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U. N. MEDIATOR PROPOSES EXTENSION OF PALESTINE TRUCE; PEACE PLAN REPORTED REJECTED

TEL AVIV, July 5. (JTA) -- U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte today proposed to both the Arabs and the Jews that the present four-week truce be extended and that Jerusalem and certain areas of Haifa be demilitarized. The proposal followed the reported rejection by both parties of his suggestions for a solution of the Palestine war.

Bernadotte, who is scheduled to arrive here today for conferences with Jewish leaders, did not suggest a specific period of time for his extension, delaying that phase of the matter until the Jews and the Arabs had agreed to continuation of the cease-fire. He also proposed that the U.S., France and Belgium, which have been supplying military truce observers, supply the U.N. with a force of 1,000 men to supervise the demilitarization of Jerusalem. The refineries and terminals in the port area of Haifa would be demilitarized under Bernadotte's plan.

As the Jewish armed forces on all fronts stood prepared today to hurl back any premature breaking of the truce by the Arabs, the Israeli Foreign Ministry asked Col. Thord Bonde, chief U.N. observer in Palestine, for permission to immediately resume hostilities against units of Fawzi el Kaukuji's "Liberation Army" now operating in the Nazareth district.

The request to the U.N. followed the latest attack by Kaukuji's forces during which they set fire to the famed Balfour Forest last week and a formal statement by Munim Mustapha, Arab League representative, to Dr. Ralph Bunche of the U.N. staff disclaiming any responsibility for the recent breaches of the truce by Kaukuji's forces. The Israeli authorities propose to take police action against the estimated 1,000 Arab guerrillas and treat them as bandits since no Arab state nor the Palestine Arabs will assume responsibility for their actions.

A strict blackout of news has been imposed in Haifa for security reasons. Meanwhile, the 4,000-odd Arabs left in the city are being concentrated in one area. The bodies of the late American consul general in Jerusalem, Thomas Wasson, and a U.S. Navy man -- killed in the Jerusalem fighting in May -- were placed aboard an American naval vessel for return to the U.S. today.

2,000 Refugees Sail From Cyprus; Expected In Haifa Today

Dispatches from the island of Cyprus today reported that some 2,000 Jewish men, women and children -- none of military age -- had left the island today aboard the passenger vessel Pan York and were expected to arrive at Haifa tomorrow. Another 2,100 refugees, also of non-military age, are expected to leave shortly aboard the Pan Crescent.

An Irgun underground broadcast this morning charged the Israeli Government with enacting emergency statutes which govern the Jews in the same fashion as did the infamous British "Emergency Defense Regulations." The charge followed the announcement this week-end by the government that it was holding Peter Bergson, chairman of

the American Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, and two leading Irgunists on charges of using arms against the Israeli Army and inciting Irgun soldiers to desert from the army. The government has refused to divulge the place of imprisonment of the three for "security reasons."

Arabs Break Truce in Jerusalem; Pitched Battle Develops for 12 Hours

A pitched battle, during which small arms, machine guns, mortars and cannon were used, took place in Jerusalem this week-end. The 12-hour exchange of shot and shell, the first major break of the truce in Jerusalem, occurred after Arab snipers in the Old City began firing on Jewish positions. The Jews replied with small arms fire and the Arabs soon brought up heavier weapons. After which the Jews too brought their batteries into play. At one point the U.N. headquarters was under fire. One Arab woman in an Israeli-held hospice was shot and killed by Arab snipers, while eight other Jews were injured.

Returning from a visit to Jerusalem, U.S. Representative Leo Isacson, who is touring Palestine and the Middle East, yesterday told a news conference that he cabled President Truman and Presidential candidates Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Henry A. Wallace to publicly declare that they advocate lifting of the arms embargo on Israel. He attacked the British policy in regard to Palestine and urged de jure recognition of the Jewish state by the U.S.

Bernadotte's Proposals Give Negev to Arabs, Western Galilee to Jews

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- Leading New York newspapers, commenting on Count Bernadotte's suggestions for resolving the Palestine dispute, which were made public at United Nations headquarters yesterday, expressed the opinion that these suggestions will undoubtedly become the subject of heated controversy. "But," the New York Times said, "as that controversy can be conducted with words instead of bullets, there will remain hope that a final solution may be found permitting both sides to live in peace."

The New York Herald Tribune's editorial expressed the hope that "the broad-gauge and statesmanlike manner in which the U.N. mediator advanced his suggestions, will inspire both sides to extend the truce and continue discussions." The editorial emphasized that Bernadotte's alterations in the original partition decision "are not in favor of Israel."

The "suggestions" offered by Bernadotte called for: inclusion of the whole or part of the Negev in Arab territory; inclusion of the whole or part of Western Galilee in Jewish territory; and inclusion of the city of Jerusalem in Arab territory, with municipal autonomy for the Jewish community and special arrangements for the protection of the Holy Places. They also proposed consideration of the status of Jaffa at a future time, establishment of a free port at Haifa and establishment of a free airport at Lydda.

