U.S. GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AS DE FACTO AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON, May 14. (JTA) -- The United States Government tonight recognized the new Jewish state of Israel as the de facto Authority in Palestine. Presidential press secretary Charles G. Ross announced that the President had approved the following statement at 6:11 P.M.

"This government has been informed that a Jewish state has been proclaimed in Palestine, and recognition has been requested by the Provisional Government thereof."

The United States recognizes the Provisional Government as the de facto authority of the new state of Israel."

Ross also released a second statement explaining how U.S. recognition effects a truce in Palestine. He described the second statement as a White House statement, not a Presidential statement.

"The desire of the United States to obtain a truce in Palestine will in no way be lessened by the proclamation of a Jewish state. We hope that the new Jewish state will join with the Security Council Truce Commission in redoubled efforts to bring about an end to the fighting which has been throughout the United Nations consideration of Palestine a principal objective of this government."

WHO INDICATES U.S.S.R. MAY RECOGNIZE STATE OF ISRAEL; HITS U.S. POLICY

WASHING MEADOWS, May 14. (JTA) -- Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko tonight indicated that the U.S.S.R. is ready to recognize the Jewish State of Israel. Gromyko favored it for the first time as "the independent state of Israel." in an address delivered before a General Assembly session summoned by the news from Washington that the U.S. has granted de facto recognition to Israel.

The Soviet delegate strongly attacked previous U.S. attempts to impose trusteeship on Palestine. "American efforts to undermine the Assembly's partition decision," he said, "are chiefly responsible for the existing warfare between Jews and Arabs."

The United Nations, "has not yet solved the Arab problem," Gromyko declared. He branded the Arab state "an absurdity." Gromyko also indicated that the Soviet Union had consistently opposed partition and therefore had "no reason to blush today."

President Truman's announcement overshadowed all other events at the United Nations today. The General Assembly failed to adopt a U.S. proposal for creating joint trusteeship in Palestine. The vote was 20 to 17, with 19 nations abstaining, failing short of the required two-thirds majority. (Another U.S. proposal for a plebiscite for all of Palestine was still under discussion at the time the Bulletin went to press.)
Jews Suffer First Major Defeat As Kfar Etzion Falls to Arab Legion

The first major defeat for the Jews in the Arab-Jewish fighting since the U.N. partition resolution was announced came hours before the proclamation of the Jewish state. Kfar Etzion, five miles south of Jerusalem, an Orthodox Labrite settlement that had suffered numerous attacks in the past, was captured by heavily-armed units of the Arab Legion after several days of intensive fighting. Jewish sources reported that 10 Jews in the colony have been killed and wounded, while Haganah conceded that the settlement and five adjoining colonies had been cut off.

News of Kfar Etzion and of continued bitter fighting in the Babs el Wad gorge overlooking the vital Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway, where late reports said the Jews still had the upper hand, did not lessen the festivity mood of the citizens of the state of Israel. Formal ceremonies were generally postponed until after the Sabbath and until the reports of the Arabs' invasion would prove either true or false. However, spontaneous rejoicing broke out in all parts of the country as men and women and children greeted each other with shouts of "Mazel Tov" and cried with unashamed joy at the news of the state's proclamation.

Sir Alan G. Cunningham, the last British High Commissioner, boarded a British trawler outside Haifa several hours before the mandate officially terminated. He was expected to call from Palestinian territorial waters within hours after the mandate's end. Just before leaving Government House in Jerusalem, he personally hoisted the Union Jack. A lone piper played out the mandate from the balcony of Government House.

One of the first acts of the new Jewish Government was to revoke the British White Paper of 1939 limiting immigration to Palestine and restricting land purchases by Jews. Late this evening, Haganah broadcast an appeal to the Jewish community to prepare for the possibility of air raids. As of tonight, a partial blackout in Israel's principal cities was imposed by Haganah, which also ordered the digging of trenches in rural settlements and the erection of shelters.

HALF OF ISRAEL RAISED OVER JEWISH AGENCY HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK

WASHINGTON, May 14. (JTA) -- At 5:01 P.M. tonight -- when the new Jewish state came into legal existence -- the blue-and-white flag of Israel was hoisted over the Jewish Agency headquarters here. A similar ceremony was held at the same time at the Agency's headquarters in New York.

Elihu Epstein, director of the Washington office, told the gathering here that "it is the purpose of the state of Israel to become a democratic, peace loving and law abiding member of the family of nations. We will make our contributions to the welfare, prosperity and progress of the world and especially of the Middle East." He added that "the youngest democracy in the world" looks forward to the closest and most friendly relations with Americans and the United States Government.
CAIRO, May 14. (JTA) -- Jews throughout Egypt were today uneasy as the Palestinian situation approached a climax with the proclamation of a Jewish state. Reports from Alexandria mentioned police preparations against possible mob violence.

