

U.N. POLITICAL COMMITTEE OPENS DISCUSSION ON PALESTINE; SESSION ADJOURNS UNTIL MONDAY

PARIS, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The Palestine issue was today raised before the U.N. General Assembly Political Committee for the first time this session. After hearing a report by acting mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche and a brief discussion in which only two Arab delegates participated, the session was adjourned until Monday.

None of the major powers expressed a desire to participate in today's debate. Mr. was Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok prepared to address the session. It is not certain that the Palestine question will be taken up Monday, because if the report of the atomic energy sub-commission is ready then it will receive priority in consideration.

By a vote of 41 to zero, with seven abstentions, the Committee decided to admit an Israeli representative to full participation in its debate, except that the Israelis would have no vote. A document submitted by the Jewish Agency, stating that its duties and rights as pertains to the Jewish homeland have been passed on to the Israeli Government, was read to the Committee.

Dr. Bunche, in his report, declared flatly that the state of Israel was a vibrant reality and that the "Jewish state is no nominal or paper state." He added that from the day of its proclamation, the Jewish state was a "going concern," rendering "entirely illusory" the suggestion that the Jewish state could have been prevented by anything except a force strong enough to overwhelm the entire Jewish community of Palestine. Since its proclamation, he insisted, Israel has consolidated its position nationally and internationally.

Mediator Favors Replacement of Present Truce with Permanent Peace

Dividing responsibility for the present state of affairs in Palestine between Jews and Arabs, acting mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche today held the Jews responsible for a political offensive and the Arab states for the military offensive. The military aggression, he said, was entirely the responsibility of the neighboring Arab states and not that of the Palestine Arabs. He asserted that the truce was in danger of deteriorating and that in fact the opposing armies were ready for battle.

Bunche demanded that the truce be superseded now by something much more durable and secure. Although shying away from a blueprint of a plan for bringing about peace, he said the U.N. must support a permanent peace and must favor a Jewish state.

After the establishment of peace, the acting mediator stated, the U.N. would have to face the following problems: boundaries for the two states; extending international guarantees for the boundaries established; Jerusalem; setting up a definite area for the Arabs; guaranteeing all Palestinians their rights; and, the reinforcement of U.N. machinery in Palestine to enable further intervention by the U.N. there.

At the conclusion of Bunche's report, the delegates of Syria and Lebanon reiterated their usual charges against the Jewish state and Zionism. Aubrey Eban, Israeli representative to the U.N., reported that his government has begun judicial proceedings in the Bernadotte case and promised that the U.N. would be kept informed of progress.

Dmitri Manuilsky of the Ukraine remarked that the U.N. was concentrating too much on Bernadotte's assassination and objected to this continuing "mixing" of business with sentiment. He insisted that Bernadotte's report could by no means be considered a political testament. He called on the representatives of the Big Powers, particularly those who composed the consular truce commission, to first present their positions and then the remainder of the Committee would join the discussion. Manuilsky was supported by Committee chairman Paul-Henri Spaak who warned against further delay and then adjourned the session.

ISRAELI STATE COUNCIL ADOPTS BUDGET OF \$31,200,000 FOR SIX-MONTH PERIOD

TEL AVIV, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The State Council today approved a budget of \$31,200,000 for the six-month period from July through December of this year. The budget does not include expenditures for security. Opposition to the budget came only from Revisionist members of the Council.

The Council also authorized the issuance of treasury bills, retaining periodical control over the quantity issued. Recommendations submitted to the Council for the Israeli flag and crest by a sub-committee of experts were rejected.

Sixteen men and women detained by Israeli authorities under the Emergency Defense Regulations on suspicion of membership in the Stern Group were released today after interrogation.

Frederick Sylvester, British resident of Jerusalem who was sentenced to seven years imprisonment on charges of broadcasting information to the Arabs during the fighting, today submitted an appeal to the Israeli Supreme Court which will begin preliminary hearings in the case on Nov. 1.

An official communique issued in Jerusalem quoted Jewish policemen in the demilitarized Mt. Scopus area as saying that the nearby Augusta Victoria hospice is being utilized as a center for Arab "irregulars" who use it as a base from which they direct sporadic fire at the Hadassah Hospital.

The communique also complained that all U.N. truce observers in the area were stationed near the Israeli units while the only U.N. official stationed among the Arabs had left months ago. Although this information has been submitted to U.N. officials in Jerusalem repeatedly, the communique stated, no action has been taken to rectify matters.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS PROTEST DECISION TO SHOW "OLIVER TWIST" IN U.S. ZONE OF GERMANY

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee and the World Jewish Congress today lodged protests against the showing of the disputed British motion picture, "Oliver Twist," in the American zone of Germany.