In addition to the territorial proposals, the mediator also suggested the following as a basis for further discussions: redefine Palestine in terms of the territory included in the original Mandate and make two nations -- one Arab and one Jewish -- of the area, with the boundaries to be determined by negotiations; establishment of a union between the two to promote common economic interests and maintain common services -- including customs and defense -- and formation of a central council to take over these central functions and authorities; and after two years of unrestricted immigration the Arabs may appeal for restrictions, with the U.N. Economic and Social Council to arbitrate -- if the union cannot settle the problem -- on a basis of the country's "economic absorptivity."

Also, religious and minority rights would be guaranteed by the U.N. and the Holy Places protected. Refugees from Palestine would be allowed to return and regain possession of their homes and property.

Z.O.A. CONVENTION ASKS U.S. GRANT FULL RECOGNITION TO ISRAEL; URGES NO FUNDS TO IRGUN

PITTSBURGH, July 5. (JTA) -- Resolutions calling upon President Truman to accord Israel de jure recognition, urging the withholding of assistance to the Irgun, reaffirming the social ideals of the Pittsburgh Platform of 1918 and commending the Zionist plank in the Republican Party platform were among a series adopted today at the 51st annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America.

The resolution which asks for full recognition of Israel expresses the gratitude of the Zionists to the President for "the speedy recognition which he accorded the Provisional Government of Israel and for the message which he addressed to the present convention." The resolution calls upon him to use his efforts to grant speedy admission of Israel to the United Nations and to extend to the new state economic aid.

The resolution on the Irgun Zvai Leumi condemns the recent attempt of the dissident group to "conduct separatist military activities in defiance of the authority of the Provisional Government of Israel and adds "that all aid to Irgun or any similar group in the United States or in Palestine shall be discouraged."

The delegates commended the Republican Party "for writing into its platform a plank favoring full recognition and economic aid to Israel." Another resolution expresses the gratitude of the Zionists of America to the Republican Presidential nominee, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, for the message which he addressed to the present convention.

Touching the negotiations of the U.N. mediator in Palestine, the convention declared that "it is deeply concerned over reports indicating that the mediator has seen fit to make suggestions tending to compromise the independence of Israel, to infringe upon its territorial integrity, and to place the city of Jerusalem under Arab control." The convention deploras this departure by the mediator from his clearly defined mandate." Another resolution requests the President "to suspend all forms of economic aid to any foreign government which resorts to the use of armed force against Israel or to any government which ships or releases war material to the aggressors."

Dr. Neumann and Entire Present Administration Re-Elected for Second Term

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, incumbent president of the Z.O.A., was re-elected to serve a second term. At the same time, the entire slate headed by him was also re-elected.

The "Committee for Progressive Zionism" today issued a statement denying that the "walkout" by its members during last night's election session indicated any disagreement with the present administration on fundamental matters. "The Committee desires to make it absolutely clear to the public that on the basic political objectives of the Zionist movement, and on its unflinching support to the state of Israel's stand before the United Nations." The statement said: "There is not, nor has there ever been, any disagreement between the Committee for Progressive Zionism and the present administration of the Z.O.A."

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, addressing the 2,000 delegates last night, strongly denounced the British Foreign Office for its policy in the present Palestine peace talks. British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, Dr. Silver charged, is using the current truce "to arrive at the closest approximation to the kind of a solution which he has always aimed at -- a pro-Arab and pro-British solution."

Predicting that the coming year would be a very critical one, Dr. Silver said: "It is clear that for the success of our movement, the role of the American Government

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will be a decisive one. It is clear, therefore, that the Zionists of America must remain fully alerted and mobilized." He also charged that the U.N. Security Council failed to use the machinery available to it under the Charter to restore law and order in Palestine.

Dr. James G. McDonald, newly-appointed U.S. representative to Israel, told a Jewish National Fund session of the parley that the program of land purchases in the Jewish state "must continue until the full program of resettlement and rebuilding has been achieved. Land," he said, "is essential not only to production but also to the defense of Israel."

Judge Morris Rothenberg, J.N.F. president, reported that since the Fund's formation in 1910, more than \$85,000,000 has been remitted to Palestine for the purchase of land. He predicted that at least 20 percent of the 1,500,000 immigrants who will enter Israel in the next decade, will settle on the land. J.N.F. executive director Mendel Fisher said that so far in 1948 the Fund has collected, through its traditional methods, slightly more than \$2,250,000, as compared with \$1,875,000 received during the same period last year.

