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PALESTINE ISSUE PLACED THIRD ON U.N. AGENDA; WILL NOT COME UP FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS

PARIS, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- An attempt made by the delegations of Britain and the United States to place the Palestine question first on the agenda of the U.N. Political Committee failed this afternoon.

The proposal, presented by British delegate Hector McNeil, asking for speedy action on the recommendations of the late U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte, was voted down after a two-hour fight by delegates of the U.S.S.R. and the Arab countries. Only 16 votes were cast in favor of the proposal, while 21 were against and 14 nations abstained.

Also voting against the British proposal were a number of Latin American countries. The Soviet delegates were among those who abstained. The proposal was then relegated to third place on the agenda, with first priority going to the atomic energy question and the second to a proposal by Soviet delegate Andrei Vishinsky for a one-third reduction of national armaments.

Political Committee chairman Paul-Henri Spaak predicted that it may take at least 15 days, if not more, to complete the atomic energy and disarmament questions. The Palestine question will thus not come up before the Political Committee for the next two weeks, he indicated. In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Israeli delegate Aubrey Eban said: "To us the third place on the agenda is high enough. It will give us time to prepare and to study our case."

Arabs Wanted Palestine to Be Placed 12th on the Agenda

The strongest speeches opposing the proposal for giving priority to the Palestine question were delivered by representatives of Egypt and Syria who pleaded that they needed more time to study the Bernadotte report. They urged that Palestine be placed twelfth on the agenda. McNeil defended his proposal, declaring that the Bernadotte plan must be given urgent consideration otherwise the truce in Palestine is threatened by the inaction of the United Nations.

Ukrainian delegate Dmitri Manuilsky contrasted the Arabs' "frantic eagerness" to settle the Palestine issue in relation to the Arab refugees a few weeks ago with their present reluctance. He said that Britain is now "more Egyptian than the Egyptians" in pressing for haste with regard to the Palestine question.

U.S. delegate Warren Austin spoke in favor of putting Palestine first on the agenda. However, he did not attempt to force the issue. He argued that the Palestine question is not merely a local problem but one requiring the combined effort of all nations "in order to prevent the outburst of a vast conflict."

Winding up the general debate at the Assembly this morning, Ukrainian delegate Manuilsky said that the Palestine issue has been clouded by the big powers' struggle for oil. Edward Kardelj, Yugoslav Foreign Minister, said that implementation of the U.N. partition resolution of Nov. 29 could have saved many lives in Palestine.

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SHERTOK FLIES TO U.N. SESSION IN PARIS; BEN GURION TAKES OVER FOREIGN MINISTRY POST

TEL AVIV, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok today left by plane for Paris to assume leadership of the Israeli delegation at the U.N. General Assembly, it was officially announced here. Premier David Ben Gurion will assume the Foreign Minister's portfolio until Shertok returns.

As Shertok left to fight for U.N. membership and international recognition for Israel and to oppose the Bernadotte recommendations for a further partition of the Jewish state, experts here predicted that amputation of the Negev from Israel would create a ghetto nearly the size of Rhode Island and capable of supporting a population no larger than that of the Bronx.

To exclude the Negev from Israel would mean that the gates to this country would be closed to immigration long before all applicants for admission from Central Europe and the Balkans, as well as Jews from the entire Arab world extending from Algeria to Yemen, were within, it was pointed out. But even this restricted population could be absorbed only if the tiny state placed almost its entire economic emphasis upon industry. Israel would become a nation of factory towns, and the drive to "normalize" the Jewish people by means of a return to the soil would have to be considerably revised.

A miniature state, many experts feel, would not have a sound economic basis. They argue that a truncated country, lacking major raw materials for industries, would be in an adverse competitive position since it would be compelled to import virtually everything needed for an industrial economy.

Israel with the Negev, however, would be a different story. It would be a land of 6,000 square miles, slightly larger than Connecticut and a little smaller than New Jersey, which could support a population of four million. Hundreds of thousands could easily be settled in the northern third of the Negev alone; 50,000 acres could be brought under irrigation within a few years--as much land as is now irrigated in the entire nation after 40 years of pioneering. The same area could accommodate 100 settlements whereas Western Galilee, which the Bernadotte plan would give to the Jews in exchange for assignment of the Negev to the Arabs, could support a maximum of 50 settlements.

