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**JEWS CAN IMPLEMENT UN DECISION ALONE IF NECESSARY,  
SAYS BEN GURION**

Jerusalem, September 29 (Palcor)—David ben Gurion, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, welcomed the announced British decision to withdraw from Palestine and declared that the Jewish people are ready and willing to implement, alone if necessary, a solution of the Palestine problem based on the establishment of a sovereign Jewish State. Commenting on Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones' statement before the UN last Friday, Mr. Ben Gurion said that any solution not based on the immediate establishment of an independent Jewish State will not be acceptable to the Jewish People.

Following is Mr. Ben Gurion's statement:

"If the British Government really intends to give effect to their declared decision to withdraw their troops and administration from Palestine, than we welcome this decision. It would be, no doubt, an improvement upon the present position where manpower under the Labor Government, enforces an arbitrary policy of oppression of our people in violation of all its international obligations under the Mandate, contrary to the pledges of the British Labor Party and in defiance of the decisions of all international authorities which dealt with the problem, such as the Mandates Commission, the Anglo American Inquiry Committee and UNSCOP, all of whom unreservedly condemned the White Paper. It is this policy which is largely responsible for the difficulties of achieving an understanding between Jews and Arabs.

"It is now clearer than ever that there can be no settlement nor can Palestine become really independent unless a Jewish State is established. The necessity for a Jewish State was publicly acknowledged by the present leaders of the British Government during the elections of September, 1945, by the late President Roosevelt, by President Truman, by the USSR representative in the United Nations Mr. Gromyko, and finally by UNSCOP.

"The Jewish people will not consider any solution which does not provide for the immediate establishment of a sovereign Jewish State. The Jewish people will make every possible effort to achieve a Jewish-Arab alliance, and the policy of a Jewish State will aim at permanent Jewish-Arab cooperation in the Near East as well as throughout the world, for peace and prosperity and progress for both Semitic peoples within the framework of the United Nations.

The British Government has virtually declared that they will not implement any decision of the United Nations which does not conform with their present policy. There is no doubt that the Jewish people, especially Palestine Jewry, will be both willing and able themselves to implement the settlement on the above lines and I trust that all nations of good-will will support them in carrying out this".

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JEWISH AGENCY WARNS ARAB VIOLENCE IN EVENT OF UN  
DECISION WILL BE MET BY "FIERCE, SUSTAINED & JUSTIFIED RESISTANCE"

New York, September 29 (Palcor)--- The Jewish Agency here today berated the Arab States' threats of violence in Palestine in the event of a United Nations decision unfavorable to them but warned that "those who threaten violence should understand that they not only challenge the moral conscience of mankind but are also bound to incur the fierce, sustained and justified resistance of those whom they attack". The Jewish Agency also pointed out that this "is the first occasion since the establishment of the United Nations that a group of member states threatens to use force against the prospective recommendation of the Assembly". Following is the full text of the Jewish Agency's statement:

The Jewish Agency for Palestine is constrained to comment on recent statements of the Palestine Arab Higher Executive and the political committee of the Arab League, in which they threaten to resort to force if the United Nations settle the Palestine problem in a manner unfavorable to the Arabs. A member of the Arab Higher Committee informed the press on September 27th that "the time had come when the Arabs should resort to force to defend their cause". He further declared that the Arab League had approved a resolution promising arms, men and money and that the state members of the Arab League Council meeting next week would be asked "to give us arms and money and raise men in their countries to come and fight".

Arab attempts to affect the United Nations decision by the threat of violence and bloodshed have been persistent ever since the United Nations was confronted with the Palestine problem last April. With the publication of the UNSCOP report and the convening of the present assembly these threats have become more blatant. It is the first occasion since the establishment of the United Nations that a group of member states threatens to use force against the prospective recommendation of the Assembly.

These attempts to influence the deliberation and judgement of an International Tribunal by violent threats are wholly inconsistent with the letter and spirit of the United Nations Charter to whose observance the Arab States pay lip service.

Whatever the reality of these threats and the readiness and ability doubtful in the extreme of the Arabs to implement them the Jewish Agency is confident that the United Nations will find means of restraining its members from embarking or assisting others to embark on courses repugnant to the purposes and principles of the charter. Should international authority be defied and the Palestine Arabs be encouraged by Arab States to commit unprovoked aggression against the Jewish National Home, the Jewish population of Palestine will not stand inert and helpless. They will defend their rights and existence with the utmost courage and tenacity of which they have repeatedly shown themselves capable in the past. In that event they will count on the sympathy and assistance of all peace loving peoples assembled in the United Nations for the purpose of "suppressing acts of aggression and other breaches of the peace". Those who threaten violence should understand that they not only challenge the moral conscience of mankind but are also bound to incur the fierce sustained and justified resistance of those whom they attack.