In Alexandria also the police arrested a number of men who were posting leaflets in Arabic calling on the population not to work for Jews and to boycott Jewish shops. Police patrols were seen in every portion of the Jewish quarter of the city and guards were placed around synagogues and Jewish communal buildings.

The state of siege which was announced yesterday by the Egyptian Government into effect at midnight. The announcement followed a statement last night by Abdel Fattah al-Sanhouri Pasha, Minister of Education, that "Egyptian Army forces will begin moving across the Palestine frontier at one minute past midnight."

From Baghdad came reports of the imposition of martial law in Iraq. In that city the police took special precautions to protect the Jewish areas of the city from attack by mobs.

In a statement reported from Damascus, King Abdullah stated that the Arabs declare there exists no ground for the claim to independence by the Jewish minority in Palestine." Asserting that the preservation of the "Arab character of Palestine" cannot be challenged by "invasion in the sovereignty of Palestine," the statement added: "We announce that it is the Palestine Arabs' right to self determination by successful establishment of peace and security in Palestine."

BRITISH DROP BLOCKADE OF PALESTINE; WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH JEWISH IMMIGRATION

LONDON, May 14. (JTA) -- The British land-sea-air blockade of Palestine will end tonight with the termination of the Palestine Mandate and no attempt will be made to interfere with Jewish immigration, Defense Minister A.V. Alexander announced in Commons today.

Although the British will not permit the port of Haifa to be used for the disembarkation of immigrants during the period of evacuation of British troops, civilian personnel and supplies, the Jews may use any other port in the country for this purpose, he emphasized.

Britain will not immediately recognize the Jewish republic in Palestine, a high Whitehall official stated today. However, he did not exclude the possibility that such recognition might be accorded at a later stage if circumstances warrant it.

It was stressed that the Foreign Office wishes to have the door kept open for a choice of solutions in settlement of the Palestine problem.

A group of noted Anglo-Jewish leaders, in a letter to the Times today, expressed the hope that when "times has healed the scars of the present lamentable conflict," the Jews of Palestine will again turn to Britain for guidance and counsel. Signatories to the letter included Lord Reading, Neville J. Leask, former president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Lord Balfour, Sir Robert Valey-Cohen, Anthony and Edmund de Rothschild and Norman Bentwich, former Attorney General of Palestine.
NEW YORK, May 14, (JTA) -- The Jewish community in the United States joined us in Israel and throughout the world today in celebrating the establishment of a Jewish state. Special Thanksgiving services were held tonight in synagogues throughout the country and additional services were planned for tomorrow. Jewish leaders, including Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, and others, hailed the establishment of Israel in statements issued in New York this afternoon.

Celebrations will reach a high point in New York Sunday evening at a rally at Madison Square Garden, sponsored by the American Zionist Emergency Council, at which Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Henry Morgenthau Jr., Mayor William Dwyer, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Senator Robert A. Taft, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Brig. Gen. Julius Klein, Rabbi Wolf Gold, Hayim Greenberg and Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin will be among the speakers.

The text of Dr. Weizmann's statement, which was sent to Premier Ben Gurion in Tel Aviv, reads as follows:

"On this memorable day, when the Jewish state arises after two thousand years, I send my expression of love and admiration to all sections of the Yishuv and my warmest greetings to its government now entering on its grave and inspiring responsibility. I am fully convinced that all who have and will become citizens of the Jewish state will strive their utmost to live up to the new opportunity which history has bestowed upon them. It will be our destiny to create the institutions and values of a free community in the spirit of our great traditions which have contributed so much to the thought and spirit of mankind.

"At this moment, I think with special gratitude and affection of our pioneers and workers who have borne the burden of building Jewish Palestine and who now sustain the brunt and sacrifice of its defense. It is not easy for me to think of peaceful farmers of Nahalal and Ein Harod, or of the youth of our Jewish cities in the role of soldiers on active service. In the days of Ezra, our forefathers built with one hand while defending themselves with the other. We are called upon today to act in this tradition.

"It is the profound desire of our people to establish relations of harmony and mutual respect with their Arab fellow citizens, with the neighboring Arab states and with all other nations in the human family. As the British Mandate ends, we think with gratitude of the vision which inspired its inauguration. We also think of those nations, big and small, who, under the auspices of the United Nations contributed their share to the international decision which confirmed our right to statehood. My thoughts are with the Yishuv in this fateful hour. May God's blessings rest on you all.

