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U.S. TO PRESENT INTERIM STATEMENT ON PALESTINE; COMPROMISE OFFER SEEN AS POSSIBLE

PARIS, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The United States position on the British resolution to force the Bernadotte plan upon Israel as a final solution of the Palestine problem will be presented to the U.N. Political Committee either tomorrow or Monday, it was learned here today. An interim statement has already been prepared.

Because most of the delegations here were waiting for the U.S. to present its views, the U.N. Secretariat last night cancelled today's session and called the next one for Monday. Meanwhile, the American delegation has informed the Secretariat that it is prepared to speak tomorrow. In asking for advancement of the session, the U.S. was joined by Britain.

A member of the U.S. delegation today indicated at a press conference that U.S. delegate Phillip C. Jessup will underline the declaration by President Truman of last October 24 which stated that the Bernadotte report should be treated as a basis for negotiations only, but that no changes in the Israeli frontiers should be made without the consent of the Jewish state. The American indicated that the U.S. attitude would be to accord to Israel "no more and no less" territorially than provided under the partition decision of last November 29.

The U.S. position was seen to be shaping in the direction of a compromise over the Negev in return for compensation in Galilee. The delegation member indicated that the Jessup address will also emphasize that since Israel, as well as Britain on the basis of the Bernadotte proposals, now asks certain frontier changes, all these requests should be considered together. The United States proposals, however, will not be made in full until after a conference between President Truman and Secretary George C. Marshall, now scheduled for Monday.

British Predict Arabs Will Not Resist Bernadotte Plan

Official British quarters today prophesied that the Arab states would not take up arms against any settlement of the Palestine problem based on the Bernadotte report, although the Arabs are not prepared to accept it formally. Declaring that the United Nations is in no position to use military force to implement such a settlement, a British source openly admitted for the first time that Britain is counting on the chance to inhibit the resistance of both the Arabs and the Jews.

If either party refused to acquiesce, the British intend to press for punitive sanctions by the United Nations Security Council. Thus, the fears and suspicions of recent days over the motive underlying the British delegation's attempt to generate an atmosphere of urgency hostile to Israel, in connection with the Negev and Galilee situations, has been confirmed by an important member of that delegation.

He declared that the November 4 resolution of the Security Council, ordering the Israeli forces to withdraw from the Negev, and the British resolution introduced yesterday before the Political Committee -- asking for a settlement based strictly on the Bernadotte proposals -- are closely linked; and that the prospective attitude of

both sides would be clarified after an analysis of the disputants' replies to the withdrawal ultimatum issued by Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, U.N. acting mediator, (For Israeli reply, submitted last night, see Page 3.)

The October 14 withdrawal line is almost identical with the Bernadotte proposals. The British delegation is understood to be intensely dissatisfied with Dr. Bunche's ruling that the Israeli reply constitutes compliance. The acting mediator, however, told correspondents that he was pleased at the outcome and that Brig. Gen. William E. Hiley, chief of staff of the U.N. truce machinery, had been instructed to undertake armistice negotiations on the spot with Col. Yigal Yadin, Israeli Army Chief of Operations, and Reuven Shilchah, of the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

DR. NAHUM GOLDMANN SAYS ISRAEL WILL NEVER ABANDON NEGEV; HITS BRITISH PALESTINE POLICY

PARIS, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, diplomatic representative of Israel, in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, today criticized Britain's policy on Palestine as "unrealistic," adding that "we have no desire for any conflict with the United Nations, but it is inconceivable for us to abandon the Negev."

Declaring that the "whole position would be different if peace negotiations with the Arabs could be initiated," Dr. Goldmann said that "I am sure that once the parties sit down at a peace conference table, agreement could be reached since Israel is most eager for mutual friendship with the Arabs."

Predicting that Israel will withstand any attacks on the economic front as well as it has on the military front, Dr. Goldmann said: "Immediate British recognition of Israel would be a definite stabilizing factor in the Palestine situation and would encourage the Arabs to enter into negotiations."

DR. PETEGORSKY CHARGES U.S. DELEGATION RESPONSIBLE FOR U.N. FAILURE ON PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The American delegation at the United Nations was tonight blamed for the "continuing uncertainty and tension of the Palestine issue and the failure to establish peace" by Dr. David Petegorsky, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, who just returned from Paris.