## MARSHALL REPORTED DISCUSSING PALESTINE WITH TRUMAN

New York, September 29 (Palcor)— Secretary of State Marshall reportedly took up the question of Palestine with President Truman this morning at a meeting in Washington originally intended to deal solely with the need for a special session of Congress to speed up the Marshall Plan. Radio commentator Drew Pearson reported from Washington last night that Marshall, after his luncheon meeting with the Arab delegations last week, began high-pressuring President Truman to reverse his pro-Zionist policy and withhold American support from the UNSCOP majority report.

American spokesmen at the UN meanwhile, insist that there will not be an early announcement of U. S. policy on Palestine. Thomas Hamilton, of the New York Times, reported that they stressed to him that America is faced with doing justice to the Jews and with the problem of American interests in the Middle East.

## 23 CHRISTIAN LEADERS URGE FULL U. S. SUPPORT FOR UNSCOP MAJORITY PROPOSALS

New York, September 29 (Palcor)— Twenty-three prominent Christian religious leaders last week, called upon Secretary of State Marshall "to give the full support of our Government to the majority report of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine." Signatories of a joint telegram to the Secretary of State were:

Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, head of the Church Peace Union; Dr. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard, Pastor, Euclid Ave. Congregational Church; Reverend John W. Bradbury, editor the Watchman-Examiner; Reverend Arthur J. Brown, Secretary Emeritus, Board of Foreign Missions; Dr. Emory Bucke, editor Zions Herald; Dr. Hugh Chamberlain Burr, General Secretary, Rochester Council of Churches; Dr. Clark Walker Cummings, Executive Secretary, Metropolitan Church Federation of St. Louis; Dean Raimondo De Ovies, of the Cathedral of St. Phillip, Atlanta, Ga; Reverend Samuel A. Eliot, Pastor Emeritus of Arlington Street Church of New York; The Rt. Reverend Charles W. Gilbert, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese, New York; Dr. Howard M. Lesourd, Dean, School of Public Relations; Boston University; Dean Sidney Lovett, of Yale University; Professor Halford Luccock, of Yale Divinity School; Bishop Francis J. McConnell, interim Bishop, Oregon Conference; Reverend Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, of the Union Theological Seminary; Reverend Roger T. Nooe, Vine Street Christian Church of Nashville; Reverend Daniel A. Poling, editor of the Christian Herald; Dr. Edwin McNeill Potent, Colgate Rochester Divinity School; Dr. Guy Emory Shipler, Editor of the Churchman; Reverend Ralph W. Sockman, Minister, Christ Church of New York, Dean Claude Sprouse, Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City; Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, Extension Secretary, Church Peace Union.

The full text of the telegram follows:

"We the undersigned, respectfully urge you, Mr. Secretary, and the other members of the United States delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations, to give the full support of our Government to the majority report of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine. This report represents an equitable compromise solution of a problem which is a matter of deep concern to the American people. In view of our Government's past pronouncements and pledges, may we not hope that the United States delegation will now take the lead in bringing about the acceptance and implementation of the majority recommendations? We believe this is a Christian responsibility".



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**HAIFA POLICE HQ. BLOWN UP-7 POLICE KILLED, 47 INJURED**

Haifa, September 29 (Palcor).--Seven policemen, three of them British and four believed to be Arabs, were killed, and 47 policemen and civilians were wounded following the explosion of a barrel full of high explosives which partially wrecked the Haifa District Police Headquarters shortly after 6:00 o'clock this morning. Four persons, suspected of being involved in the blast are being held.

Of the seven policemen killed, three have been identified as British and two definitely as Arabs. The other two were so badly mutilated that immediate identification was impossible. Three British policemen were seriously wounded and are now in a critical condition in the Government Hospital here. Twenty-seven other policemen were less seriously injured and seventeen Arab civilians were slightly injured.

The blasting occurred after a commercial vehicle drew up near the police headquarters on the Kingsway, chief business thoroughfare in the Haifa port area. An improvised ramp was thrown over the security wall surrounding the building and a large barrel of the type used for tar, was rolled over it, and landed against the wall of the police building. The vehicle drove away and several minutes later the barrel exploded causing considerable damage to the front of the building which included police barracks. The vehicle was later found abandoned in Haifa with a hand grenade on one of the seats. Two Jews were reportedly seen running away from it. The four persons who were detained were picked up by police in the Hadar HaCarmel section.

**1 JEWISH REFUGEE KILLED, 8 WOUNDED BY BRITISH IN STRUGGLE ABOARD IMMIGRANT SHIP EXODUS REFUGEES ANGRILY REFUSE OFFER TO GO TO FRANCE.**

Haifa, September 29 (Palcor).--One Jewish refugee was shot dead, two others received bullet wounds and seven were injured in a 75 minute clash with a British Naval party which boarded the Jewish refugee ship Af-Al-Feeken (Despite) off the Palestine coast early last Saturday morning. The ship, carrying 316 men, 113 women, and 8 children, was towed to Haifa harbor where the refugees, with the exception of 8 wounded, were transhipped aboard the Empire Comfort and Empire Rest to Cyprus.

