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## DEBATE ON PALESTINE ENDS IN U.N. POLITICAL COMMITTEE; BRITAIN REVISES OWN PROPOSAL

PARIS, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The general debate on the Palestine question at the Political Committee of the U.N. General Assembly ended today following the introduction of several changes in the British resolution calling for the formation of a conciliation commission to arrive at a solution of the problem, and the submission of resolutions by the U.S.S.R. and Poland.

Before the debate closed, the 58-member Committee heard acting mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche present a seven-point program for U.N. action on Israel, including international recognition of the Jewish state and its admission to the U.N. The Committee will meet tomorrow to discuss procedure in handling the various resolutions and amendments on the problem offered by Britain, U.S., Australia, Colombia, Guatemala, Poland and the U.S.S.R.

British Secretary of State Hector McNeil today offered changes to his own resolution of last week. He proposed that a conciliation commission, envisioned in the original resolution, be instructed to consider both the original U.N. partition decision and the Bernadotte plan when it seeks a solution of the issue. He disputed statements by Israeli representatives Aubrey Eban and Moshe Shertok on the right of the Jews to territory in Galilee and elsewhere. McNeil also backed the internationalization of all Jerusalem, not just the Old City.

Defining Britain's objectives in offering a revised resolution, McNeil said: "Our object is to establish that the conciliation commission is authorized to represent in Palestine the authority and clearly expressed will of the Assembly to use its good offices with the parties, and on that basis to play an effective part in bringing about a final peace which we all so ardently desire to see between the Arabs and Jews."

He criticized an Australian resolution to leave to negotiations the major points at issue between the belligerents. Asserting that dependence on the Arabs and Jews reaching an agreement through negotiations was "unrealistic," the Briton insisted that such negotiations would never begin.

## Soviet Resolution Asks Withdrawal of All Foreign Troops from Palestine

Before McNeil took the floor, the Soviet delegate introduced a resolution demanding the complete withdrawal of all foreign troops from Israel and the Arab part of Palestine. The Russian declared that the presence of alien troops on Palestine soil hindered the normal development of Israel and the independent Arab state foreseen in the partition resolution of last November 29.

The Polish delegate, announcing that on the whole the Australian resolution was satisfactory to his government, offered a substitute resolution in order to incorporate several points which he found lacking in the Australian proposal. This proposal made it clear that only the partition resolution of last year shall serve

as the basis for a final solution; that an independent Arab state be established and bound to Israel by economic ties as previously decided by the U.N. The Polish resolution also called for the internationalization of Jerusalem.

#### Dr. Bunche Calls for Admission of Israel to United Nations

Dr. Bunche's seven-point program for U.N. action on Palestine urged: 1. Affirmation of the existence of the state of Israel and the right of Israel to membership in the U.N.; 2. Issuance of a call to both the Jews and Arabs to resolve their differences by direct negotiation or through the U.N.; 3. Give the conciliation commission "clear guidance."

4. Give the disputants the strongest international guarantees for their boundaries, which should be subject to modification only by mutual consent; 5. Instruct the commission to assist both parties in direct negotiations; 6. Affirm the right of Palestine refugees to return to their homes or be compensated for their losses; and, 7. Determine the future of Jerusalem by granting it special international status, with local autonomy for Jewish and Arab communities in the Holy City.

The acting U.N. mediator declared that he was firmly convinced that both parties are now closer to each other than when the late Count Folke Bernadotte began his task of mediation. Bunche said that the question of immigration to Israel is settled. He added that of the remaining unresolved problems, the most difficult is that of boundaries. Warning that the truce in Palestine would not hold out much longer, Bunche stated that the Arab response to the Security Council's armistice order is "regrettably lacking."

#### British Proposal Would "Mutilate Israel," Jewish Spokesman Says

Commenting on the British resolution, an Israeli spokesman tonight declared that it is "an indirect attempt to secure the adoption of the Bernadotte plan for mutilating Israel." The spokesman asserted that the British opposition to the Australian proposal for negotiations pointed up the fact that the British resolution would kill all hope of negotiations by vesting in the conciliation committee authority to press for the Bernadotte recommendations as a substitute for the partition decision of last November.