Silver Hails State; Neumann Calls for Recognition by U.S.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, issued a statement today declaring that "the Jewish state must translate Jewish precept into action. The prophetic teachings must come alive in a progressive democracy whose example will shine throughout the world. We may give thanks that we have been spared to witness the realization of the age-old hope."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, expressed the hope that "heavy burdens assumed by the Provisional Government of the republic of Israel will be lightened by its prompt recognition by the United States. We receive the news of the event in a spirit of humility and gratitude, cognizant of
a trials and ordeals which may lie ahead. We, the Jews of the U.S., will proudly
continue to contribute our effort and substance to help the new state in every form
possible and appropriate."

"The republic of Israel is the result not only of an inevitable historic pro-
cess," Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund, asserted. "It
is nurtured and guided by the Zionist movement but represents in a very tangible man-
ner the fruit of incomparable Jewish heroism on the field of battle. This is indeed
'what the Lord has made' and all friends of justice and lovers of freedom and
peace will rejoice therein."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, ex-
pressed confidence that "all the obstacles in the path of the Jewish state will be sur-
common, and the civilized world will have reason to bless the day when the Jewish
state was born. The prophecy of Amos, which will be read in synagogues this Sabbath,
will be fulfilled."

Wise Pledges "Strength, Resources, Faith" of American Jews

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, asserted that
as American Jews we shall do honor to our own America by giving our strength, our
resources, our faith to the land of 19 centuries of unworned hope. "The test of the ages
of the world's doubts and Israel's loyalty is at hand. God bless Eretz Israel. God
give the ancient and the new land of Israel His safeguarding benediction."

Louis Lipsky, chairman of the executive committee of the American Jewish Con-
ference, declared that on "Sunday morning, May 16, the Jewish community of Palestine
will broadcast the declaration that it is prepared to take on the responsibilities of a
clear, democratic state. The presence of the Jewish state among the nations is pro-
cclaimed and registered. The acceptance by other nations of the fact of its existence
is invited and sought. Thus, the people of Israel take their place once more as a
corporate body among the nations."

Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, declared
that "with the proclamation of the state of Israel, the J.D.C. joins with many Jews
the world over in sending warmest best wishes for peace and prosperity to the heroic
Jewish community of Palestine, and in welcoming the hope that is presented for thou-
sand of homeless Jews throughout the world to find at last in Israel a chance to build
for themselves a new life and thus make their desired contribution to the world at
large."

Henry Morgenthau,Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury and general chairman of the
United Jewish Appeal campaign for $250,000,000, appealed to the U.S. Government to rec-
ognize the new Jewish state immediately. Asserting that the establishment of Israel is
the inevitable outcome of the U.N. partition decision of last November, he declared
that America's national interests will be strengthened in winning the new state as an
ally.

"The setting up of the provisional government of Israel marks a change in the
relationship of American Zionists to Palestine," Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, national pres-
ident of Hadassah, declared. "The Jews of Israel are now citizens of their own coun-
try. They will make and abide by their own laws, choose their own legislators, tax and
govern themselves, and speak on their own behalf in the council chambers of the na-
tions."

Mrs. Simcha Rabinowitz, national president of the Mizrachi Women's Organization
of America, said: "The announcement of the establishment of the Jewish state is a
challenge not only to Jews throughout the world but to all people everywhere who be-
lieve that right and justice must be the governing principles of international rela-
tions."
ROME, May 14. (JTA) -- A week-long hunger strike at the Scuola Cardona camp displaced Jews, in Milan, and in several satellite camps in the area has been ruled with assurances by the Italian Government and the International Refugee Organization that new refugees who cross the border from Austria and elsewhere will be admitted, it was announced here today.

The I.R.O. has already begun distributing food in the camps and some of the today started moving to the Senigallia Camp, near Ancona. The I.R.O. originally of DP rations when the Jews refused to move out of the Milan camps.

Displaced Jews in the camps of northern Italy viewed with suspicion the transfer-latest of a series of moves by the Italian Government apparently aimed at bringing all of northern Italy of DP's, thus making it extremely difficult for new refugees to enter the country on route to Palestine. The refugees who occupy five or centers and some 35 small training centers refused to move pending a clearment of intentions on the part of the Italian Government.

The Jews believed that the series of moves, which began with the evacuation of inhabitants of a camp in Milan to the south because the authorities informed them that the center was needed for a police camp to guard against disturbances by the April 18 national elections, was inspired by the British or American warrants or both. They pointed out that the elections are long since over and that the Milan camp remains empty and abandoned.

