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Annual meeting, The Temple, Cleveland, 1948.

1/ Grateful - Undeserving - Privilege to have
drama - 1st under Moses - 2nd Zerubbabel

Too near - Already - new pride - dignity =
New Respect - Very fighting - gas-chambers

2/ Will win through - whether live or not -
Israel here to stay = New Era Jews.
Great things - what was built - best

3/ In so far as I had any ~~the~~ share -
the Temple like with share in it -
the new ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~new~~ ~~share~~ ~~built~~

4/ Warning to Antisemitism - 1850 -
Handful - largest Reform Cong in U.S.
Known from Coast to Coast
and esteemed - Hoyan Rel. Sch. Lib.
1,000

Certain disadventages - not very serious

How Great Churches commanded great
trustees - Sp. Leadership
U.S.

That Temple are great - intend to
confidence - in them -

Pastoral handicaps - by increasing
number of ministers - as Temple says
to do -

(a) It should also be born in mind
that a Syn - or Council is not
a strict club - & its members
help - a social by-product -
want for all God's children
Rice (from) - Rank-position for
often in the larger humanity
+ Humility - x of esp.

(b) ~~In this house there is no~~
~~room~~ there are those who
may desire a small group
to get closer - Though I have
observed that those who make
this assertion ⁱⁿ an community
did not join - now
6/ I suspect not smaller - exclusion

and that is an unworthy motivation (3)
- when it comes to religion.

5/ Our Temple will work forward - under God -

as a great institution -

And I pray for your enthusiasm. Suffer

I pray that our centenary will find

- at height, in efficiency, at
full tide, in strength - young -

vigorous - earnestly asking -

the climbing hand - never

a - weary -

6/ Frank Woods
Some mischievous propaganda

- misled some of our people -

Opinion that some of our people are not yet convinced

- which but into existing - times.

Council for Judaism -

which was never there - that
nothing to do with Judaism

It's back and reached A. county. (4)

~~and~~ and echoes of Houston, Texas -
long since moved elsewhere began
to remember here - ^{the somewhat} ~~the~~ blurred

The Rel. preached & taught in Rt. Ray

- no longer part enough -

Teaching Zion & Hillel -

- heard new Temples & new Schools -
new Rabbs -

- ~~It is not safe to entrust~~ the rel.
education for our children
to ~~such~~ these Rabbs - teachers -

- ~~we must not forget~~ -

7. The founder, this movement - (Just)

Carpinis - in for stronger terms -

- (Band - Wagon) -

8. ~~I vehemently opposed~~ these
who initiated this disruptive
activity - being not motivated
primarily by Rel - but by hobbies

Anti-Zionism - That program - collapsed (5)
specious rationalizations.

9) Our Temple - all Temples - thereby Amen
Everything we teach - re-emphas
Preparation - Citizenship

Ethical ideals of J. - in operation

A Good Jew - Good American

No divided allegiance

Good will - unity - conviction

10) A Positive J - debated, worked-out Union

Not raise - American Gentiles

Not to give them as little as word

Heritage

Best - don't assimilate (Integration)

not loss of identity - De-Judange
'attrition' - Prots -

Maximal - Informed - Self-resp - belief
Unity - Loyalty

11). Hebrew - Prayer - Bible - Psalm -

Taught them and the world for
rather than for children - spec
- never knew Am. said to feel provide

12). This type of Jew. we shall con-
tinue to teach & preach - Not exclus
any!

13). Those who do not appear, it will
be described - Grievances
But let up those who do appear
it is ^{from us} ~~not~~ wished by us disturb
and border to disturb
the sp. born, their parents
should remain their sp. born
& that, their children.

14). Reeducation - to with with with

HAGANAH HOLDS ISRAEL BORDERS

Council Founder Blasts Group, Urges Council to Disband

RABBI WOLSEY CALLS MEMBERS ASSIMILATIVE, NEGATIVE JEWS

(Text of Dr. Wolsey's Statement and other Council Stories Inside)
The National Jewish Post

PHILADELPHIA—Rabbi Louis Wolsey, one of the founders of the American Council for Judaism, this week blasted the Council as "an unhappy negative movement of assimilative Jews," and urged the organization to dissolve itself immediately.

Officially, the Council, a storm center in American Jewish life because of its anti-Zionist battle, maintained a stony silence, but there were sharp comments from Council members and one board of directors member in Detroit, Lewis C. Frank, resigned.