"At the United Nations," stated Dr. Petegorsky, "people talk so openly and freely of the manner in which members of the U.S. delegation are flouting the spirit and letter of President Truman's directives in Israel, that a formal investigation by the President might well be in order." Declaring that the vacillations and unpredictability of the American delegation are lending the greatest encouragement to the forces seeking to plunge Israel into chaos, he added that even the British Government would be forced to call off its undeclared war against Israel if President Truman's stated policy "were forthrightly and positively pursued by the American delegation."

Discussing other phases of current U.N. activities, Dr. Petegorsky declared: "It is unfortunate that the U.N. is obsessed by the problem of the Arab refugees, who are in fact the victims of unprovoked aggression by the Arab states -- and is most unwilling to take adequate account of the plight of scores of thousands of Jews in Moslem lands, particularly Egypt and Iraq, the principal aggressors. While the General Assembly has been speaking loudly of 'humanitarianism,' it has taken no notice of the fact that Jewish citizens and residents of the Arab lands were being persecuted and discriminated against by governments which have undertaken, through the U.N., to protect human rights."

ISRAEL ACCEPTS U.N. ORDER TO BEGIN ARMISTICE TALKS; SAYS MOST NEGEV TROOPS WITHDRAWN

TEL AVIV, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- An official communique released here today said that the Israeli Government has replied to the Security Council's order to withdraw from the Negev and begin armistice talks. The government's reply was forwarded to the United Nations through Dr. Paul Mohr, U.N. liaison official.

The announcement said that Israel accepted the U.N.'s order to begin armistice talks, which it hopes will lead to peace "and establish that that peace will secure good neighborliness, the pursuit of which has been the aim of the state of Israel since the beginning of this unhappy conflict."

At the same time, the government announced that it has withdrawn the bulk of its forces from the Negev, leaving behind only garrisons of mobile units which were in the southern desert area before October 14. The announcement added that Israel is prepared to evacuate the coastal belt as far north as Suneid, three miles north of Gaza, on condition that security measures are satisfactory. Israeli troops will, however, remain in Beersheba to protect the native Arab population and to ensure that the road to Jerusalem will not be used by the Arabs, the announcement said.

The communique added that the Israeli Government is awaiting notification from the acting U.N. Palestine mediator as to when and where armistice talks with the Arab representatives will start. Col. Yigal Yadin, Chief of Operations, and Reuven Shiloah, Foreign Ministry official, were named as Israel's official representatives to these talks.

(A dispatch from Paris indicated that the Israeli reply cited a contradiction in the acting mediator's plan to set up a large neutral zone in the Negev and the Egyptian Army's decision to remain in the Bib Ashluj area and retain control of the road between Rafa and Bir Ashluj. The Israeli Government reserved the right to make representations against this decision when the matter comes up for discussion at future armistice talks.)

A conference to discuss means of assisting and rescuing Jews now living in Arab countries was opened in Jerusalem last night by the Jewish Agency's department for Oriental Jews. Chief Rabbi David Prato of Rome, Israeli Minister for Minorities Behar Sheetreet and representatives of Jews from various Oriental countries attended.

Menachem Beigin, former head of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, and several other members of the Irgun-sponsored Freedom Movement today left Israel for the United States where they will present the new party's platform and raise money for it.

UNESCO PARLEY IN BEIRUT AGREES TO ADMIT JEWISH NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

LONDON, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization decided last night in Beirut that observers of Jewish international non-governmental organizations should be admitted to the conference, it was reported here today from the Lebanese capital. The decision, however, was limited to those groups which accepted the Director-General's invitation to attend the parley. None of the Jewish organizations -- including the World Jewish Congress, ORT, OSE and the World Union of Jewish Students -- accepted the invitation.

(In a message to the UNESCO, the World Union of Jewish Students in Paris said it was unable to attend the Beirut meeting because of Lebanese discrimination against students and the lack of assurances by the authorities as to how the Jewish observers would be treated while in Lebanon. The United Jewish Educational and Cultural Organization for Europe has declined to send a representative to the UNESCO meeting, it was announced today in New York by the American Jewish Committee, an original sponsoring organization of UJWEO, which aids in the reconstruction of Jewish cultural life in Europe.)

