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BRITAIN AND U.S. AGREE TO ALTER THEIR PALESTINE RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTANCE BY ASSEMBLY

PARIS, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Britain and the United States today practically scrapped their Palestine resolution in the United Nations 24 hours before it was due for a final vote in the General Assembly and less than a week after it was approved by the Assembly's Political Committee. After consultations with London and Washington, it was decided to accept amendments to be proposed by Canada, New Zealand, France and the United States which completely alter the slant of the resolution.

The new amendments cut out all remaining references to the partition resolution and to the report of the late Count Folke Bernadotte. They also ignore suggestions that the Jews make the port of Haifa and Lydda Airport available to the Arabs without hindrance. Also to be proposed before the final vote is a further amendment by France considerably weakening instructions on the demilitarization of Jerusalem.

The final decision was taken this morning only after London had been persuaded that there was no chance that the original draft as voted by the Political Committee would obtain the necessary two-thirds majority in the full Assembly. It was pointed out to Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin by the British delegation that if the Assembly adjourned without a decision on Palestine, this might heighten the present unrest in the Middle East which is causing the greatest concern in British quarters. Only this argument, reinforced by United States pressure in pointing out the danger that the Arab and Soviet blocs might emerge with control of 23 Assembly votes to make any two-thirds decision difficult in the future, finally caused Bevin to abandon the last shreds of the Bernadotte report.

The new resolution still foresees a three-member conciliation commission, but it will have no terms of reference other than to work for peace, prepare Jerusalem for international regulation and make arrangements to assist Arab refugees. But the new version omits specific reference to Israel's responsibility for paying compensation.

BRITAIN WITHDRAWS REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE U.N. DECISION ON SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

PARIS, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- U.S. delegate John Ross and acting U.N. mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche today asked the seven-nation sanctions sub-committee not to take any hasty action on a British proposal that the sub-committee proceed immediately to consider means for the use of sanctions in connection with the situation in the Negev.

The representatives of Belgium, China and France all joined today at a meeting of the sub-committee in demanding immediate strong measures towards the implementation of sanctions. However, following the appeals by Ross and Bunche, the British delegate withdrew his proposal.

In his appeal, the U.S. delegate urged the sanctions sub-committee to allow the initiation of the same process of negotiations in the Negev as was carried out this week successfully between Israeli and Arab military forces in the Jerusalem area.

In supporting the American plea, Bunche urged the sub-committee to agree to a reasonable delay in order to allow him to see what would be the outcome of the acceptance of the U.N. armistice order by Egypt, which he announced today upon his return from conferences in Israel and the Arab countries. The sub-committee agreed to adjourn and its chairman announced that he would convene it on Friday afternoon if it will still be necessary.

U.N. Mediator Reports Egypt's Acceptance of Armistice Order

In addressing the seven-nation sub-committee, Bunche pointed out that there is a marked change in the attitude of the parties involved and that they are eager to solve the problems on which the sub-committee is seeking action. In the past ten days, he said, important progress has been made. The cease-fire in Jerusalem is complete and the city is hardly to be recognized, he reported. In the central sector of Palestine there is also an effective cease-fire at the moment and an agreement has been reached there for the next two weeks between the Israeli and Iraqi forces, he stated.

"Regarding the situation in the Negev," the U.N. acting mediator continued, "the Egyptian Government informed me of its readiness to comply with the November 16 resolution on armistice provided that the problem of Faluja, where several thousand Egyptians are encircled, is solved. I reported the whole matter to Israeli Premier Ben Gurion on Monday and I feel that there are good prospects for negotiations. At the moment Faluja and Beersheba are in fact the only obstacles towards the next step and even so I wish to state that there is some basis for optimism. I have just now received from the Egyptian Government formal and official notification that they are accepting the November 16 armistice resolution."

Israeli representative Aubrey S. Eban, addressing the sanctions sub-committee, said that the Egyptians' acceptance of the armistice resolution constitutes a new factor and creates a change in the situation in the light of which there is a new possibility for also solving the Faluja problem.

Britain Charges Jews with Incursions into Transjordan; Eban Denies It

British delegate Harold Bealey charged that Israeli troops were crossing the 100-mile stretch of land from the Dead Sea in Transjordan in the direction of Agaba. Bealey said a situation may develop which would "oblige Britain to take action" ^{unwisely} in its treaty with Transjordan. The British spokesman was interrupted by Bunche, who declared: "Neither King Abdullah nor any of the military authorities in Transjordan mentioned anything to me about Jewish incursions into Transjordan when I was there on Sunday." The acting mediator reiterated that the Faluja problem is the key to the entire situation and that he felt that the release by Israel of the Egyptian troops encircled in Faluja might result in real prospects, at least as regards a military settlement, with the Egyptians.