At the same time angry demonstrations were reported from Foppendorf and Amstau camps, near Luebeck, Germany, where the 4400 Exodus 1947 refugees flatly refused the British offer to transport them to France and declared their only goal is Palestine. Maurice Perlman, PM & Palcor correspondent, and Robert Gary, of the Mutual Broadcasting System, were banned, without explanation from entering either of the camps. The Exodus refugees thanked the French Government for its offer of hospitality, but explained that they were determined to go to Palestine at all costs. When the camp loudspeakers continued to repeat the offer, they were stoned by some of the refugees and later a registration tent, set up to facilitate their departure for France, was tossed over the barbed wire.

The dead refugee aboard the latest underground immigration ship was identified as Noah Goldfarb, 30, a member of Hashomer Hatzair. He was buried in Haifa Sunday afternoon while the entire Jewish community observed an hour-long work stoppage. According to an official Government announcement, Goldfarb was killed by a British sailor who had been surrounded by a party of Jews brandishing crowbars.



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## WHAT WAS SAID IN SECRET TESTIMONY BEFORE UNSCOP IN PALESTINE

Flushing Meadows, N.Y., September 26, (Palcor)--Brother Simian Bonaventura, representing Father Custos, of the Holy Land, who is Papal emissary in charge of Roman Catholic interests in holy places, told the UN Special Commission on Palestine in private session in Jerusalem last July, that in the event Palestine is partitioned and comes under the rule of a non-Christian power, a special commission should be appointed to supervise the holy places. The spokesman for the Holy See raised no objections to partition as a solution to the Palestine problem. Palcor learned this today from secret documents obtained here.

Dr. Lisicky, of Czechoslovakia, revealed in these documents, that UNSCOP was approached in Palestine by Arabs who indicated that they held views opposite to those of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee.

In closed testimony before the Commission, Chief Secretary Sir Henry Garney justified the Government's failure to take countermeasures against the Arab boycott of Jews by observing that the boycott did not violate the letter of agreements between Palestine, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt, but only their spirit. These agreements, he argued, are not trade agreements but merely arrange custom matters, and there is no agreement with Transjordan. In any event, said Garney, "retaliation against Syria, Lebanon and Egypt would precipitate a conflict which would make peaceful settlement of this (Palestine) problem more difficult."

The documents also revealed for the first time the following highlights of the testimony given by representatives of the Arab League states in closed session in Beirut, Lebanon.

Repeatedly questioned about the degrading status of Jews in Yemen, that kingdom's spokesman, Ali Al Mouayed contended that the Jews of Yemen enjoy equal rights with the Arabs and were even taxed less than Moslems. Asked why Jews from Yemen are now living in neighboring Aden, a British colony, Mouayed said they were on their way to Palestine but changed their minds. He explained that many Moslems are emigrating from Yemen too, just as from any country. Lebanese delegate Hamid Franjie said the Palestine Arab Higher Committee was not pro-Nazi. Some of its members did go to Germany because they fought the Jews, he said, but they only unwittingly became involved in the conflict against Britain.

Asked why Transjordan was not present at the session, the Arabs told UNSCOP that King Abdullah was waiting for the Commission to come to him, but that he subscribed to everything they had said.

Asked repeatedly why the Arabs oppose a Jewish State in Palestine and whether it was because they fear the Jews, the Arabs insisted that they were not afraid of the Jews, but that it was a matter of prestige, Palestine being an Arab country. After more questions, however, the Saudi Arabian representative said that Jews in control of the Negev would mean a Jewish Army of a million or two million would have a bridgehead in the Arab world. Asked then how they could envision an Arab State in Palestine with several hundred thousand Jews including Haganah, the Arabs replied that the Jews would "come around" when they realized they had lost out with the UN.



SPECIAL UN BULLETIN

JAMAL HUSSEINI SAYS ARABS WILL FIGHT "TO LAST DROP OF BLOOD"  
AGAINST UN DECISION THAT DOES NOT GIVE THEM ALL OF PALESTINE

Lake Success, September 29th (Palcor)—Jamal Hussein, Vice Chairman of the Arab Higher Committee told the UN Ad Hoc Committee on the Palestinian Question that the Arabs of Palestine will fight "with the last drop of our blood" in the lawful defense of "all and every inch" of Palestine and will not be deterred "by the fact if they so desire, big powers could crush by brute force such a position". The UNSCOP majority and minority reports, he said, "are based on considerations that are in our opinion, inconsistent and repugnant to our rights, the UN Charter, and the Covenant of the League of Nations".

