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COMMUNICATION FROM THE PALESTINE COMMUNIST UNION

The following letter has been received from the Palestine Communist Union. *

THE PALESTINE COMMUNIST UNION
Central Committee
Tel-Aviv

The Chairman,
U.N.S.C.O.P.

Sir,

In connection with the renewed consideration, given to our request for an oral hearing before UNSCOP at the sub-committee as well as before the plenum, we should like to bring to your notice the following facts:

1) When our application was considered for the first time, it was rejected on the ground that we "were a Zionist body, whose views were expressed by the Jewish Agency". This is obviously contrary to the facts as will be evident to everybody having read our memorandum submitted to the committee.

The P.C.U. is an opposition movement in the Jewish Yishuf, whose programme stands in opposition to the programme of the Jewish Agency. The committee gave ample opportunity to the J.A. for their appearance and it is only just and democratic to grant the same freedom of expression to an opposition voice.

2) Our appearance is of special importance, as the proposals brought forward by us are not expressed by any other public body as demonstrated by the following points:

A) The proposal to set up a federative state on the basis of territorial federalism guaranteeing political equality. We are aware of the fact, that a solution based on communal federalism was given opportunity to be submitted to the committee but no serious plan was put forward, based on territorial federalism, guaranteeing political equality and mutual non domination.

/B) Our proposals ...

* See Document A/AC.13/SC.2/10, page 2,
paragraph b.

B) Our proposals include the only solution of the minority-majority problem, a question much discussed at the committee's sittings.

C) Our proposals include the only solution of the problem of immigration.

3) Our non appearance before the committee will be understood by the opposition (40% of the J.F.L.'s membership) - which did not appear as a consequence of the ban imposed by the Jewish Agency, and await our appearance - as an entailment of the democratic right of the opposition, to have its voice heard before U.N.O.

We feel certain, that the committee, set up by the United Nations, which recognises the principles of democracy as the foundation to their Charter will not adopt an attitude of prejudice and discrimination towards our opinions and will decide in favour of our appearance.

We remain,

Sir,

Yours faithfully,

The P.C.U.
The Central Committee.