrate himself in the American community. A similar service is to be furnished to Jews as a group. The Center is also to serve as an agency of personality development for the individual, and no Jew shall be excluded from membership in the Center for reasons of Jewish doctrine or ritual or because of political or social views.

The entire program of the Center should be oriented towards the furtherance of the democratic way of life, the Statement stresses. The Jewish Center should fulfill its Jewish purpose, although participation in the Center and its activities is open to all inhabitants of the community.

REVISIONISTS INSIST ON SECURING A SEAT IN PROVISIONAL JEWISH CABINET. LEADERS REPORT

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA) -- The World Zionist Revisionist Organization will insist on securing a seat in the Jewish Provisional Cabinet in Palestine, it was emphasized here today at a press conference addressed by Meir Grossman, chairman of the World Executive, and Dr. Joseph Schechtman, chairman of the Revisionist World Party Council.

The two Revisionist leaders reported that their party was given three seats in the Jewish Provisional Parliament, but these seats, they said, may remain vacant if no place is made for the Revisionists in the Cabinet. They pointed out that the Revisionist party is the only group which was refused a seat in the provisional government of the Jewish state although smaller groups were given places.

The Revisionist leaders also charged Jewish Agency representatives in Germany and other European countries with requesting members of the Revisionist party to sign a pledge that they will join Hagannah before including them in groups of displaced Jews scheduled to sail for Palestine. The Revisionists in Europe are willing to sign a pledge that they will join the Jewish defense forces in the Jewish state, but decline to pledge themselves for services specifically in Hagannah, the press conference was told.

FRANCE POLICE REPORTED TO HAVE REACHED TRUCE WITH STERN GROUP IN PARIS

PARIS, May 11. (JTA) -- A "gentleman's agreement" was reached today between French police authorities and the Stern Group here in connection with the visit on May 12 to this city of Princess Elisabeth and her husband Philip. The police have agreed not to interfere with the Sternists if they will not molest the British during their stay in France.

224 EUROPEAN REFUGEES ARRIVE TODAY IN SAN FRANCISCO FROM SHANGHAI; AIDED BY U.S.N.A.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11. (JTA) -- A group of 224 refugee men, women, and children who were stranded in Shanghai for more than eight years following their flight from Nazi-occupied Europe will arrive here tomorrow aboard the S.S. "General Gordon."

The newcomers are part of a group of Europeans who fled the Nazis and found haven in China before the war. About 6,000 of the original group, who were interned by the Japanese in a wartime ghetto in Shanghai, are still living there while awaiting emigration opportunities. The Joint Distribution Committee made immigration arrangements in Shanghai for the refugees. U.S.N.A. will provide them with reception care, temporary shelter, and resettlement assistance in cooperation with the local Committee for Service to Emigres and the San Francisco section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

PALESTINE SITUATION INCREASES ANTI-SEMITISM IN ENGLAND, LONDON RABBI REPORTS

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA) -- Asserting that there is more anti-Jewish prejudice in England now than ever before and that the Jews in Arab countries are being treated as "hostile foreigners," Rabbi Israel Mattuck of London today told the annual meeting of the New York chapter of the American Council for Judaism that "an artificially stimulated nationalist emotionalism" can create a crisis for the Jews of the world.

"Recent developments in Britain give a plain warning of the dangers that attend Zionist nationalism," Rabbi Mattuck said. "The general attitude in Britain towards the Jews has undergone a clear change. The professed anti-Semites have exploited to the utmost the Palestinian troubles to foster animosity against the Jews. They have so far succeeded that the Jewish community of Britain is very disturbed. The Christians who are interested in promoting good relations between Jews and Christians share in the apprehension. There is more anti-Jewish prejudice in England now than ever before. Much of the increase can clearly be traced to the trouble in Palestine and the attacks on Britain by political Zionists in other lands."

Declaring that the non-Zionists want two things for Palestine -- peace and the possibility of Jewish immigration -- he insisted that it must be recognized that peace is possible "only if nationalist claims are abated." Finally he asserted that "if the Jews of Palestine need help they will have the same claim to our charity as Jews in other lands who need help. If the Jews of Palestine are constituted into a state of their own, it will be their state without any claim to the allegiance of Jews in other lands." Other speakers were Lessing J. Rosenwald, national president of the Council, Dr. Virginia C. Gilderalieve, chairman of the Committee for Justice and Peace in the Holy Land; and Dr. Paul Hutchison, editor of the Christian Century.

THREE J.D.C. EXPERTS LEAVE FOR EUROPE TO AID IN FUND-RAISING, EDUCATION, HEALTH

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA) -- Three experts in their fields left today for Paris to aid in the reconstruction programs of Europe's Jewish survivors, J.D.C. executive vice-chairman Moses A. Leavitt announced here.

Harry M. Rosen, of Boston, director of the J.D.C. Community Service and Information Department, will assist the French Jewish community in its fund-raising efforts in behalf of local welfare operations; Dr. Henry Klein, of Washington, who is on leave of absence from the U.S. Public Health Service, will serve as the agency's dental consultant in Europe; and Judah J. Shapiro, of New York, will head the J.D.C.'s Jewish educational set-up overseas.

AMERICAN JEWISH ANNUITIES \$1,000,000 FOUNDATION IN MEMORY OF SIDNEY HILMAN

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA) -- The \$1,000,000 goal set for the Sidney Hillman Foundation, in memory of the Jewish labor leader who died in 1946, has been reached. The fund was announced today at the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union convention. The fund will be spent in the next 25 years for educational projects.