Jamal Hussein called on the UN to take steps to establish an Arab State in the whole of Palestine and said that one of the first steps should be the election of a Constituent Assembly, and "all genuine and law abiding Nationals of Palestine are entitled to participate in the elections for the Constituent Assembly".

On the matter of Jewish immigration into Palestine, he said that the land is small and whatever space is available must be reserved for the natural increase in Palestine population.

Jamal said that the Jews can still accept Uganda offered to them by the British 40 years ago" and Soviet Russia's Biro Bidjan". He accused the British of being in league with the Zionists and only disagreement being over the tempo with which the Jewish State should be established and not over the goal. He accused the British of discriminating against the Arabs in favor of the Jews in the dispensation of Palestine and alleged that the customs policy and import regulations favored the Jews. He alleged that the Arabs in Palestine were forced to conform to this policy. He said illiteracy in Palestine failed to decrease at the rate at which illiteracy is decreasing in neighboring Arab Countries.

(Biro Bidjan does not admit foreign Jews. Statistics show that there is considerably less illiteracy among Palestine's Arabs than among the Arabs of Iraq, for example).

Jamal repeated the stock argument of the Arab Higher Committee that the Jews were invaders in Palestine. He also repeated the distorted statements on the geneology of the Jews of Europe first put forward by Benjamin Friedman in his pro-Arab ad in the American press and subsequently reiterated on the floor of the General Assembly at its special session on Palestine last Spring. "History as affirmed in the Jewish Encyclopedia", he contended, "establishes that Western Jews, known as Ashkenazies, are the descendants of the Khazars, who were converted to Judaism. The main descendants of Israel are the Sephardim... most of whom have denounced Zionism".

He also lent a new twist to the shylock libel. The Balfour declaration, he said shows "old Shylock's bond reproduced by Great Britain on the political stage: if the shylock could not carry out his pound of flesh from the body of a debtor without spilling his blood, so Great Britain cannot fulfill her promise to the Jews without destroying Arab rights".



ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE WILL NOT COOPERATE IN UN DISCUSSION OF UNSCOP

Jamal Hussein told the Ad Hoc Committee that the Palestine Arab Higher Committee refuses to cooperate with it in the discussion of any but item three on its agenda. Item three is a proposal for the immediate establishment of an independent Arab State in Palestine. This means a virtual boycott of the UN's Ad Hoc Committee in discussion of the UNSCOP report or any proposals that do not call for an Arab State.

Jamal also told the UN that its authority did not extend beyond approving the principle of a sovereign, independent Palestine. As to the means of establishing a Palestine State and its future constitutional character, the UN has no authority to impose any proposal. Should the UN seek to impose a constitution and devise a form of Government for Palestine, such action would be regarded as interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign Palestine State and violation of its sovereignty, Jamal said.

Moshe Shertok, Chief of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, Berl Locker, Hayim Greenberg and Eliahu Epstein, of the Jewish Agency, were invited to take seats at the Ad Hoc Committee table when Jamal spoke.

The Ad Hoc Committee adjourned this afternoon until Wednesday when a Jewish Agency spokesman will present the Jewish viewpoint.

UNSCOP Report Refutes Jamal Says Jewish Agency

A spokesman for the Jewish Agency commented as follows on Jamal Hussein's statement:

"There is nothing new in his arguments, nothing true in fact. The supporting matter is a tissue of outworn arguments, a distortion of history and economics. The most recent and effective refutation of Jamal Hussein are to be found in the report of UNSCOP".

SILVERMAN SAYS "BEVIN STAKED HIS REPUTATION AND LOST"

Lake Success, September 29 (Palcor)—Sidney Silverman, British laborite MP at a press conference here called by the World Jewish Congress said, "Bevin staked his reputation on a solution of the Palestine problem and lost". Mr. Silverman said that he is certain that Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones' statement that Britain will make an early withdrawal from Palestine reflected British policy. In reply to questions he said that "the Jews will not accuse Britain that it has left them defenseless", if Britain withdraws, and to the defacto Jewish State can hold its own if there is no outside interference". He felt, however, that evacuation without providing for an interim regime would mean that Britain "has abdicated" but it would not worry the Jews.

He said that Britain had no right to indicate what policy she would not implement without proposing a positive policy for Palestine.

Mr. Silverman urged the UN Human Rights Commission to define and implement the protection of human rights, and urge the adoption of the Genocide Convention by the UN.



SPECIAL UN BULLETIN

## USSR SAYS PARTITION MUST BE APPROVED AT THIS SESSION

## Find Minority Report Impractical

## Johnson Gratified by USSR Statement

Grossman Tells Falcor U.S. and USSR Position Mean  
End of Bevin Regime in Palestine

Lake Success, N.Y., October 13 (Falcor) -- Palestine issue seems to have become today the first issue before the current UN General Assembly on which the big powers -- the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R., are in agreement. Speaking for the Soviet delegation at today's session of the Ad Hoc Committee, Mr. Senen K. Tsarapkin declared that the USSR is for partition of Palestine into two independent states, one Arab and one Jewish and that "if, at this session, the General Assembly will decide on the question of the creation of an Arab and a Jewish state, this will be a great step forward in the solution of the whole Palestine question."