Frank, like the other Detroit Council director, Julian Wolfner, expressed the conviction that the Council now was needed more than ever. Frank told The Post he was resigning from the Council because of the pressure of other duties. The Council has been thoroughly inactive in Detroit.

Adventurers Took Over

Dr. Wolsey, rabbi emeritus of Congregation Rodef Shalom here, said the original purpose of the Council which he and 36 other rabbis organized in 1942 had been perverted by "an influx of members who looked upon the Council as a device for assimilation, or for adventuring, or as a balm for those who did not believe in organized religion."

He said the time had come for the Council members to join the rest of world Jewry and the United States government in recognizing Israel.

The claims of the present membership that they are Americans of Jewish faith and interested in the promotion of American Judaism were scornfully dismissed by Rabbi Wolsey.

"What 'Jewish faith' meant they did not say," he declared. "Forsooth it could not have been the 10 commandments. One of its staff could say officially that one might be a member even though he did not believe in God—and this statement was never repudiated by the leaders."

In the sharpest attack yet de-

livered by anyone ever affiliated with the group, Wolsey charged that the activity of the Council soon became "completely negative and instead of majoring religion, it put its full strength into a veto of Zionist ambitions, with the result that Jewish nationalism, embittered and angry, moved forward with greater zeal and determination."

He added the sardonic comment that Zionist success "owes much to the negativism of the Council."

He charged the Council's leaders with intolerance of rabbinical suggestions, snubbing of rabbinical cooperation, dictatorialness and general irreligiosity.

Original Membership Gone

He said that the Council's rabbinical membership of over 40 has swindled "to about five active members, one of whom flirts with Zinoism and laments there are only two sides to a fence."

Turning his attention to the Council's program of aid to European Jewry, Dr. Wolsey said the Council "suggested other areas of the world besides Palestine for immigration but it did nothing about it."

"When offered an opportunity of migrating 5,000 families to Mexico by invitation of the Mexican government, the Council ignored the offer. Its Americanism was best represented by non-support of the chaplaincy in the last war."

"All in all, it developed into an

Urges Council Dissolve



RABBI WOLSEY

unhappy negative movement of assimilative Jews horrified by the possibilities of anti-Semitism, or of Jews who were afraid of losing their fortune and who planned to hie away to the Smoky Mountains."

"I believe that the Council no longer serves any useful purpose and as its disillusioned founder I call upon it to dissolve and to give itself positive Jewish values and movements—the chief of which is our religion and our people," he said.

Back Israel—Wolsey

"In spite of all mistakes on both sides, Palestine offers the only possibility of freedom, decency and dignity for our suffering people," Dr. Wolsey concluded. "Let us support it."

ALL ARAB ATTACKS REPULSED IN TWO WEEKS OF AGGRESSION

TEL AVIV, Israel—The big push of invading Arab armies into Palestine slowed to a walk this week as the Haganah unleashed powerful ground and air counter-attacks and announced that two weeks of aggression had brought the invaders not an inch of Jewish state territory.

In the north, none of the Arab armies had been able at midweek to keep their forces on Jewish territory and the Syrians were reported to be digging trenches on their side of the border.

In the south, the Egyptian advance had been cut down to scouting forays and there was still no confirmation of the reported linking up of Transjordan Legion forces with the Egyptians south of Bethlehem, which the Arabs had reported as a fact for three days running.

Only in Jerusalem were the Israeli fighters on the defensive and in midweek Haganah fighters, hanging on in the old city as much for political as for military reasons, fought for the hospice of Notre Dame de France, a key point in the western corner of the city. Haganah commandos managed to reopen the fight for the important Sheikh Jarrah quarter of Jerusalem.

Neither side paid much attention to the latest bid of the United Nations Security Council where the United States shadow-boxed with the British over labeling the Arabs as aggressors. The British felt there was some reason to doubt this.

The original deadline for a cease fire order from the Security Council was Monday and the Israeli government neatly put

the Arab invaders on a hot spot by announcing that Haganah forces would cease fire on schedule if the Arabs did.

Arabs Undisturbed

The Arabs, stalling for time and apparently not greatly disturbed by U.S. thunder for sanctions and military punishment, asked for a 48-hour extension which the Security Council promptly granted. The Israeli government then notified the Security Council that since the extension had been granted without consulting the Jewish republic, Israel would reconsider its readiness to agree.