The United States amendments fail to block this attempt, the spokesman continued. Neither the British nor the U.S. amendments reflect the positive elements of U.S. policy as presented by American delegate Philip Jessup last week in a speech to the Political Committee, and which affirmed Israel's existence and its right to membership in the U.N. as well as the binding force of last November's partition decision, the Israeli declared. He also pointed out that the guarantee that no Israeli territory would be removed without the consent of the Jews was not to be found in the draft or the American amendments.

He underlined that the Australian and Polish drafts which summon the parties to negotiate are a call for an early peace, while the British-American resolution seeks a new solution. The spokesman pointed out that the British resolution places the Bernadotte plan and the partition decision on an equal plane, although the former never obtained the support of the majority of the General Assembly. He also said that the conciliation commission established under the Anglo-American draft would derive its authority from the Security Council.

Finally, the Israeli stated that the commission as set up would not be a conciliation body but an administrative group, inasmuch as it would have to insure access to Jerusalem and repatriation of Arab refugees before the termination of the war. The resolution, he declared, prejudices the issue and blocks the path of conciliation and negotiations.

ISRAEL DENIES REPORTS OF FIGHTING IN NEGEV; STERNISTS RESUME BROADCASTS, THREATEN GOVT.

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The United Nations headquarters in Haifa last night announced that, after a two-day lull, fighting in the Faluja area has begun again with both the Jews and the Egyptians using infantry and aircraft in sporadic attacks.

At the same time, U.N. headquarters made public an Egyptian complaint that a vessel named the Texas City and flying the Panamanian flag was allegedly en route to Israel with a shipment of war materiel. The U.N. staff said the movements of such a ship have not been traced. An Israeli spokesman here denied both the reports of fighting in the south and the existence of such a "phantom ship."

Police radio cars were yesterday busy chasing through the streets of Tel Aviv in an attempt to locate an illegal Sternist transmitter which began broadcasting yesterday. The first broadcast warned the government to restore the dissident group's legality or the Sternists will fight the government with "all means" at their disposal.

The Irgun-sponsored Freedom Movement, meanwhile, issued a statement attacking the "provisional and unelected government" for making concessions to the United Nations and for having withdrawn its troops from the Negev. The statement also called for immediate elections.

LYDDA AIRPORT OPENED TO CIVILIAN PLANES; "AUSTERITY MEASURES" ANNOUNCED BY ECONOMY HEAD

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Lydda airport was opened today to civilian traffic. The field has not been used by non-military craft since the outbreak of fighting more than half-a-year ago.

Communications Minister David Remez, speaking at ceremonies marking the opening of the airport, declared that "we have returned to Lydda--this time as the rightful owners." The airport stretches over 500 acres and has the latest technical equipment. At present, Lydda airport can handle 60 planes daily.

"Despite British efforts to cut off Israel's air contact with the world," Remez asserted, "we succeeded in resuming air communications via Haifa. More than 2,000 planes have landed in Israel since May 15, of which 1,200 arrived in Haifa with 12,000 passengers.

"Haifa is no longer able to cope with this traffic, especially since immigrants will in the future also be arriving by air. Therefore, the government decided to repair the badly-damaged airport at Lydda and the first planes will be landing here today, including one from Germany. Lydda is the most important airport en route to New York, Eire and Singapore and is more important and better than Cairo's field," he said.

Immigration Minister Moshe Shapiro announced at the ceremonies that 2,000 DP's will arrive from Europe at Lydda next month. Israel-bound Jews from the British protectorate of Aden will also arrive by air soon, he revealed.

S.S. Hoofein, newly-appointed Israeli economic coordinator, announced today that "austerity measures" were being adopted in Israel. "We cannot fight a war to bring in immigrants and build up the country without reducing our present highest standards of living," he asserted.

Hoofein and Dr. Fritz Bernstein, Minister of Trade and Industry, issued a joint statement declaring that profiteers in Israel will be heavily punished. At the same time that the government embarks on its austerity program, Hoofein said, it is also promoting an increase in industrial and agricultural production.

EPSTEIN, AT JUNIOR HADASSAH CONVENTION, ASKS U.S. JEWISH YOUTH TO AID ISRAEL'S UPBUILDING

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Elishu Epstein, special representative of Israel to the United States, told the opening session of the 25th annual convention of the Junior Hadassah here today that Israel needs the skills and knowledge of young Jewish men and women from America to "join in our efforts and endeavors to make Israel a modern and progressive state in the Middle East."