Choosing between one of the two alternatives that the Soviet UN delegate, Andrei Gromyko proposed to the Special General Assembly session last spring, the Soviet spokesman informed the Ad Hoc Committee today, that his government backed partition because "under the present circumstances, when the relations between Arabs and Jews, already worsened before, have reached such a degree of tension that a conciliation of their points of view on the question how the Palestine problem should be solved has become impossible, the proposal of the minority cannot apparently be put into practice."

Whereas the U.S. statement last Saturday stressed Britain's responsibility for Palestine, and was not clear as to who should be the interim administrator, the Soviet delegate declared that his government "considers that simultaneously with the termination of the mandate, it is necessary to make a decision on the authority which will govern the transition period and be responsible to the organization of the United Nations." He said that Russia thinks that certain questions "such as the question of the frontier line between the two states or of the measures during the transition period after the termination of the British Palestine mandate, as well as the status of the City of Jerusalem... called for further and thorough consideration."

Reiterating almost verbatim Gromyko's statement last spring about the tragedy of the Jews and the need for a sovereign Jewish territory, he said: "The question of the creation of a Jewish State is a wholly mature and urgent problem... We can help in this the Jewish people, acting in accordance with the principles of the United Nations organization, which provides the insurance of the right of every people to self-determination and independence."

Ambassador Herschel Johnson told the press immediately following the USSR statement that the U.S. was gratified by the Russian's similarity of views with the American's with regard to the Palestine question.

The dapper, bearded representative of Pakistan spoke to an inattentive audience when he followed the USSR delegate. Pakistan's attack on the majority

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proposal and his criticism of the U.S.A. was delivered to a hall in which the press benches were nearly empty, whereas the press section was full, with standees in the approaches to the hall and press admission tickets at a premium when the Soviet delegate delivered his statement.

#### Good Chance for Jewish Independence, Crossman Says

Richard E. S. Crossman, leader of the rebel wing of the British Parliamentary Laborites, told Palcor, immediately following the USSR's statement, that "the American and Russian statements create for the first time conditions under which the creation of the Jewish State becomes seriously practicable. Whatever the motives of America and Russia, the fact remains that both recognize the justice of the Jewish claim and the urgent need of winding up British rule. Since each is determined to prevent the other from replacing the British, there is a real chance of Jewish independence in the political vacuum created by their mutual suspicion.

"Where as the American proposal for the transitory period presupposes the continuance of British rule and the formation of a volunteer police force, the Russians are more realistic. They see the need for immediately putting Palestine under the UN. The Russians take Mr. Bevin at his word on evacuation. The obvious policy now is for British troops to be concentrated in the south pending evacuation, for Jews and Arabs to assume responsibility for policing their respective territory under supervision of the UN Commission replacing the Palestine administration, and enforcing its authority through an international police force provided by the small countries, which demonstrated in UNSCOP their statesmanship as contrasted with the great powers. If a British withdrawal really means that no other great power puts his finger in the Palestine pie, there is for the first time a chance that Jews and Arabs can work out a way of living together."

#### JEWISH AGENCY WELCOMES RUSSIAN STATEMENT

Lake Success, N.Y., October 13 (Palcor) - The Jewish Agency this afternoon issued the following statement:

"We welcome the statement of the delegate of the Soviet Union. It is a logical and consistent development of the USSR declaration of last May, following upon the intervening report of UNSCOP.

"We are heartened by the acceptance of the urgent necessity for establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, as well as by the prospect of an agreement among the major powers on Palestine which will go far to ensure a constructive solution of the problem of maintaining peace in that area of the world."

The Egyptian delegate spoke this afternoon, warning of dire consequence of following a partition policy anywhere in the world. The Afghanistan delegate announced that he would abstain from voting on the UNSCOP majority plan.



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**BRITISH START WAR OF NERVES AGAINST UNSCOP MAJORITY PROPOSALS**

**Rumor Factory Seeks To Discredit U.S. Position By  
Implying U.S. Won't Back It Up With Force**

**Report Arab, British Intransigence Prompted America's  
Strong Stand**

Lake Success, N.Y., October 13 (Palcor) - The British have begun a war of nerves, in the UN chambers here and through the press, designed to discredit America's strongly-stated position in favor of the UNSCOP majority proposals and to dissuade other nations from voting for it. The first British move along these lines was the planting of a story, which the New York Times picked up today, alleging that Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan, chairman of the powerful Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had warned President Truman against committing U.S. armed forces to help implement a UN partition. For one thing, the story said, Congress wouldn't back such commitments.