BERNADOTTE'S PROPOSALS DO NOT GUARANTEE PEACE FOR PALESTINE, ISRAELI ENVOY SAYS

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Emphasizing that the recommendations on Palestine submitted by the late U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte to the United Nations do not guarantee peace for that country, Eliahu Epstein, Israeli representative to the United States, today told a press conference here that Israel cannot afford to give up any part of the Negev, which was allotted to the Jewish state under the U.N. partition decision.

"The western part of the Galilee is no compensation for the Negev," he declared. He pointed out that only the Jews would be interested in developing the desert land of the Negev and converting it into fertile soil since this part of Palestine offers opportunities for settling large numbers of displaced Jews on the land. He also stressed the fact that Bernadotte's recommendations for amputating the Negev from Israel would deprive the Jews of the Dead Sea with its considerable mineral resources.

Epstein drew attention to the fact that the Arabs have rejected the Bernadotte plan and that the U.N. would therefore meet with great difficulties in implementing it. He reported at length on the present mood among the Jews of Israel and stressed that all forces there are united in their determination to secure Israel's independence and peace. He expressed the hope that public opinion in the United States will support Israel's opposition to that part of Bernadotte's report which seeks to deprive the Jewish state of territory assigned to it under the November 29 partition decision of the U.N. General Assembly.

ISRAEL WILL MAKE STRONG DEMAND AT U.N. FOR INCLUSION OF JERUSALEM, MILITARY GOVERNOR SAYS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government will make a strong demand for the incorporation within the Jewish state of the city of Jerusalem as well as a corridor linking it with Israel, Dr. Bernard Joseph, Israeli military governor, today told the municipal advisory council.

He revealed that, following the recent visit of acting mediator Ralph Bunche to the city, the consular truce commission opened negotiations with him for the demilitarization of Jerusalem. Dr. Joseph said he refused to negotiate "in a vacuum"--without some basis of concrete proposals. The Jews, he stressed, would welcome the opportunity to negotiate clear-cut proposals. The Israeli proposal was that the Arab Legion be withdrawn to Transjordan and the Egyptian army to Egypt as one of the phases of demilitarization of the city.

Reporting on the demilitarization situation on Mt. Scopus where Jewish guards functioning as a U.N. protective force have been isolated by Arab Legionnaires, Dr. Joseph said it was a complete failure, pointing out that the Arabs have not permitted a single food convoy to pass through their lines to the height despite a signed agreement to do so. Referring to a demand by the consular corps that St. Julian's Way, where many of the consulates are located, be neutralized, the military governor stated that the Jews were not shooting in that area and that the consuls have no right to establish neutral zones in the city.

Hebrew University Prepares to Open Its Academic Year in Jerusalem

Concluding his report to the advisory council, Dr. Joseph said that arrangements were practically completed for opening the Hebrew University's academic year in facilities other than its own buildings, which are on isolated Mt. Scopus. He also said that all barbed wire and gun emplacements have been removed from "Bevingrad," the area of the city fortified by the British for the protection of their military and civil establishments during the last months of the Palestine Mandate. He added the hope that the barricades had been removed "forever."

In a separate statement issued later today, Dr. Joseph took issue with a report to the U.N. by Dr. Bunche holding Israel responsible for failure to guarantee Count Bernadotte's safety. The military governor emphasized that United Nations personnel have always insisted upon freedom of movement during inspections and have refused to accept Jewish military escorts. That attitude, Dr. Joseph insisted, made it impossible to provide adequate security for Bernadotte.

Jerusalem was quiet last night and today except for two air alerts during the night when unidentified planes were heard. Some mortar shells were fired at Jewish positions on Mt. Zion, but no damage or casualties were inflicted, an Israeli communique announced.

The lengthy trial of Frederick Sylvester and William Hawkins, Britons charged with espionage in behalf of the Arabs, is expected to conclude here today. A verdict will probably be handed down tomorrow.

FIRST ARABIC NEWSPAPER APPEARS IN JAFFA; EDITOR IS JEWISH EXPERT ON ARAB AFFAIRS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The first Arabic newspaper to appear in Jaffa since the city was captured by the Israeli forces last summer was published today. The newspaper, El Yom, is edited by Michael Assaf, well known Jewish expert on Arab affairs.