Taking issue with Bealey, Eban declared that two supervision teams seem to operate in the Negev—one by the United Nations and the other, a private one, maintained by Bealey. Eban emphasized that what is happening in the Negev is an internal Israeli affair and said that at present a scientific mission is en route to Agaba and requires police protection.

In private conversations, the U.N. acting mediator, who arrived in Paris today from Cairo, revealed that the Egyptian press and public opinion are completely uninformed on the proceedings at the United Nations with regard to Palestine because of the strict censorship prevailing in the country. The Egyptian Government is worried about how to get out as quickly as possible from the Palestine havoc. At the same time, Bunche seemed to be extremely pleased with his talks with Ben Gurion in Tel Aviv.

OVER 100 EGYPTIANS KILLED IN ENEMY ATTACK IN NEGEV; U.N. ANNOUNCES ISRAELI-IRAQI PACT

TEL AVIV, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- More than 100 Egyptians were killed last night after a full Egyptian battalion launched an attack against Israeli positions in the Negev, an official communique said today. The assault, which took place near the settlement of Nirim, followed an earlier clash in which the Jews knocked out five of 20 Egyptian tanks being used to protect enemy engineer units laying mines and cutting water pipelines. The situation in the Negev was officially described as fluid.

A U.N. announcement in Haifa said today that a cease-fire agreement, similar to the one signed between the Israelis and the Arab Legion in Jerusalem, was signed last week-end between the Jews and Iraqi units stationed at Kalandia, half-way between Tulkarm and Nathanya. The agreement covers the entire Iraqi front, from Ras el Ain to Beisan, and is valid for a period of two weeks. The Iraqis and Jews will meet again on Dec. 13 to consider the first week's results of the agreement.

Commenting on the Haifa communique from United Nations truce headquarters, Israeli military circles said they do not attach great importance to what they termed "this played-up" U.N. announcement. They declared that they felt it was odd "when camped with the daily war drum which is beating daily in Iraq." They stressed that the Israeli Army's vigilance will not be relaxed.

ISSUE OF PALMACH HEADQUARTERS DISSOLUTION RAISED AT LABOR CONFERENCE IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The dissolution by the Israeli Government of the separate headquarters of Palmach, striking force within the former Haganah, came up for open discussion today for the first time when leaders of Mapam, the United Workers Party, raised the issue at a session of the Council of the Histadruth, the Israeli Federation of Labor.

Premier David Ben Gurion, addressing the session which was attended by hundreds of guests from Israel and abroad, emphasized the need for unity in the ranks of labor. The main duty of the Histadruth, he said, is to make the structure of Israel similar to that of the Histadruth which, he added, is a going concern--"constructive, sovereign, independent and cooperating with other free nations on the basis of equality and brotherhood." The Histadruth will be able to fulfill this historic task to the extent to which it will succeed to make workers conscious of the need for unity and responsibility, he added.

Rachman Ayoub, secretary of the Palestine Arab Labor League, declared at the meeting that "May 15 made possible what was impossible under British oppression and criminal Arab leadership--the expansion of activities of this League, which advocates equality and cooperation between Jewish and Arab workers." Since May 20 new League branches have been opened, he reported, adding that "the time has now come to tear down the barriers between the two peoples, thus assuring full equality and free movement."

The session was also addressed by Charles Zimmerman of New York who greeted the delegates on behalf of the American Federation of Labor, and by Gaston Tessier, secretary-general of the French Catholic Workers Organization.

3,200 JEWS ARRIVE IN HAIFA; ISRAELI SHIPS SAIL FOR ENGLAND, SCANDINAVIA WITH CITRUS

HAIFA, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A total of 3,200 Jewish immigrants arrived here today. At the same time, two Israeli freighters laden with citrus products left here for Sweden, England and Norway with a combined cargo of 130,000 cases of oranges and other fruits.

ISRAELI ELATED OVER OPENING OF NEW ROAD TO JERUSALEM; IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES HELD

JERUSALEM, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Elation was felt throughout Israel today over the new link established between Jerusalem and the coastal plain of the Jewish state through the newly-built 25-mile road whose formal opening was marked yesterday in impressive ceremonies at which Premier David Ben Gurion, members of his cabinet and high military officials participated.