On the basis of these warnings, the Times says, President Truman is known to have cautioned the U.S. delegates at Lake Success against making any commitments which would obligate our Government to send armed forces to Palestine. At the same time, the Times pointed out, the President might have found legal means of dispatching armed forces through Article 106 of the UN Charter which states that the Big Five must consult on joint action necessary for maintaining international peace. Since the Charter was duly ratified by Congress, some members of the President's staff believe this country would be obligated to consult and join with the other members of the Big Five should such action be required to keep peace in Palestine.

**Question of Oil Discussed**

The military, while not discussing the relative arguments for and against UNSCOP, felt that it was not in the interests of the United States to antagonize the Arab States holding vast oil resources. On the other hand, other Truman advisers argue that this is an exaggerated, if not irrelevant consideration, since the Arab States are not likely to boycott the dollar market over Palestine, the Times says.

The inside story of private talks and behind-the-scenes negotiations with the British and Arabs while the U.S. was still formulating her policy on Palestine, indicates that Arab sabre-rattling and refusal to cooperate, and Britain's bull-headed insistence on the thrice-rejected Morrison plan, impelled the U.S. to adopt a far stronger stand in favor of UNSCOP than was originally intended. The Day reports that the original U.S. statement was to have been delivered last Tuesday and while favoring immigration, left the question of statehood dangling in the air and referred vaguely to Arab-Jewish cooperation.

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### U.S. Warned Against Bowing To Arab Blackmail

The Arabs were approached last Monday by representatives of the State Department, the Day says, but said that even the mild U.S. statement was unacceptable to them and threatened war. The State Department called in several diplomatic and public opinion experts whose consensus it was that the United States cannot yield to Arab threats without losing face and prestige in the UN and placing the Arab States in a position to use blackmail on any other issues, as well as Palestine. The U.S. accepted this opinion and on Wednesday approached the British who insisted on the Morrison federalization plan and limited immigration of Jewish children. The British apparently had Arab concurrence on the latter. A hint of this was dropped by Abdel Arslan, of Syria last week, when he said the Arabs would not object to the admission of 5000 Jewish children if that were all.

### British Resolution Called Unacceptable

But Britain also demanded that the United States back her resolution of last Friday calling on the UN to act through the International Refugee Organization for the admission of Jewish DP's into many lands, thus relieving the pressure on Palestine. The U.S. delegates felt that this was unacceptable at home as well as abroad, The Day says. It would give the impression that the U.S. does not keep faith, and, in the words of one delegate, "It would be a cruel joke on the Jews because we know the ineffectiveness of such resolutions".

### Most Delegates Pleased with U.S. Stand

Reaction to the U.S. policy, as finally enunciated by Ambassador Herschel Johnson Saturday, was, in general, favorable. Several delegations, it is understood, have urged the United States to put into a resolution, Mr. Johnson's suggestion that a sub-committee be formed to work out details for recommendation to the General Assembly. The predominant opinion was that the United States had not committed itself into sending any troops to Palestine. The special constabulary proposed by Mr. Johnson, it was said, is for internal peace and security and, therefore, is under the jurisdiction of the General Assembly, whereas the Security Council is responsible only for maintaining international peace and security. Many delegates said they did not understand this United States proposal. Others questioned Mr. Johnson's point about "free access" of all inhabitants of Palestine to seaports and natural resources, wondering whether the American idea wouldn't promote trouble through Jews and Arabs contesting for identical rights in identical places.

### Arabs' Joint Statement in Sharp Contrast With El Khoury Harangue

The first and most outspoken reaction to the U.S. statement came, as was to be expected, from the Arab States. There was sharp contrast, however, between the tone of individual delegates and the statement, issued jointly by all six Arab delegations. This was surprisingly mild, and sounded like an appeal to the U.S. to reverse her declared position. "The Arab delegations sincerely hope that the U.S. will not embark on a course of action not based on wisdom and justice", the joint statement read, and went on to urge the U.S. to "convince Zionists they cannot have their way". Lebanon's delegate, Charles Malik, said he believed the U.S. will reverse its stand "taken in a spirit of compassion for the Jews and ignorance of the situation".

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Both of these statements were in sharp contrast to the diatribe launched by Mr. Faris el Khoury, of Syria, who followed Herschel Johnson on the platform Saturday. El Khoury alleged that U.S. Policy was dictated by the imminence of a national election and was the result of pressure from "New York Jewish capitalists". He repeated threats of Arab violence and repeated a lengthy re-hash of the Arab version of Jewish history now so familiar in the UN chambers, namely, the allegation that European Jews are descendants of the Khazars.