The Jews stressed that if all the northern camps are emptied there will be refuge for new DP's who cross the border. Many of the DP's now in northern Italy but other members of their families to join them. Beside attempting to close up camps in the Milan area, the government also demanded that a Joint Distribution newly-owned camp between the border and an I.R.O. reception center in Milan turned over to the government.

If the entire chain of camps is withdrawn a new DP could have to go into hiding till he had covered half of Italy and arrived at a J.D.C. or I.R.O. center where he would be relatively safe. If apprehended before he is processed by the I.R.O. and voided with international identity papers he could be arrested and kept in jail for long time without further legal recourse, as has happened in the past.

No Mass Exodus of Jews from Italian Ports Is Imminent, Leader Says

ROME, May 14. (JTA) -- Reports that a mass exodus of Jewish refugees from Italian ports was imminent, with the relinquishment of the British Mandate over Pal- thes, were discounted today by Dr. Leon Bernstein, president of the Jewish Refugee organization in Italy.

"Theoretically, it would seem like an excellent idea," Dr. Bernstein told this correspondent, "but in actuality it would be highly impractical because too many technical difficulties stand in the way."

Earlier reports had quoted Arie Stern, Jewish Agency representative here, as saying that "tens of thousands" of Jews would embark for the state of Israel with the permission today of the Jewish state. The same reports added that ships were being held for a mass embarkation at Genoa, Venice and Naples. Stern today refused to either confirm or deny these reports. In Jewish Agency circles here, however, the belief that his statements had been considerably exaggerated.
CONVENTION OF JEWISH SOCIAL WORKERS OPENS IN ATLANTIC CITY; DISCUSSES WELFARE PROBLEMS

ATLANTIC CITY, May 14. (JTA) -- One thousand leaders in the field of Jewish social service will participate in the opening here tomorrow of the 1948 annual convention of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare meeting in conjunction with the National Association of Jewish Center Workers and the National Council for Jewish Education.

Delegates to the Conference, coming from every part of the country, will discuss latest developments in social work and education at meetings, seminars and functional sessions scheduled through Wednesday, May 19. The opening session will feature a discussion of "The Implications of Developments in Palestine for American Jewry." Greetings will be extended by Louis H. Sobel, president of the Conference. Future sessions will review every aspect of social work from the problems of adolescents to care for the aged and will also cover such subjects as administration, supervision, case work, law and social welfare, labor relations in social work and social work in relation to overseas needs.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE CONVENTION TOLD OF PROGRESS IN EXTENDING JUDAISM AMONG AMERICAN JEWS

CHICAGO, May 14. (JTA) -- Failure by mankind to accept religion as a supreme guide to human conduct has brought the world to the brink of chaos, Samuel Rothstein, president of the United Synagogue of America, declared today at the organization's biennial convention.

"We cannot say religion has failed," Rothstein said in an address to 1,000 convention delegates, representing 420,000 Conservative Jews. "We are the ones who failed to translate religious precepts into a spiritual force strong enough to guide the affairs of mankind." Rothstein pointed out that the United Synagogue is progressing toward this end by mobilizing American Jewry on behalf of the preservation and extension of Judaism. He expressed the hope that the delegates would give Jewry renewed zeal in serving American democracy, rebuilding Palestine and would express Judaic principles in daily living.

Rabbi Albert I. Gordon, executive director of the United Synagogue, declared that Palestine Jews.endow their American brethren with heightened dignity and self-respect by demonstrating that the social and religious principles of Judaism are as valid today as in Biblical times. "This example stirs American Jews to renewed belief in themselves and in the enduring vitality of the Judaic philosophy," he said.

$30,000,000 NEEDED FOR IMMEDIATE AID FOR CYPRUS ARRIVALS IN JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- At least $30,000,000 will be required to extend reception assistance to the 28,000 Jews from Cyprus who will begin to enter Palestine after the expiration of the Mandate, Dr. Israel Goldstein, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, said last night at a dinner in his honor. He emphasized that most of the funds will have to be raised in the U.S.

The $30,000,000, he declared, will cover the costs of food, clothing, medical care, equipment and small loans for the new immigrants, "all of whom are destitute, and many of whom are sick with fatigue and despair of two decades of wandering."