Other speakers at the convention were Dr. Neumann; Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; Senator Claude D. Pepper; Dr. Israel Goldstein; and Herman L. Weisman. A message from President Truman to the convention said that Israel "must find its rightful place in the United Nations and ways must be found to encourage friendship and close economic cooperation between Israel and its Arab neighbors."

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PARLEY; \$3,500,000 BUDGET PROPOSED

MONTREUX, Switzerland, July 5. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress' political committee today submitted a set of resolutions to the 260 delegates from 64 countries attending the second convention. An introductory resolution declared that "the Jewish people desire to live in a world of peace and democracy and international cooperation.

"They desire to make a contribution to the freedom and happiness of mankind," the resolution added. "The primary condition for Jewish survival is the elimination of the forces of fascist reaction which the democratic victory has not finally eradicated and which many countries promote by again pursuing designs to disturb world peace. To this end, the Jewish people seek to play a part in securing that the peaceful political and economic development of mankind should not be prevented by the division of the world into conflicting spheres of interest, but must be maintained through strengthening the authority of the United Nations and close cooperation in the work of the U.N. of peoples through voluntary international organizations."

Other resolutions welcomed the establishment of Israel, adding that the W.J.C. will cooperate with "movements struggling to liberate mankind from tyranny"; attacked anti-Semitism "as endangering human liberty"; appealed to the Arabs to resist extremists' provocations to violence and urged all governments to halt anti-Jewish agitation; greeted the Jews in the DP camps and asked all governments to facilitate the speedy resettlement of displaced Jews in Israel; urged the Allies to stem the growth of anti-Semitism in Germany and remove Jewish DP's in Austria from Austrian jurisdiction. The delegates also welcomed the U.N. Human Rights convention and urged that the U.N. work out a genocide convention as quickly as possible, and demanded that a prohibition on the misuse of freedom of speech and of the press be instituted to prevent the spread of racism.

An annual budget of \$3,500,000 was proposed by Prof. Noah Barou, but this, as well as the resolutions, were not expected to be acted upon before late tonight.

SOUTH AFRICAN PREMIER RECEIVES JEWISH DELEGATION; PLEDGES NO DISCRIMINATION BY GOVT.

PRETORIA, So. Africa, July 5. (JTA) -- A delegation from the South African Board of Jewish Deputies was received here this week-end by Premier Daniel F. Malan who assured the Jewish leaders that he and his newly-elected government stand for a policy of non-discrimination against any section of the "European population."

Malan told the deputation that he hopes "the time will come when there will be no need for further talk regarding the Jewish question in South Africa."

FIRE OF MYSTERIOUS ORIGIN BURNS DOWN SYNAGOGUE IN HUNGARIAN TOWN; POLICE INVESTIGATING

BUDAPEST, July 5. (JTA) -- The synagogue of the town of Debrecen was burned down during the week-end by a fire of mysterious origin, it was reported here in dispatches from Debrecen.

A police investigation is already in progress, it was also reported. The synagogue has not been used in a number of years because of extensive damage caused by shelling and bombing during the war. Part of the building was in the process of being rebuilt when the fire broke out.

TABLET COMMEMORATING DEATH OF JEWS KILLED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1945 DEDICATED

PRAGUE, July 5. (JTA) -- An unveiling over the week-end of a memorial tablet at the Cezska Lipa Jewish cemetery -- commemorating the death of 17 Jews who perished in a death march in 1945, when concentration camp victims were driven westward by the Nazis as the advancing Soviet armies approached -- was attended by representatives of various government bureaus, as well as by leading church and army officials.

Meanwhile, the newly-erected synagogue in Trencin, in Slovakia, was dedicated today with government officials attending the ceremonies. The synagogue contains a special plaque honoring the memory of all Trencin Jews who perished during the war.

HAPOEI HAMIZRACHI CONVENTION RE-ELECTS DR. HENRY GOLD PRESIDENT; 500 DELEGATES ATTEND

HURLEYVILLE, N.Y. July 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Henry Raphael Gold was re-elected president of Hapoel Hamizrachi today at the organization's 25th annual convention held here over the week-end. More than 500 delegates from 43 states attended the parley.

Jacob Greenberg, member of the Zionist Actions Committee, told the convention that Great Britain is trying to forestall the extension of a U.S. loan to Israel. His criticism of the Irgun "for breaking the truce in Palestine" was greeted with mixed boos and cheers.

JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCIES REPORT PEAK ACTIVITY IN 1947; PLACED 20,000 IN JOBS

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- Jewish vocational service agencies in the United States and Canada last year received the largest number of requests for service, it was revealed today in a report published by the Jewish Occupational Council. A total of 53,698 persons registered for employment aid in 1947.

The survey showed that a total of 137,791 job interviews were conducted while close to 20,000 job placements were made. The report noted the work of agencies in Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Louisville, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Montreal, New York City, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, St. Paul, Springfield (Mass.) and Toronto.

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