#### **U.S. Zionists Welcome Statement But Warn Against Whittling Down Jewish State**

Zionist reaction to the U.S. stand was summed up in a statement by the American Zionist Emergency Council, expressing hope that it will hasten an early and just solution. At the same time, the Emergency Council warned against any modifications which would further whittle down the area of the designated Jewish State so as to render it "utterly unviable". "Acceptance of the recommendations of the majority report represents an enormous sacrifice on the part of the Jewish people. It cannot and must not be asked to sacrifice further", the statement said.

#### **N.Y. Press Sees Hope For Agreement Among Big Powers**

Press reaction to the U.S. stand was also favorable. The New York Herald Tribune, however, believes that much will depend on the attitude of Russia and Britain. "While the British are strongly opposed to the suggested partition, they have not been able to produce any other workable plan." The Tribune says, "Russia is less directly interested in the problem and there are no considerations affecting its own security which might move it to oppose the American proposal."

The New York Times says, "Any plan for Palestine must be a compromise. But we believe that all Americans, of whatever faith and of whatever previous opinion, can support the principles of... (Herschel Johnson's) statement".

#### **Palestine Debate Will Last Another Ten Days**

The Palestine debate in the Ad Hoc Committee here will last at least another 10 days with 22 states scheduled to take the floor. Renewed filibustering by the Arabs is expected, further delaying action on a solution. The following states will be heard: Uruguay, Denmark, Guatemala, Czechoslovakia, Colombia, United Kingdom, Yugoslavia, Haiti, Pakistan, Costa Rica, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, New Zealand, Norway, Venezuela, Peru, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Cuba, South Africa, Canada and Yemen.

#### **McNARNEY SAYS INACTION ON UNSCOP REPORT IS "UNTHINKABLE"**

#### **See "New Deal" For Jewish People**

Washington, D.C., October 13 (Palcor).— General Joseph T. McNarney, former U.S. Military Commander in Europe and newly appointed Chief of the U.S. Air Materiel Command, told the National Conference of the United Palestine Appeal here yesterday that the Jews have every right to be hopeful that the report of the United Nations Special Commission on Palestine "means the beginning of a

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new deal for the Jewish people". General McNarney said it was true that in the United Nations "the will of the majority has not always found expression in action". But, he asserted, "Surely where so many innocent victims of Nazi greed are involved, inaction is unthinkable".

"It is almost unbelievable, but it is true, that more than two years after the end of the war of liberation, hundreds of thousands of the victims of the injustices that finally engulfed the world are still languishing in so-called displaced persons centers", General McNarney said. The solution of the displaced persons problem "cannot be found by repatriation to former homeland. A full solution to the problem can, in my opinion, be found only through resettlement, and this action must be taken in the near future".

He said that while in Germany he talked to thousands of Jews and found that "home to them is Palestine". He came to the conclusion, he said, "That short of extermination, a majority of the Jews in Germany will legally or illegally find their way to Palestine". He warned that delays in the implementation of the Palestine solution will breed a feeling of frustration that could become "a threat to law and order in the DP camps".

#### Silver Lauds U.S. Policy Stand Decries Arab Threats

The UPA conference opened Saturday night with an address by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency Executive, applauding America's forthright endorsement of the UNSCOP majority report. He described Ambassador Herschel Johnson's speech as "American statesmanship at its best and noblest".

Referring to Arab threats of military action against Palestine, Dr. Silver said: "The manner in which the United Nations will react to this outrageous panic-propaganda of the Arab States will enhance or destroy the future effectiveness of the United Nations as an instrumentality for the solution of international problems and for the maintenance of the peace."

"The Palestine question offers the prospect of one issue on which the great powers can all agree. Every one realizes and profoundly regrets the deterioration which has set in in the relationship between the great powers. There seems to be no basic question on which they can agree.

"The position of the United Nations is being seriously shaken by this continuing and lamentable discord. Here is one issue on which the big powers agree. Their previous declarations seem to indicate a tentative acceptance of the principle of partition as a solution of the Palestine problem."

#### Morgenthau Sees Need For "Liberty Loan" For Jewish State

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the UPA, expressed gratification with the American statement and especially thanked President Truman, Secretary of State Marshall, Mrs. Roosevelt and General Hildring. Stressing the needs of building up Palestine, now on the threshold of statehood, Mr. Morgenthau said the majority report, if adopted, presents a new challenge to world Jewry. The Jewish Agency, he said, may have to launch, in the near future, a Jewish "Liberty Loan" from the Jewish people who cannot and will not default.

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Economist Robert Nathan, addressing another session of the conference, said if the UNSCOP majority report is adopted, as he believes it will be, a million Jewish immigrants can be absorbed in the area of the Jewish State within the next ten years. This, he said, will require two and three quarters billion dollars. The absorption of 150,000 immigrants in the next two years would require about 400 million dollars. Palestine, he said, affords excellent opportunities for investment. Substantial assistance in the form of grants and loans must be expected from Governmental sources, he said, and expressed confidence that American export and import banks and the World Bank will grant loans for investments.