In a message to Col. Gordon Textor, chief of the U.S. Information Services in the American zone who granted permission for the showing of the film, Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, urged that "Oliver Twist" be barred "as all authoritative observers agree that this picture incites anti-Semitism." Exhibiting the film now, Dr. Slawson's message said, "would be a tragic error."

The World Jewish Congress, in a message to Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U.S. commander in Europe, signed by Dr. Robert S. Marcus, W.J.C. political director, urged him to revoke Textor's order permitting the showing of the film. "Indefensible as Colonel Textor's stand may be in the light of the film's obviously anti-Semitic characterization of Fagin, it is completely inexplicable in view of the indefinite postponement of release of the production in the United States," the Congress said.

SENATOR BALL CALLS FOR DOUBLING OF DP IMMIGRATION QUOTA DURING NEXT TWO YEARS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Senator Joseph Ball of Minnesota today called for doubling the number of displaced persons to be admitted to the United States during the next two years. The suggestion, for increasing the quota to 400,000 in two years, and not charging the DP's against future quotas, was made in a statement released by Sen. Ball's office here.

BUNCHE MEETS WITH SHERTOK, EBAN; CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE THREE-DAY CEASE-FIRE IN NEGEV

PARIS, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Acting mediator Ralph Bunche today met with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok and Israeli U.N. representative Aubrey S. Eban and demanded an immediate three-day cease-fire in the Negev, with both belligerents holding the positions which they occupy at the time of the cease-fire.

Shertok and Eban refused to commit themselves, but promised to communicate with their government in Tel Aviv on the matter. The Israeli diplomats stated bluntly that the situation in the Negev was the responsibility of the Egyptians who have consistently violated the U.N. truce.

With the U.N. Assembly's Political Committee due to meet again early tomorrow U.N. circles were deeply interested by the political and military implications of the latest Negev developments. A responsible Israeli source criticized the American delegation's "tacit aid" to the Arabs in postponing a Palestine debate in the Political Committee. Although it is not certain whether the Political Committee will consider the Palestine situation tomorrow, it is expected that the Negev fighting will immediately place the question on the Security Council's agenda.

MORGENTHAU MEETS WITH AUSTIN IN PARIS ON PALESTINE PROBLEM; EXPRESSES DISCOURAGEMENT

PARIS, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Henry Morgenthau, Jr., United Jewish Appeal chairman who arrived here yesterday en route to Israel, today conferred with Warren Austin, chief U.S. delegate to the U.N. After the meeting Morgenthau told a press conference that he was discouraged by the present American attitude toward various aspects of the Palestine problem.

He added that the prospects of an immediate American loan of \$100,000,000 to Israel were practically zero. He expressed the hope that the U.N. would swiftly settle the Palestine problem along the lines laid down in last November's partition decision, warning that if not it risked a complete failure.

He said Israel was operating under a severe strain because it has diverted 100,000 men to the armed forces from productive activity. He praised the settlement of 73,000 immigrants in Israel within nine months and lauded the work of the Joint Distribution Committee in moving tens of thousands of DP's to Israel.

Israel was important in the Middle East, he said, as a democratic state offering a point of resistance against Communism in that strategic region. He added that Israel's example in promoting a higher standard of living in the surrounding Arab countries would also offer effective resistance against Communism.

BRITISH FASCISTS TO ATTEMPT SPREAD OF ANTI-SEMITISM UNDER GUISE OF "EUROPEAN UNITY"

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The British fascists are attempting to revive fascism and spread anti-Semitism throughout the Continent under the guise of "uniting Europe," it was revealed here last night by fascist leader Sir Oswald Mosley.

Addressing a meeting of the British Union Movement, which he heads, Mosley declared that the Movement's future political campaigns will be centered about the idea of European unity. "Our idea is beyond both fascism and democracy because both these ideas belong to the dead world of 1939," Britain's most outstanding pro-Hitlerite asserted.

ONE OF EVERY FOUR DENVER RESIDENTS IS FREE OF ANTI-SEMITISM, A.D.L. SURVEY REVEALS

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- One out of every four residents of one of America's larger cities is completely free of anti-Semitic prejudice, according to a pilot study on public attitudes toward racial and religious minorities conducted by the Opinion Research Center of the University of Denver, in cooperation with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the A.D.L. announced here today.