GROUP OF JEWISH-OWNED HOMES NEAR MONTREAL SET AFIRe BY FIREBUG; DAMAGE HEAVY

MONTREAL, May 14. (JTA) -- A group of Jewish-owned summer homes in the Laurentian Mountain area was set afire by a firebug during the night. Most of the owners were in Montreal at the time of the blaze, which caused heavy damage.
FULL TEXT OF ISRAEL’S PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE ISSUED IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, May 14. (JTA) -- The full text of the state of Israel’s “proclamation of Independence,” released here today by the Provisional Jewish Government, follows:

The Land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and national identity was formed. Here they achieved independence and created a culture of national and universal significance. Here they wrote and gave the Bible to the world.

Exiled from Palestine, the Jewish people remained faithful to it in all the countries of their dispersion, never ceasing to pray and hope for their return and restoration of their national freedom.

Impelled by this historic association, Jews strove throughout the centuries to go back to the land of their fathers and regain statehood. In recent decades, they returned in their masses. They reclaimed a wilderness, revived their language, built cities and villages, and established a vigorous and ever-growing community, with its own economic and cultural life. They sought peace, yet were ever prepared to defend themselves. They brought blessings of progress to all inhabitants of the country.

In the year 1897 the first Zionist Congress, inspired by Theodore Herzl’s vision of a Jewish state, proclaimed the right of the Jewish people to a national revival in their own country.

This right was acknowledged by the Balfour Declaration of November 2, 1917, and reaffirmed by the mandate of the League of Nations, which gave explicit international recognition to the historic connection of the Jewish people with Palestine and their right to reconstitute their national home.

The Nazi holocaust which engulfed millions of Jews in Europe proved anew the urgency of the re-establishment of the Jewish state, which would solve the problem of Jewish homelessness by opening the gates to all Jews and lifting the Jewish people to equality in the family of nations.

Survivors of the European catastrophe as well as Jews from other lands, claiming their right to a life of dignity, freedom and labor, and undeterred by hazards, hardships and obstacles, have tried unceasingly to enter Palestine.

In the second world war, the Jewish people in Palestine made a full contribution in the struggle of freedom-loving nations against the Nazi evil. The sacrifices of their soldiers and efforts of their workers gained them title to rank with the people who founded the United Nations. On November 29, 1947, the General Assembly of United Nations adopted a resolution for re-establishment of an independent
Six state in Palestine and called upon inhabitants of the country to take such
care as may be necessary on their part to put the plan into effect.

U.N. Recognized Right of Jewish People to Set Up State

This recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to
establish their independent state may not be revoked. It is, moreover, the self-
vindict right of the Jewish people to be a nation, as all other nations, in its own
sovereign state.

Accordingly we, the members of National Council, representing the Jewish peo-
ple in Palestine and the Zionist movement of the world, met together in solemn assem-
by by virtue of the natural and historic right of Jewish people and of resolution of
the General Assembly of the United Nations:

Hereby proclaim the establishment of the Jewish state in Palestine, to be
called Israel.

We hereby declare that as from the termination of the Mandate at midnight
this night of the 14th to 15th of May, 1948, and until the setting up of duly-elected
bodies of the state in accordance with a constitution to be drawn up by by a consti-
tuent assembly not later than the first day of October, 1948, the present National
Council shall act as the Provisional State Council, and its executive organ, the
National Administration, shall constitute the Provisional Government of the state of
Israel.

The state of Israel will promote the development of the country for the
benefit of all its inhabitants; will be based on precepts of liberty, justice and
poease taught by the Hebrew prophets; will uphold the full social and political equal-
ity of all its citizens without distinction of race, creed or sex; will guarantee
full freedom of conscience, worship, education and culture; will safeguard the sancti-
ty and inviolability of shrines and holy places of all religions; and will dedicate
itself to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

The state of Israel will be ready to cooperate with the organs and representa-
tives of the United Nations in the implementation of the resolution of November
29, 1947, and will take steps to bring about an economic union over the whole of
Palestine.

We appeal to the United Nations to assist the Jewish people in the building
of its state and admit Israel into the family of nations.

In the midst of wanton aggression we call upon the Arab inhabitants of the
state of Israel to return to the ways of peace and play their part in the development
of the state, with full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its bodies
and institutions, provisional or permanent.

We offer peace and amity to all neighboring states and their peoples, and in-
vite them to co-operate with the independent Jewish nation for the common good of all.
The state of Israel is ready to contribute its full share to the peaceful progress and
reconstruction of the Middle East. Our call goes out to the Jewish people -"I over
the world to rally to our side in the task of immigration and development, and to
stand by us in the great struggle for the fulfillment of the dream of generations --
the redemption of Israel.

With trust in Almighty God, we set our hands to this declaration at this ses-
sion of the Provisional State Council in the city of Tel Aviv this Sabbath eve, the
fifth day of Iyar, 5708, the fourteenth day of May, 1948.