There was some indication that the Arabs may use the Security Council as a medium to end the fighting now that they have grabbed the parts of Palestine each Arab country has coveted since the UN partition decision.

Mrs. Golda Myerson, the only woman member of the Israel provisional government, arrived in the United States to report to the United Jewish Appeal and said she was confident that there would be an early end to the conflict.

Observers said that unless the invaders wish to risk a major clash with the Haganah and possible loss of their easily-won spoils, they have little reason for continued fighting.

The exception was the fight for the old city of Jerusalem which Arab planes hit from the air this week, the first time the Holy City has ever been bombed. The Arabs were expected to stall on any cease fire or truce agreement until they could capture Jerusalem.

Some Convoys Through

The prize, at midweek, still eluded the Transjordan Legion and the Haganah said it had managed to run some convoys down the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road to help the besieged Jews in the old city.

The provisional government moved to tighten its fighting front by proclaiming a state of emergency for three months. The first decrees issued under the emergency placed in the hands of the Israeli all rights and authority hitherto vested in the British administration in Palestine, and made a legal citizen of every Jew who landed in Palestine during the mandatory regime.

U.S.-British Rift Over Israel Doubted

From NYP and JTA Dispatches

NEW YORK—A face-saving formula was being feverishly hunted this week in London and Washington to settle the apparent rift between England and the United States on the Palestine issue.

What the formula might turn out to be was difficult to guess at midweek. The Post's Washington correspondent reported that Sir John Balfour, British Embassy Undersecretary, had a two-hour closed conference with Undersecretary of State Lovett, no friend of Israel and a staunch supporter of Anglo-American partnership in the Middle East.

The Post correspondent reported Sir John and Lovett discussed the possibility of a world-wide arms embargo against all countries in the Middle East which at least would put an end to Great Britain's continued supplying of arms to Arab invaders.

Seven Arab states (including Yemen, where internal difficulties made dispatch of troops to Palestine an extremely unwise risk) were notified by the U. S. that it was "gravely disturbed by the course of present events in Palestine" and that it wanted them to cease fire.

Only Words From U. S.

The U. S. acted on its own initiative in this move, which was

totally free of promises of any action stronger than words. It was not expected that the Arabs would stop their aggression out of deference to U. S. wishes.

U. S. Ambassador Lewis Douglas conferred repeatedly with British foreign minister Ernest Bevin amidst reports that Douglas was reading a riot act to Bevin, a report discounted by observers acquainted with the strength of pro-Arab forces in Washington and London.

Hopes in anti-Israel quarters in those two capitals that the whole matter could be talked to death ran into a powerful roadblock in the United States.

Rep. Arthur Klein, New York Democrat, told The Post that "unless Bevin immediately puts a halt to the warfare now being waged by British-sponsored armies in the Holy Land, I will begin an unrelenting campaign to shut off our flow of money, food, clothes and machinery which we are providing Britain through special loans and the European recovery program."

ERP Will Probe

ERP administrator Paul Hoffman promised Congressional critics that he would investigate and report to Congress on charges that American aid has helped Britain arm the invading Arabs. The campaign was touched

off by the American Zionist Emergency Council, supported by B'nai B'rith and the cue was quickly picked up by Sen. Owen Brewster, Maine Republican, who said American taxpayers were financing the war against Israel and demanded an investigation.

Sen. Bridges of New Hampshire, chairman of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee promptly announced his group would investigate the relationship between U. S. help to England and British payrolling of King Abdullah and his Transjordan Legion.

Hard Punch At Bevin

That the new tactic was a telling blow was indicated by the instant hostile reaction from British officials in Washington, The Post's correspondent reported. He added that the new tactic had the complete endorsement of President Truman.

Further evidence that the new strategy was biting deep into a sensitive portion of the British political skin was a report from London that England was using pressure on the Arabs to cease fire and that Bevin was working earnestly for that goal, though he was reported as being doubtful of success. In view of Britain's absolute control of the Transjordan Legion, this report was considered interesting.

Where Is It?

If by "it" you mean some really excellent stories and features, why, you'll find it right here, in this issue of The Post. For instance:

What do you know about Negro Anti-Semitism? "Science Examines the Jew" and Negro this week.

Do you think the British are skunks? See if you don't find that Carl Alpert this week puts into superb words just what you've been feeling.

Wondering what's going to happen to the American Council for Judaism now? In addition to the story on this page, there are some Philadelphia and New York reports.

And other good reading.