The road was named "Derech Hagvurah" -- the Highway of Valor. Israeli aircraft, tanks and armored cars were displayed during the ceremony which included the dedication of a 40-foot obelisk honoring the memory of Israeli fighters who were killed in the battle for Jerusalem.

"Today is an historic day," Premier Ben Gurion said, addressing the Jewish troops. "With our own efforts and with the blood of our fighters we broke through the enemy's siege of Jerusalem, relieving our eternal capital." Declaring that had the Arab plans to capture Jerusalem been realized, it would have been "the hardest blow for Israel," Ben Gurion continued:

"We knew the importance of the battle for Jerusalem and we sent our best troops to open the road to remove the siege. One of the important phases in our battle was the historic battle of Latrun, in which our revered commander, David Marcus, fell." The Israeli Premier paid tribute to those soldiers who "arrived from overseas to die for Jerusalem" as well as the civilians and workers who built the new road.

"The Road to Our Eternal Capital Is Now Open," Ben Gurion Says

Runners from Jerusalem -- veterans of Israeli units who fought in the battle for Jerusalem -- arrived at the scene of the dedication ceremonies and reported to the Premier: "We broke through the road and the road is free," and "we passed the road and the road is safe." Ben Gurion thereupon announced that the "road to our eternal capital is open."

Later, the opening of the road was celebrated at a dinner in Jerusalem arranged by the Army General Staff in honor of Jerusalem's defenders. Gen. Yaacov Dori, Chief of Staff, presided at the dinner that "the struggle for Jerusalem will be included in the people's annals as a Hasmonean war and will serve as a symbol for future generations." Reviewing the successive phases in the fighting, Gen. Dori said: "We passed through the most difficult part on the road to full victory, but we have not yet reached this point. We have reached a breathing spell, but let us not deceive ourselves and think that the war is over -- difficult times are ahead, but we are confident we will win."

During the opening ceremonies of the new road, two new settlements were established alongside the new highway on Jewish National Fund land. The colonies occupy 9,000 dunams of land. One of these settlements was named in honor of the late Col. David Marcus. It is expected that an additional 20 settlements will be founded during the current Jewish year along the approaches to Jerusalem.

STERNIST CHIEF COMPLAINS IN COURT; SAYS HE WAS PREVENTED FROM SEEING HIS ATTORNEY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Nathan Friedman-Yellin, Sternist leader standing trial on charges of directing terrorist activities, today protested against the conditions of his "arbitrary" detention in which he claimed he was not allowed to contact his attorney during the past seven weeks. The court ordered that copies of letters which Friedman-Yellin said had been prevented by the detention camp's commander from reaching the Israeli State Council be turned over to the Council's members.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS ANNOUNCES SETTLEMENT OF UPA CONFLICT

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Full settlement of the differences between the United Palestine Appeal and the Committee of Contributors and Workers was announced today, assuring national united fund-raising in 1949 for Jewish needs in Europe, Israel and immigration to America.

The announcement was made by Edwin Rosenberg, chairman of the conciliation committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which conducted negotiations between the two groups on behalf of its 800 organized Jewish member communities in the United States.

"On behalf of the organized Jewish communities of America which annually raise the funds needed to carry on the work in Israel, I am gratified that the settlement of problems affecting the United Palestine Appeal has been accomplished," Mr. Rosenberg declared in announcing the agreement. "Communities throughout the nation will greet the news with enthusiasm and with renewed determination to raise maximum funds to meet the crucial needs of Israel during the coming year."

Coming at a time when Jewish communities throughout the nation are beginning to prepare for 1949 campaign organization, the division had, until its settlement, delayed normal fund-raising plans to assist in the transportation and adjustment of thousands of immigrants to Israel. The resolution of differences will now hasten the reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal, which had a goal of \$250,000,000 in 1948.

Agreement Covers Powers and Functions of United Palestine Appeal

The accord covered the powers and functions of the U.P.A., clarified procedures for disbursement and allocation of funds, composition of governing bodies, procedures for re-constituting the U.J.A., voting by mail or telegraph in certain circumstances, and provided for cancellation of the December 11-12 conference called by the Committee of Contributors.

Concerning representation on the governing bodies of the U.P.A., it has been agreed that 60 percent would be designated by the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund, beneficiaries of the U.P.A., and 40 percent representation would be from the American Jewish communities. The procedure for designation of community representatives will be determined by the U.P.A. in consultation with the Council. A small sub-committee of the committee will be available to the Council for consultation regarding these procedures.

