

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE

SUBCOMMITTEE TWO

THIRD REPORT

I. Applications for oral hearings from organizations.

On the basis of the criteria accepted by the Committee at its thirteenth meeting on 27 June 1947 (document A/AC.13/27, page 1) the Subcommittee recommends:

(a) That hearings be granted to the following:

The Manufacturers' Association of Palestine, Tel Aviv.

This body has an exclusive Jewish membership. As industry in Palestine, apart from oil interests, is almost entirely in Jewish hands, the Subcommittee considers that this Association is a representative of one industry and that it would be of interest to the Committee to hear its views on the possibilities of future developments.

Jewish Agency for Palestine, (Mr. M. Shertok).

In a letter dated 11 July 1947, Mr. Shertok applied to be heard by the Committee before the end of the week for the purpose of answering questions put to other representatives of the Jewish Agency to which no reply had as yet been given, and to deal further with Arab-Jewish relations, the present policy of the Mandatory Power, and solutions to the Palestine Problem. The Subcommittee recommends that Mr. Shertok's request be granted on the understanding that his statement will be a continuation of the general case put forward by the Jewish Agency;

/ (b) That no hearings

(b) That no hearings are necessary in the following cases:

The Democratic Club, Tel Aviv.

The Subcommittee recommends by a majority vote that no hearing should be granted in this case. The Club has a membership of only a few hundred persons, living in all parts of Palestine. From the information available, it is not an organization of importance.

League for Peace with Justice in Palestine.

After consideration of the memorandum submitted by this organization, the Subcommittee recommends that no hearing is necessary;

(c) That the following organizations be informed that the Committee does not consider their testimony to be of sufficient urgency to justify a hearing in Palestine, but that the question of inviting them to testify in Geneva will be considered at a later date:

Alliance Israélite Universelle, Paris.

Anglo-Jewish Association, London.

II. Applications from Individuals

In accordance with paragraph 3 of the decisions regarding oral hearings adopted by the Committee at its 13th meeting on 27th June 1947 (Document A/AC.13/27, page 6), Mr. Stavropoulos was instructed to communicate with individual applicants with a view to making a preliminary investigation as to whether they had relevant information or viewpoints of particular interest for the problem under investigation not included in the statements of organizations.

The following 41 individuals applied for oral hearings :

Abiad, A.K.
Cornfeld, P.
Danziger, F.
Doss, J.H.
Fuchs, A.
Gold, M.
Gorenstein, M.

/Grosz, D.

Grosz, D.
Helpern, G.
Heppner, E.
Jabotinsky-Köpp, Therese
Kandel, A.
Kotz, L.
Lande, S.
Lelelund, E.
Levin, J.
Lifshitz, J.
Linz, E.
Lipschitz, Sarah
Low, S.
Madani, Nizam
Margalit, G.
Mosaa ben el Nai
Nadji, V.
Oliver, D.
Popper, J.
Porush, Rabbi M.M.
Pinhas, N.
Ros, A.
Rost, H.
Schnur, G.F.
Schwarzman, I.
Sedler, W.
Shmidt, Carmela
Sneersohn, E.
Socolovitz, S.
Weisl, A. von
Werber, A.
Yofe, J.
Zamir, S.
Zaroubine, B.

Mr. Stavropoulos considered that 20 of the above applicants had given little or no indication why a hearing before the Committee would be justified, and accordingly invited them to appear before him. Only 11 persons accepted this invitation. The remaining 21 applications were examined by Mr. Stavropoulos, who reported on them and on his interviews to the Subcommittee.*

After consideration of Mr. Stavropoulos' report, the Subcommittee recommends that no hearings before the full Committee should be granted to any of the applicants under consideration. The Subcommittee considers that in certain cases the information the applicants wish to give is irrelevant, while in other cases the viewpoints they propose to develop are either of no particular interest or have already been put forward by representatives of / political or other

* Mr. Stavropoulos' report to Subcommittee Two and the individual letters and memoranda submitted by the above-mentioned applicants are available for consultation in the Library.

political or other organizations.

The Delegate of Uruguay did not concur with the views of the majority of the Subcommittee in the case of the following three persons, to whom he considered a hearing should be granted :

Carmela Shmidt
Captain Helpern
Dr. Heppner

Carmela Shmidt, a girl of twelve, wishes to put the case of her family before the Committee. Her father is detained in Kenya, her mother seriously ill, and in consequence she herself had to take responsibility for the support of her family.

Captain Helpern, who submitted a memorandum which was distributed on 12 July, considers that neither the Jewish Agency nor the Arab Higher Committee are the right spokesmen for their respective communities and further holds the view that a Jewish majority already exists among the population of Palestine.

Dr. Heppner's only son is detained in Kenya and he himself and his family are under police supervision. He wishes to speak on the "police state".

Among the applicants, Captain Lifshitz, Chaplain of the Jewish Brigade during the war, wishes to make a statement on the participation of Jewish soldiers in the last war. The Subcommittee suggests that the Committee might consider granting a hearing to this applicant before a subcommittee.

In connection with the Subcommittee's discussion of applications relating to the enforcement of security measures in Palestine, the suggestion was put forward that the Committee might consider the question of inviting the Government of Palestine to submit information on this subject.

The Subcommittee recommends that the memoranda submitted by Captain L. Kotz and by Mr. Harry Rost be distributed to the Committee. Captain Kotz puts forward the proposal that a small Jewish State be formed in Palestine and that territory in Africa be attached to it. Mr. Rost expressed a desire to

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have his statement distributed in thirty copies by the Secretariat, as he is unable to undertake this task himself.

III. Question of obtaining further information from the Government of Palestine.

The Subcommittee recommends that the Committee take a decision on the question of whether the Government of Palestine should be invited to submit further written and oral testimony.