The Red Mogen David today distributed clothing, cigarettes and candy to 5,000 Arab prisoners of war detained in Israel. The detainees include British and Egyptian pilots who bombed Tel Aviv.

ARABS NOTIFY UNITED NATIONS OF FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT "FOR ALL OF PALESTINE"

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Formal notice of the formation of an independent Arab state "for all of Palestine" was given today to the United Nations in a cable from Cairo signed by Ahmed Hilmi Pasha, premier of the newly-established Palestine Government, which has its seat at Gaza. The cable reads:

"The Arabs of Palestine, who are the owners of the country and its indigenous inhabitants, and who constitute the great majority of its legal population, have solemnly resolved to declare Palestine in its entirety and within its boundaries as established before the termination of the British Mandate an independent state, and constituted a government under the name of the All-Palestine Government, deriving its authority from a representative Council based on democratic principles and aiming to safeguard the rights of minorities and foreigners, protect the Holy Places, and guarantee freedom of worship to all communities."

(A report from Cairo to the New York Times today says that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem returned to Palestine yesterday after eleven years of exile. He flew from Cairo to Gaza to attend the first meeting of the National Assembly of the Palestine Arabs, which is scheduled to open Friday and is expected to elect him president.)

The United Nations headquarters here today made public a communication sent by acting U.N. mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche to the Security Council in Paris blaming Transjordan for an Arab attack against a U.N.-sponsored convoy at the Latrun pumping station on Sept. 22.

SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TO CHECK RECORD OF TRIAL OF 30 BUCHENWALD DEFENDANTS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The Senate Investigation Sub-Committee will look into the records of the trial proceedings for some 30 defendants at the Buchenwald camp trial as it gathers information for the projected investigation into the commutation of the sentence of Ilse Koch, widow of the former commandant of the camp charged with having made lampshades, gloves, and book covers of the skin of camp victims.

If there seem to have been irregularities in the trials or commutation of sentence of the 30 other defendants they will be studied too, a committee aide said today. Before any phase of the investigation can proceed, however, committee members have to read through the 9,000-page trial report, he said. He added that Sen. Homer Ferguson of Michigan, chairman of the committee, had given aides explicit instructions to make a thorough check of all the facts before he left yesterday for Michigan.

The committee yesterday opened its investigation of the Koch case with a closed hearing at which Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall and William D. Denson, chief prosecutor at the Buchenwald trials, appeared as witnesses. Royall told reporters on leaving the hearing that he had asked General Lucius D. Clay, European theatre commander, to see if other charges could be found on which to try Frau Koch.

Denson said, on leaving the hearing, that he thought the original sentence was justified. He said he did not think the review board had any right under the judicial process to question the credibility of trial witnesses. This, he said, was a function that should rightfully be reserved for the trial board itself.

After the first hearing Sen. Ferguson said that more hearings would be held on the Koch case. Although yesterday's session was secret open hearings have been promised.

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JEWISH LEADERS IN BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY BLOCK GERMAN ATTEMPT TO CONTROL DP HOSPITAL

BEISEN, Germany, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Prompt and determined action by Jewish officials in the British zone of Germany blocked an attempt by local German officials to take over control of the Glyn Hughes Hospital for Jews here, it was reported today.

When the Germans made representations to the British officials for control of the hospital, Dr. Joseph Rosensaft, chairman of the Jewish Central Committee of the zone; Sam Dollob, Joint Distribution Committee field director for the zone, and Dr. Sascha Gottlieb, chief physician at the hospital, met with British occupation authorities and refused to surrender responsibility for the institution, the only hospital for Jews in the entire zone. The British finally agreed to leave the hospital in the hands of the Jews.

Other problems discussed at the conference included the legal status of Jewish DP's held in the Kaunitz prison which was recently transferred to the jurisdiction of the German authorities. The Jews also asked that provision be made for adequate fuel supplies for displaced Jews this winter and that conditions at the Falingbostel camp, a transient camp for Jews awaiting the opportunity to emigrate from Germany, be improved.

FORMER OFFICIAL OF THERESIENSTADT CONCENTRATION CAMP EXECUTED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAGUE, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- R. Burian, wartime inspector of the "small fortress" at the Theresienstadt concentration camp, was executed today several hours after having been sentenced to death by a war crimes court.