Subject to the above provisions, the U.P.A. will elect its own officers, will determine the organization's administrative budget and all matters of staff personnel, and will establish all rules of procedure required for the functions of the U.P.A.

The income of the U.P.A. will be made available with the greatest promptitude to the principal beneficiaries, namely the treasury of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the head offices of the Palestine Foundation Fund and Jewish National Fund in Israel. The U.P.A. will disburse such funds through agencies and procedures authorized by these beneficiaries.

The U.P.A. will also be empowered to make its own recommendations regarding special allocations or grants for agencies other than the principal beneficiaries.

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Recommendations made by the American Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund will go to the U.P.A. for consideration and action by it before they are transmitted to Israel. (Minority as well as majority reports may be transmitted). Final decision on all grants and allocations rests with the head offices of the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund in Israel, and the executive of the Jewish Agency. The U.P.A. will negotiate an agreement with the J.D.C. for setting up the U.J.A. and for the conduct of the joint campaign.

Opposition Cancels Atlantic City Conference; Both Sides Issue Statement

Mr. Rosenberg announced that the Committee of Contributors has cancelled its Atlantic City conference which had been scheduled for December 11-12, in view of the settlement of the issues, and that they will promptly discontinue all activities connected with this controversy.

"It is mutually expected by all concerned," the Council said, "that upon the call to communities to designate their representatives, which will be done in accordance with the agreement, no vestige of any division affecting the U.P.A. will be left." Members of the Council's conciliation committee which negotiated the accord were Mr. Rosenberg; Stanley C. Myers, Miami, C.J.F.W.F. president; Daniel Shiman, Newark, chairman of the C.J.F.W.F. national-local relationships committee; H.L. Lurie, C.J.F.W.F. executive director; and Philip Bornstein, associate director of the C.J.F.W.F.

Negotiators for the two groups issued a joint statement commenting on the agreement. The statement reads: "The settlement arrived at today insures continuation of a united fund-raising effort in 1949 to meet the tremendous needs of Israel. The transportation of thousands of immigrants to Israel and their prompt absorption into the life stream of the new nation is the paramount responsibility of American Jewry for the coming year. We shall now proceed with the utmost urgency to establish the United Jewish Appeal for 1949 as the means of raising the overwhelming sums needed to carry out this task and other responsibilities in relation to Europe and resettlement of refugees coming to this country. The 1949 U.J.A. campaign must be the most successful in history."

NEW DP BILL PREPARED FOR CONGRESS; REMOVES ALL DISCRIMINATORY FEATURES IN PRESENT LAW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Rep. Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania said today that he will introduce a new displaced persons bill on Jan. 3 that will guarantee against all racial, religious or nationality discrimination in the displaced persons program. Walter said his bill will raise the number admissible under the present law from 205,000 to 400,000 and will give the refugees four years instead of two to apply for admission.

The measure would also declare a DP eligible for consideration if he entered Germany, Austria or Italy on or after Sept. 1, 1939, and on or before April 21, 1947. The present law sets the date as Dec. 22, 1945, making thousands of East European Jewish refugees ineligible for admission. Walter's bill would also remove priority listings for agriculture workers and would give preference instead to "farm, household, construction, clothing and garment workers, and other workers needed in the locality in the U.S. in which such persons propose to reside."

A member of the House Judiciary Committee which handles all displaced persons and immigration legislation, Walter said he believes his bill will eliminate all the discriminatory features in the present law that President Truman has repeatedly objected to. Rep. Emanuel Celler is slated to become chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

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60 DEMONSTRATORS EJECTED BY POLICE IN LONDON AFTER THEY TRY TO PREVENT MOSLEY MEETING

LONDON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Sixty demonstrators barricaded themselves in a London county schoolhouse in the East End today in an effort to prevent Sir Oswald Mosley, chief of the fascist and anti-Semitic British Union movement, from delivering a speech. Hundreds of other demonstrators paraded outside in the street.

Police reinforcements were called up and after an hour's struggle succeeded in ejecting the demonstrators. Several persons were injured in the sharp scuffling.

HEARINGS ON ILSE KOCH STARTED IN WASHINGTON BY SENATE INVESTIGATION GROUP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The Senate investigating subcommittee today began closedhearings into the case of Ilse Koch, wife of the commandant of the notorious Buchenwald death camp, by questioning two witnesses who have publicly maintained that the Army's action in reducing her original life sentence to four years was completely unwarranted.