Selecting Denver for the testing ground because of its heterogeneous population, the study centered primarily around the attitude of the population toward its Jewish, Negro, Spanish-American and Japanese neighbors. The analysis reveals that about 50 percent of Denver's population is "moderately" anti-Semitic. Another fourth exhibits "strong" anti-Semitic impulses. Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, asserted that the Denver study was not conducted to gauge the incidence of prejudice in any one particular locale, but to establish those general factors which typify the problem.

A composite of the extreme anti-Semite, as uncovered by the study, reveals a man of 50 years or older. His formal education was limited, generally he did not progress beyond grammar school. He is employed as a service worker--four of every 10 employables in this category give evidence of being extremely anti-Semitic--and his earnings are good. He is dissatisfied and "agin" nearly everything. Generally, although not always, he carries "a chip on his shoulder." Also, the "composite" is more often a man than a woman.

The survey also disclosed that the Palestine situation has little effect on the degree of anti-Semitism that exists. Prejudiced and unprejudiced alike may favor the creation of the new state of Israel--though their reasons are often poles apart.

The attitudes of Denver as a whole are not, of course, reflected by the feelings of its extreme anti-Semites. Almost six out of every 10 residents favor an anti-discrimination law in regard to hiring for jobs. No racial or religious group shows a majority opposing such a law. Two years ago, a national Gallup Poll found that only four out of every 10 persons in the nation as a whole favored such a law.

Furthermore, two out of three believe that something needs to be done about intergroup relations in the community. They indicate a willingness to approve any reasonable, constructive program, although most are unable to give any specific suggestions for such a program.

BEN GURION EXTENDS INVITATION TO PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE TO VISIT ISRAEL

CHICAGO, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion has invited Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, to visit Israel, it was announced here this week-end at a two-day meeting of the executive committee of the A.J.C. by Jacob Blaustein, chairman of the executive. Judge Proskauer replied to Ben Gurion that "my colleagues and I look forward to the hope of accepting your invitation to visit Israel in the not-too-distant future."

Irving M. Engel, chairman of the A.J.C. administrative and immigration committees, addressing the opening session, called on Congress to immediately amend the DP Immigration Act "to eliminate its discriminating features." Aside from its discriminating features, Engel declared that the act is difficult to administer. He pointed out that since the law's passage in July, not a single DP has entered this country under its provisions.

DELAY IN FULL RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL VIOLATES AMERICAN PRINCIPLES, DR. WISE DECLARES

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, in a memorandum submitted to President Truman this week-end, declared that "de jure recognition of Israel by the United States cannot be any longer delayed without playing fast and loose with accepted principles and practices" of American diplomacy.

In a letter accompanying the memorandum, Dr. Wise called on the President to extend full de jure recognition to Israel and to "confirm United States adherence to the UN resolution of November 29, 1947 by removing all doubt as to the status of Israel and its right to membership, in equality and dignity, in the family of nations." Criticizing the delay in granting full status to the Israeli Government, Dr. Wise asserted that "nothing in our diplomatic practice of the past several years can any longer justify withholding full recognition. There can no longer be any legal or moral justification for any further delay in giving effect to the realities of the situation."

The 15-page memorandum submitted to the President by Dr. Wise analyzes the principles of international law governing recognition and past American diplomatic practice and was prepared by the Congress' Commission on Law and Social Action. The memorandum lists four requirements which have generally been regarded as qualifying the government of a newly-formed state for recognition, and adds that they have been fully met by the Government of Israel since the proclamation of the Israeli state last May.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE AIDE SAILS FOR EUROPE TO STUDY SITUATION OF AFRICAN JEWRY

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Marcel Franco, chairman of the committee on Near Eastern affairs of the American Jewish Committee, sailed this week-end for Europe on a mission for the A.J.C. in connection with the problem of the safety and welfare of Jews living in Moslem countries.

Franco will confer in Paris with various Jewish organizations in Europe on the situation of Jewry in the Near East and North Africa. A member of the central committee of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, an organization of French Jews, Franco is also vice-president of the American Friends of the Alliance in the United States.

FIRST SCHOOL FOR CANTORS IN U.S. OPENED BY HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Union School of Jewish Sacred Music, the first school for cantors in America will serve all Jewry "without prejudice to any attitude or established set of customs," Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion declared this week-end at the opening exercises of the new school in the College-Institute Auditorium here. An entering class of 19 was inducted at the school's inauguration service.

EDWARD SARD ELECTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN ORT FEDERATION; SUCCEEDS TART

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The election of Edward L. Sard as executive director of the American ORT Federation was announced here today by George Backer, president of the ORT. Sard, who is a former director of the Program Coordination Division of the National Housing Agency, succeeds Aaron B. Tart, who resigned recently.

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