Burian was found guilty of personally beating and torturing many inmates in the camp. Dr. Ladislav Steiner, one of 40 former inmates who testified against Burian, revealed that the defendant had whipped him so badly that he is now a permanent invalid.

ROMANIAN WAR CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR MALTREATMENT OF JEWS

BUCHAREST, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Vasile Mihailiuc, a former Rumanian police official who was found guilty of robbing and maltreating Jews from Bukovina while rounding them up for deportation to Transnistria, was sentenced today to 25 years imprisonment.

GOVERNMENT OF EIRE CRITICIZED FOR DONATING 1,000,000 CANS OF KOSHER MEAT FOR JEWISH DPs

DUBLIN, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The arrival here of 34 schochtim to prepare 1,000,000 cans of kosher meat donated by the government of Eire to Jewish displaced persons was featured today in all Irish newspapers.

At the same time, the arrival of the schochtim was made the occasion of an anti-shechita campaign on the part of certain sections of the press, with the Society for the Protection of Animals participating. Letters from readers also appeared in several newspapers today attacking the government for donating the meat to Jews.

BRITISH SEIZE 35 CARS DESTINED FOR SHIPMENT TO TEL AVIV; HUNT PALESTINIAN PURCHASER

LONDON, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Thirty-five former U.S. Army scout cars destined for shipment to Tel Aviv were today seized by British customs officials on the docks of Cardiff, Wales, it was announced. A government investigation has reportedly been launched and police agents are said to be searching for a Palestinian who came to Britain to buy 100 scout cars for Israel. Thirty cars have already been shipped to the Israeli capital.

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LIBERAL PARTY OF LONDON URGES BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL

LONDON, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the British Government to recognize the Government of Israel was adopted today by the London Council of the Liberal Party.

The General Zionist administrative committee of the British Zionist Federation today welcomed the merger of the General Zionist "A" Party, Aliya Eidiashah and General Zionist Laborites of Israel into a Progressive Bloc. A resolution declared that the Federation has "traditionally stood for a constructive alliance with all progressive forces in Israel and for cooperation with labor."

In an article for the Overseas News Agency, Prof. Harold Laski, former chairman of the executive committee of the British Labor Party, today proposed that the Jews be awarded the Negev but under certain conditions which, he believed, might prove an acceptable compromise.

"The wise thing seems to be an agreement," he wrote, "ratified by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris, in which the Jews are given the Negev, but, for the next decade, notify their willingness themselves to limit immigration there outside their moral obligation to receive the DP's in Europe and their children; that would give time for the mediation commission proposed by Bernadotte to show whether it can readily be of use. But it is excessive to ask the Jews to sacrifice barren land they are able and willing to bring into use which, under Arab ownership, will still remain wasteland over which a handful of Bedouins roam."

STUDENTS PROTEST CLEARING OF N.Y. CITY COLLEGE PROFESSOR CHARGED WITH ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Students at City College yesterday demonstrated against a decision of the New York City Board of Higher Education exonerating Prof. William E. Knickerbocker, former head of the college's Romance Languages Department, of charges of anti-Semitism.

The students gathered outside the office of college president Harry T. Wright during a change of classes when several attempted to see the president in order to state "personal opinions on the Knickerbocker case." Others seeing them, joined the group near the office door and soon a sizeable demonstration was in progress. Petitions were hastily drawn up and signed, calling for Prof. Knickerbocker's dismissal and protesting the Board's action. Further demonstrations against the Board's repudiation of a City Council committee report condemning Prof. Knickerbocker's conduct are expected.

Rabbi Arthur Zuckerman, director of the Hillel Foundation at the college, declared that there is "an ebbing away of public confidence" in the Board as a result of its action. The American Jewish Congress, one of the organizations demanding Prof. Knickerbocker's ouster, has decided to defend students who last week boycotted the professor's class if they are threatened with disciplinary action as a result.

AARON B. TART RETIRES AS EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF CRT; ELECTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The retirement of Aaron B. Tart as executive vice-president of the American CRT Federation after ten years of service and his election as a member of the organization's board of directors was announced here today by George Backer, president of the American CRT.

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