William D. Donson, chief prosecutor of the Buchenwald trials, who has characterized the Army's action as a "travesty on justice" and Brig. Gen. Emil Kiel, head of the military court that imposed the original life sentence on Frau Koch, were the first witnesses to appear before the subcommittee today.

Sen. Homer S. Ferguson, Michigan Republican and chairman of the subcommittee, told a reporter this morning that the subcommittee is trying to determine whether Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U.S. commander in Europe, had the jurisdiction to reduce the original Koch sentence and whether he now has the power to re-impose it.

PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF JEWS IN LIBYA AND TRIPOLITANIA URGED BY WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

PARIS, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today submitted to all delegations at the United Nations a memorandum outlining the plight of the Jewish populations of Libya and Tripolitania and urging that provisions safeguarding the "equality and human rights of all inhabitants" of those countries be included in agreements concerning the former Italian colonies.

The Congress document also urged that all inhabitants of those countries be assured the right of free emigration, administration of their own affairs and recognition of collective rights of existing religious and ethnic communities whose "institutions should enjoy the same privileges as similar institutions of the general community." The memorandum also recommended financial assistance by the local authorities to these institutions.

400 TURKISH JEWS LEAVE COUNTRY; THEIR PASSPORTS SPECIFY THEY MAY NOT PROCEED TO ISRAEL

ISTANBUL, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- More than 400 Turkish Jews left Istanbul this week carrying passports allowing them to enter various European countries. Although the passports bear inscriptions specifically prohibiting the Jews from proceeding to Israel, all of these emigrants are determined to reach the Jewish state in whatever way they can.

Two contingents of Jews, consisting of 150 persons each, will embark on two Turkish vessels within a few days for European ports of call. They also hold passports barring them from entering Israel.

UNITY IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY IS ESSENTIAL FOR JEWISH EXISTENCE, DR. GOLDMANN SAYS

PARIS, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The danger of separation between Israel and the Jews outside the Jewish state was emphasized here last night by Dr. Nahum Goldmann addressing a meeting which was called to intensify the activities of the World Jewish Congress in France.

Declaring that unity in political activity is necessary in order to maintain Jewish existence, Dr. Goldmann said that Israel does not represent politically the Jews outside of the Jewish state. This, he said, is the role of the World Jewish Congress. Other speakers included Lady Reading, Solomon Grumbach, Isaac Waiditch and M. Yarbloom.

M.P.'S FILE MOTION URGING BRITISH GOVT. TO SECURE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- A motion calling on the British Government to secure international recognition for Israel and facilitate the delimitation of the Jewish state's frontiers equitably for both Palestine disputants was filed today by a number of Liberal and Laborite members of Parliament for the forthcoming political debate in Commons. According to reliable sources, the motion is gaining increasing support from members of all parties.

It is, nevertheless, doubtful whether the motion will come up in view of the recent statement in Commons by Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Christopher Mayhew in which he said Britain considers Israel's bid for U.N. membership "premature." It appears, however, that an opportunity will be found to put into the record the feelings of a large section of the population on the subject.

ISRAELI OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON LAUDS TRUMAN'S CONTINUED SUPPORT OF JEWISH STATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- President Truman's continued support of Israel has created a more favorable climate for its recognition by other nations and has increased its chances for admission to the United Nations, Harry Zinder, press attache of the Israeli mission to the U.S., told a Women's Ort institute here.

Zinder said that "while we may not get admission to the U.N. at this session we have made tremendous gains in a negative way because we have killed forever the Bernadotte plan." Once the Israeli elections are over on Jan. 25, Zinder said, "there is no reason why Britain, Belgium and other nations shouldn't recognize Israel as a free state and no reason why Israel shouldn't be admitted to the U.N."

Zinder described Israel as a state that would remain independent and would not "curry favor or bow to anyone. We're the strongest power in the Middle East," he said. He denied that the Israeli Government is getting military aid from the Soviets. "There are no Soviet agents or soldiers or observers in the Israeli Army," he said. "The only Soviets in Israel are those connected with their country's missions," he said. "Israel's only loyalty is to the United Nations," he declared, adding, "we realize that we are a baby, created by the U.N."

POPE RECEIVES AMERICAN RABBI; REPORT VATICAN IS URGED TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL

ROME, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, of New York, was received by Pope Pius yesterday. (The New York Times reported that Rabbi Rosenblum confirmed reports that efforts were being made to induce the Pope to recognize Israel.)

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