J.D.C. RELIEF PARLEY IN PARIS CLOSIS; AGENCY WILL NEED \$75,000,000 IN 1949

PARIS, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee-sponsored international conference on relief and rehabilitation concluded here today following a report by J.D.C. European director Dr. Joseph Schwartz who stressed the need for contributing communities to coordinate their welfare organizations and for receiving communities to carry the burden of their own reconstruction programs. He also announced that the J.D.C. will need \$75,000,000 in 1949.

Dr. Schwartz then reviewed the gradual shift in relief operations from Europe to North Africa, and pointed out that fund-raising programs had been set up in several Jewish communities in Europe.

Earlier, the tragedy of the 1,000,000 Jews living in North Africa and other Moslem countries was analyzed at the parley by J. Braunschwig, of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, reported on conditions in those countries. Describing the "incredible" extent of disease, poverty, illiteracy and "the terrible mortality rate," he revealed that in the Casablanca ghetto 25 percent of all Jewish children die before they are one year old.

Assistance is essential to at least 75 percent of the 256,000 Jews in Morocco, 40 percent of the 140,000 Jews in Algeria, 60 percent of the 105,000 Jews in Tunisia and 80 percent of the 130,000 Jews in Iran, the Alliance representative declared. This year the J.D.C. has spent more than \$1,000,000 to aid Jews in the Moslem countries, it was revealed. The Alliance provides educational opportunities for 46,000 Jewish children in the Moslem countries.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL OPENS IN CLEVELAND; PROSKAUER SPEAKS

CLEVELAND, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, today urged all sections of American Jewry to join in the common goal of fighting anti-Semitism in the United States. Proskauer told 300 Jewish leaders attending the third annual meeting of the national council of the Joint Defense Appeal here which opened today that events abroad have placed on American Jewry an increased obligation to defend their status in the United States.

Linking the fight against bigotry to the task of defending the new state of Israel, Proskauer said, "We must recognize that if we fail in our obligation of fighting anti-Semitism here, Jewry will have failed the world over." He chided partisan viewpoints in Jewish life which seek to obtain priority for their interests over the common goal, and called for "the kind of unity which harbors differences and renders them benign." "When history made inevitable that the preservation of Jewry required a Jewish state, I found no conflict between my 100 percent devotion to America and my feeling of kinship toward my fellow Jews in Israel," Proskauer said.

An award for outstanding contributions to the fight against anti-Semitism was made to Donald Oberdorfer, Atlanta civic leader and chairman of the executive committee of the national council. Presentation of the award was made jointly by the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in ceremonies following the opening of the session.

Z.O.A. FOOD FOR ISRAEL DRIVE COLLECTS \$1,000,000 WORTH OF SUPPLIES IN FIRST MONTH

NEW YORK, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- More than \$1,000,000 worth of canned goods and other foodstuffs has been procured in the first four weeks of the Food for Israel campaign being conducted throughout the United States by the Zionist Organization of America, William H. Sytk, chairman of the project, reported today at a meeting of the Z.O.A. executive committee.

2,000 AUSTRIAN JEWS AT MASS RALLY PROTEST GOVERNMENT DELAY IN ACTING ON RESTITUTION

VIENNA, Nov. 19. (JTA)--Nine days after Chancellor Leopold Figl publicly declared that "all Austria bows its head in shame" over the Nazi atrocities against the Austrian Jews and pledged government assistance in the realization of a fair restitution program, 2,000 Jews today met here in a mass rally to protest the delay in implementing the restitution program and to demand that holders of "aryanized" property be forced to return it.

A resolution adopted at the meeting insisted upon "immediate promulgation of equitable legislation providing for the restitution of apartments and shops." It protested the government's refusal to extend beyond December 31, 1948 the deadline for claims under the Third Restitution Law. It charged that refusal to extend the deadline injured the "legitimate interests" of thousands of Jewish victims, notably those who were forced to emigrate.

The resolution also called for the immediate dissolution of an organization to protect holders of "aryanized" property. Finally, it demanded government measures against a revival of anti-Semitism. Speakers also called for the extension to victims of Nazism of the same rights enjoyed by veterans.

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALIST PARTY CONGRESS FAILS TO LIFT BAN ON MEMBERSHIP OF JEWS

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 19. (JTA)--The Congress of the Transvaal Nationalist Party today concluded without consideration of a proposal to remove an existing ban on the membership of Jews in the party.