#### American Jewish Committee Backs U.S. Palestine Stand

Chicago, October 13 (Palcor) - The non-Zionist American Jewish Committee endorsed "in principle" the United States position in support of the partition of Palestine, as expressed by Ambassador Herschel Johnson in New York Saturday.

A resolution expressing paramount concern for the safeguarding of the rights of Jews to immigrate to and purchase land in Palestine, was adopted after a review of the Palestine situation, presented by former Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee. Officers of the AJC were authorized by the resolution "to continue their aid and assistance and full cooperation to the Government of the United States and the various agencies of the United Nations in an endeavor to arrive at a speedy effectuation of the basic plan approved by the delegation of the United States."

#### BRITISH PRESS WARNS U.S. BRITAIN WON'T STAY IN PALESTINE FOR TRANSITION PERIOD

London, October 13 (Palcor) - The United States must rid herself of the idea that Britain will stay in Palestine for another two years, the Daily Mail declared today in an editorial commenting on America's endorsement of the UNSCOP majority proposals and expressing the general sentiment voiced by most leading British papers.

The Sunday Times warned that if there still exists in any quarter, the belief that Britain will remain in Palestine, it must be shaken by the High Commissioner's statement last week, and it is only regrettable that the Colonial Secretary didn't set a definite date for British withdrawal. The Daily telegraph says U.S. delegate Herschel Johnson was wrong to assume that Britain will stay in Palestine during the transition period. The Daily Telegraph's political correspondent said the Cabinet is considering the situation created by American endorsement of the UNSCOP majority plan and it is expected that British troops will be taken out of Palestine early next year unless the United Nations agrees to contribute man-power and financial aid to govern Palestine.

Herschel Johnson's speech met with approval in the News Chronicle, which saw "much common ground" with Britain's attitude on constitutional proposals, and believes Britain will accept partition if the General Assembly recommends it. The paper, however, complains that Johnson's speech was not clear enough on the methods to enforce peace in Palestine and fears that a voluntary international police force might attract "the scum of the earth" to Palestine.

The Manchester Guardian heartily endorses Johnson's view that "the chief responsibility should remain with the Mandatory power during the transitional period." "Despite natural hesitation, the Guardian says, Mr. Johnson's speech continued on p. 6.



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was "wise, courageous, and revived faint hopes that the United Nations may be able to find a solution." The British Government so far has done little to help, the Guardian says, observing that Creech-Jones' reservation regarding the "inherent justice" of a Palestine solution "was and is a polite threat to veto a UN decision, for the Government must know that without British cooperation any settlement is all but impossible. It surely wouldn't be too much to ask that we should keep our administration there during the transition period, provided we don't have to take sole responsibility for defense and order. If the UN doesn't reach a decision and Britain goes, the Jews will immediately reply with guerrilla warfare, developing into a very serious matter unless opposed by the British Government and the UN. It would be a shameful thing if Britain alone opposed this plan. We aren't yet so poor and weak to avoid responsibility at any cost."

#### U.S., POLISH CONSULATES BOMBED

Jerusalem, October 13 (Palcor) - The U.S. and Polish consulates here were bombed yesterday in what is believed to have been a demonstration by an Arab extremist gang, against the endorsement by the U.S. and Poland of the UNSCOP majority proposals last week. Two Jewish employees of the U.S. Consular staff; one of them, Ethel Delevi, formerly of Boston, were slightly injured.

The U.S. Consulate suffered several smashed windows and other minor damage, but the Polish Consulate was more extensively damaged although none of its personnel was injured. In addition, a Polish pension, on the outskirts of a Jewish section of Jerusalem, was also bombed by Arabs. The latest bombings followed by two weeks the bombing of the Swedish Consulate here, although Sweden at that time hadn't yet endorsed the UNSCOP proposals.

U.S. Consul General Robert Macatee was meeting with High Commissioner Cunningham in Government House when the bombing occurred. Several hours before, directly after U.S. delegate Herschel Johnson's speech before the UN endorsing UNSCOP, a special guard of five British police was placed around the Consulate. In addition, the building was guarded on three sides by barbed wire and concrete anti-tank pillars which were formerly used in the Egyptian desert during the battle against Rommel.

#### VAAD LEUMI WELCOMES U.S. STAND ON UNSCOP

Jerusalem, October 13 (Palcor) - Vaad Leumi (Jewish National Council), in a statement here yesterday, predicted that America's endorsement of the UNSCOP majority proposals will tip the scales in favor of a Jewish State, but urged the Yishuv to remain on the alert to the danger of disorders which are likely to be provoked "by secret conspirators who appear to be plotting to incite the Arabs to carry out the threats which they have been heaping on the Jews."

Vaad Leumi again reiterated its offer of peace and cooperation to the Arabs, but called on the Yishuv to respond promptly, both physically and materially, to the call for defense.