"We need not only your moral and material support to make Israel strong," he said, "but also your knowledge of how to advance our creative work based on modern principles of technical and scientific management."

Epstein also expressed the hope that the medical institutions of Israel which the Hadassah and the Junior Hadassah have helped to build "will soon again be able to devote their entire efforts to relieve the sufferings of the civil population of Israel without distinction to race or creed." He said it was Israel's ambition to become a "pioneer of health and a center of medical research and hygienic progress" serving all the peoples of the Middle East.

Recalling that it was almost a year ago today that the United Nations passed the Nov. 29 partition resolution, Epstein told the 1,000 delegates that "despite hostile and selfish forces within the United Nations, led by Great Britain, which have been trying to whittle down that tiny mite of land given to us last November, we are morally and militarily prepared to continue the fight until a stable peace is achieved."

Epstein also expressed gratitude to the United States for the aid and assistance given to Israel and for the recent American assurance at the United Nations in Paris "that the frontiers of our state will not be changed without our consent."

MANACHEM BEIGIN TELLS NEWS CONFERENCE THAT BRITAIN IS STILL "NO. 1 ENEMY" OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Menachem Beigin, former commander-in-chief of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and now head of the Irgun-sponsored Freedom Movement in Israel, who arrived here Tuesday from Paris, declared at a press conference yesterday that Britain is "still the No. 1 enemy of Israel" and that the Bernadotte plan, "the child of British intrigue," should be rejected in its entirety.

The former Irgun chief, for whose capture the British once offered a reward of \$40,000, said that King Abdullah is a "British puppet," with whom it would be useless to enter into negotiations, and that Israel must comprise both sides of the Jordan. He also expressed opposition to all proposals to internationalize Jerusalem. He called for bringing Jews in Moslem countries to Israel.

Beigin denied that he was in this country for the purpose of raising funds. He described his visit as a good-will tour. When he landed at La Guardia Field on Tuesday, he received an enthusiastic reception from 500 persons whom the police had difficulty controlling.

Earlier, New York newspapers published advertisements listing the names of members of a reception committee formed to honor Beigin upon his arrival. The long list of names includes 11 Senators, 11 governors, 72 Congressmen and numerous judges, educators, clergymen, writers and others. The committee is headed by the following honorary chairmen: Louis Bromfield, James A. Farley, Sen. Guy M. Gillette, Ben Hecht, Jeanne Vladimir-Jabotinsky, Sen. Ed C. Johnson, Walter Clay Lowdermilk, Rabbi Louis I. Newman, Will Rogers Jr., Zalman Schneour, Rep. Hugh Scott, Rabbi Eliezer Silver and Rep. Andrew L. Scmers.

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SEC. MARSHALL ANNOUNCES U.S. GOVERNMENT PROTESTED EGYPTIAN SEIZURE OF AMERICAN VESSEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The United States Government has made a protest to the Egyptian Government over the seizure of the American ship "The Flying Trader" and removal of her cargo and is now discussing the matter with the Egyptian Government, Secretary of State George C. Marshall told a press conference here yesterday.

The Egyptian Government's action in seizing and unloading the cargo violated the Suez Canal Convention of 1886 which provides that the Canal shall always be open to any vessel both in times of peace and in times of war, he said. Secretary Marshall said this government had protested also the Egyptian Government's announced intention to seize cargoes destined for Jewish ports.

CIO CONVENTION ASKS U.S. TO CRAWL ISRAEL DE JURE RECOGNITION, LOAN; HEARS BEN ZVI

PORTLAND, Oregon, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The CIO national convention last night adopted a resolution calling for full recognition of Israel by the United States and assistance from this government to the Jewish state. The six-point resolution urged:

1. The U.S. Government accord full de jure recognition to Israel;
2. Lift the embargo on arms shipments;
3. Oppose all attempts in the U.N. to deprive Israel of the Negev;
4. Provide a loan to Israel;
5. Support the Jewish state's application for U.N. membership when it is submitted; and,
6. The convention reaffirmed its solidarity with the Histadruth.

Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council of Israel, who is now in this country to assist a drive for \$10,000,000 for the Histadruth, received an ovation from the convention delegates after he described conditions in Israel and thanked the American labor movement for its aid to the Jewish state and the Histadruth. He appealed for further help to the Jewish people in their struggle for justice, peace and equality.

ECUADOR WILLING TO ACCEPT 100 SHANGHAI JEWISH REFUGEE FAMILIES, PRESIDENT INDICATES

QUITO, Ecuador, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- President Galo Plaza Lasso has indicated that Ecuador would be willing to help solve the acute Shanghai refugee crisis by accepting 100 families from among the 5,000 Jewish refugees who have long been marooned in the Chinese port city.

In a special audience with the President, IAS representatives Dr. Henry Shoskes and Oscar Rocca suggested the plan as an emergency measure because of the extreme plight of the refugees in the beleaguered city. President Lasso expressed himself in favor of "such a humanitarian solution," and immediately authorized his Foreign Minister to establish visa figures according to Ecuadorian absorptive capacity. The President also asked for speed in arranging the emergency program.

BRITISH COURT CONVICTS FIVE ON CHARGES OF SHIPPING ARMORED TRUCKS TO PALESTINE

LONDON, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- A London magistrate today fined five persons and a corporation a total of \$5,660 after their conviction on charges of having attempted to send armored trucks to Palestine from London.

The magistrate also ordered 35 vehicles seized by customs officials in the shipment allegedly bound for Israel destroyed. The request for this action was made by customs officials.

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL NAMES ABE TUVIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The appointment of Abe Tuvim as executive director of the American Zionist Emergency Council was announced yesterday by the executive committee of the Council.

He succeeds to the post previously held by Harry L. Shapiro, newly-elected executive director of the United Palestine Appeal. Tuvim has been with the Council almost since its inception.

CANADA GRANTS PERMISSION TO CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS TO BRING IN 210 MORE ORPHANS

MONTREAL, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government has granted the Canadian Jewish Congress permission to bring an additional 210 Jewish war orphans from Europe, it was learned here today. This is an extension of an order-in-council for the admission of 1,000 war orphans issued last May.

That order-in-council was, in itself, an extension of a 1942 order which envisaged the immigration of 500 Jewish war orphans from France to Canada. The movement of war orphans to Canada which began a year ago has proceeded so satisfactorily under the supervision of the Canadian Jewish Congress and with the assistance of all the community institutions in Canada that the Congress was encouraged to ask for an extension.

BRAZILIAN JEWS HONOR JOSEPH TJORNTITZKY FOR SUCCESSFUL DIRECTION OF ISRAEL DRIVE

SAO PAULO, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Rio de Janeiro tendered Joseph Tjornitzky a farewell banquet for the "splendid direction" he gave to Brazil's emergency campaign in behalf of Israel. Tjornitzky will leave today for Jerusalem, travelling via New York, to assume directorship of the newly-created Latin American department of the Keren Hayesod.

MASADA CONVENTION OPENS IN ATLANTIC CITY: DELEGATES TO CONSIDER REPORTS ON ISRAEL

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The 14th annual convention of Masada opened here today with more than 500 delegates in attendance. Among the speakers scheduled to report to the parley on the present situation in Israel are Israeli envoy to the U.S. Elisha Epstein and Arthur Lowitz, consul-general in New York. Sunday evening the convention will mark the first anniversary of the U.N. General Assembly Palestine partition resolution on the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine.

JUNIOR MIZRACHI WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION CONVENTION OPENS: TELIAH KESTERIN TO SPEAK

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The ninth annual convention of the Junior Mizrahi Women's Organization opened here today with more than 500 delegates from all sections of the United States in attendance. Israeli envoy to the United States Elisha Epstein will be among the speakers who will address the four-day meeting.

JEWISH BOOK MONTH OPENS TODAY: OBSERVANCE TO BE MARKED IN UNITED STATES AND OVERSEAS

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Jewish Book Month, sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, through its Jewish Book Council, will officially open tomorrow and continue through Dec. 26. The celebration--which will be marked both in this country and abroad--will be noted by Jewish community centers, synagogues, schools and Jewish fraternal and cultural organizations.

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