It is believed that opponents of the move to lift the ban persuaded the executive committee to drop the matter, thus leaving the prohibition in effect and at the same time avoiding embarrassing discussion. Leib Brandt, one of several Jews who planned to organize a pro-Nationalist group in the Jewish community, today stated that he was not proceeding with the organization in order "not to embarrass the government."

BRITISH CHIEF RABBI, ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE ANSWER ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY'S CHARGES

LONDON, Nov. 19. (JTA)--British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie and Joseph Linton, Israeli representative in Britain, yesterday replied to charges made earlier this week by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the effect that the Jews may soon claim and seize the Old City and its Holy Places. Both men addressed letters to the Times, in which the Archbishop's charges had also appeared in the form of a letter.

Rabbi Brodie stressed that throughout the history of the Palestine problem President Weizmann and other responsible Zionist leaders have declared that no such control is claimed. He added that Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok made the same point in an address before the U.N. Political Committee. The Chief Rabbi also pointed out that it was the Jews who accepted the U.N. partition decision of last November which set up an international regime for the city of Jerusalem.

Linton's letter recalled that the Jewish delegation participated actively in the Trusteeship Council's preparation of an international statute for Jerusalem and that the Jews were shocked by the almost indifferent attitude of the Christian world in the face of the Arab legion's attack on the Holy City. He insisted that there is nothing that the Israeli Government desires more than bringing peace and safety to Jerusalem, "but it must be a real peace which would give security both to the Holy Places and the inhabitants."

TRUMAN LAUDS NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR LABOR PALESTINE IN MESSAGE ON CURRENT CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Nov. 19. (JTA)--President Truman today praised the program of the National Committee for Labor Palestine, which is currently conducting a \$10,000,000 drive in behalf of Histaadruth. In a message to Joseph Schlossberg, chairman of the campaign, the President declared:

"I am happy to extend to the National Committee for Labor Palestine my heartiest congratulations on the occasion of its Silver Anniversary Convention to be held next week. I am well aware of the high objectives of your organization and wish you every success in your humanitarian efforts." A message of support was also received from Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin.

273 DISPLACED JEWS LAND AT BOSTON IN SECOND TRANSPORT TO ARRIVE UNDER IMMIGRATION ACT

BOSTON, Nov. 19. (JTA)--A total of 273 Jews were among the more than 800 displaced persons who arrived here today aboard the U.S. Army transport Gen. Omar Bundy from Bremerhaven, Germany. The transport is the second vessel to reach these shores with refugee immigrants under the terms of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948.

The Jewish arrivals were met at the pier by representatives of the United Service for New Americans and volunteers from the local section of the National Council of Jewish Women, operating under the direction of U.S.N.A.

GOV. LEHMAN TELLS SYNAGOGUE PARLEY JUDAISM MUST HELP BRING ABOUT PEACE AND JUSTICE

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Nov. 19. (JTA)--Former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, addressing a meeting called in connection with the 100th anniversary celebration of Temple B'rith Kodesh here, asserted last night that "it is the duty of the synagogue, as a spokesman of modern Judaism, constantly to endeavor to have the world realize that the divine purpose is to effect a solidarity in human society expressed in terms of peace and justice."

"The social message of Judaism, not yet realized, inspires its followers today," Gov. Lehman declared. "Yet Judaism as a religion cannot today rest content with constant reiteration of the messages of its prophets and sages. Unless the synagogue can aid a suffering world in its daily problems, giving value to its social ideals, its mission remains unfulfilled."

CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS CITES HENRY FORD II, ROGER STRAUS FOR BROTHERHOOD

NEW YORK, Nov. 19. (JTA)--Citations honoring them for their aid to the "cause of brotherhood and understanding among men" were awarded last night to Henry Ford II and Roger Williams Straus at the 20th anniversary extension fund dinner of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

In addition to Ford and Straus, speakers at the meeting included Dwight Palmer, Nelson A. Rockefeller, Deputy Mayor John J. Bennett and Everett R. Clinchy, president of the Conference, and James A. Farley, former Democratic National Chairman.

DR. MAURICE EISENDRATH ELECTED PRESIDENT OF UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

BOSTON, Nov. 19. (JTA)--Dr. Maurice Eisenrath was elected president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at a meeting of the organization's executive board, following completion of the U.A.H.C.'s 75th anniversary convention here. James Aronson, vice-president of the New York Central Railroad, was named chairman of the board.

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