
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PALESTINECOMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE
PERIOD 23 JUNE - 18 JULY 1947

Note: The communications listed below do not include communications which have been issued as documents, written testimony in the form of letters already distributed to the Special Committee, or applications for oral hearings.

A. Communications Submitting Memoranda.

1. Letter dated 8 May 1947 from M. Smolski, Paris, submitting a paper entitled "How to Solve the Jewish Problem". The author suggests that territory in Asiatic Soviet Russia and in South America be ceded to the Jews.
2. Letter dated 9 June 1947 from Mr. Eric Jordan, Manila, submitting a memorandum proposing a constitution for Palestine modelled on that of Switzerland.
3. Letter dated 19 June 1947 from Mr. Kalman Frenkel, Tel Aviv, submitting a memorandum stressing that the Palestine problem is directly connected with the problem of big power relations.
4. Letter dated 21 June 1947 from Dr. Max Preuss, Tel Aviv, submitting a memorandum on cooperation of Jews and Arabs in welfare work.
5. Letter dated 28 June 1947 from Mr. Arnold A. Harding, Vienna, enclosing a memorandum suggesting that funds realized from the restoration of Jewish property should be used to resettle Jewish displaced persons in Europe.
6. Letter dated 29 June 1947 from Dr. Benno Ziemand, forwarding a book in German on the constitution of a Jewish State as a British dominion together with a memorandum on the same subject.

7. Letter received 30 June 1947 from Mr. Joseph Aharony, Tel Aviv, forwarding a memorandum regarding unauthorized settlers and a proposal for an amnesty to all "illegal residents" in Palestine.
8. Letter dated 2 July 1947 from Mr. Hermann Reisner, forwarding a copy of his book "Hebrew Etymology for Household Use".
9. Letter dated 3 July 1947 from Mr. H. I. Stark, Haifa, submitting a paper urging that the United Nations administer Palestine as a trust territory.
10. Letter dated 4 July 1947 from Professor R. Falck, Jerusalem, forwarding a memorandum on Jewish rights in Palestine.
11. Letter dated 4 July 1947 from Mr. N. Keszler, submitting a paper arguing that the partition of Palestine would not solve the country's problems.
12. Letter dated 4 July 1947 from Dr. Benno Ziemand, forwarding a supplement to his memorandum submitted on 29 June (see No. 6 above).
13. Letter dated 13 July 1947 from Dr. E. I. Goldwasser-Mezahav, Tel Aviv, submitting articles in Hebrew on the following subjects: "Is the United Nations capable of solving the Palestine Problem?"; "A Strategical Solution of the Palestine Problem"; "Jews Predisposed by Nature and History to Guard Palestine's Neutrality"; "The Arab Question" and "Status of Arabs in a Jewish State".

B. Communications Presenting Petitions. ^{xx}

1. Letter dated 23 June 1947 from Mr. Ernst F. Taussig, Tel Aviv, former editor of the "Prager Tagblatt" who entered Palestine as an illegal immigrant, was released from detention, but has never received an immigration certificate. He asks the Committee to intervene on his behalf.
2. Letter dated 26 June 1947 from Miss Lea Szwedski, Tel Aviv, asking the Committee to help her to obtain an immigration certificate for her mother, who after having been deported from Germany to Siberia, is at present in an UNRRA camp near Berlin.

^{xx} Petitions received up to 6 July 1947 are listed in Document A/AC.13/NC/46.

3. Letter received on 27 June 1947 from Mr. B. Stroe, Tel Aviv, asking the Committee to assist him in preventing the deportation to Cyprus of his wife, who entered Palestine as an illegal immigrant.
4. Letter dated 30 June 1947 from Mr. Martin Salamon, Jerusalem, who writes on behalf of himself and of thousands of other persons who entered Palestine illegally, were subsequently released from detention, but have never received immigration certificates. The Committee's attention is drawn to this situation.
5. Letter dated 1 July 1947 from Miss Gnesia Herzog, Tel Aviv, asking the Committee to assist her in obtaining an immigration certificate for her sister, now resident in France.
6. Letter dated 1 July 1947 from Dr. F. J. Weile, Hadera, drawing the Committee's attention to the difficult situation of Jewish refugees in Shanghai whose aim is to immigrate to Palestine. Two letters, from Dr. Georg Cohen and Dr. Fritz Bohm, are enclosed.
7. Letter dated 1 July 1947 from Mr. I. Weissmann, Tel Aviv, requesting the Chairman to intervene (a) with the Government with a view to obtaining a passport for him, (b) with the Mayor of Tel Aviv for the purpose of recommending him for employment, and (c) with the Chief Rabbi in Stockholm, for the same purpose.
8. Letter dated 3 July 1947 from Mrs. Renee Pickman, Richon-le-Zion, asking the Committee to intervene on behalf of her son, at present detained at Latrun.
9. Letter dated 3 July 1947 from Dr. R. Weyl, an Advocate, Jerusalem, drawing the Committee's attention to the case of Mr. and Mrs. Friedmann's application for naturalization as Palestinian citizens.
10. Letter dated 5 July 1947 from Mr. W. Selland, Ilford, England, asking the Committee to help him to obtain a visa so that he may return to Palestine to join his wife and daughter.

11. Letter dated 6 July 1947 from Dr. W. Ehrlich, Secretary of the Jerusalem Branch of the Communist Party of Palestine, submitting a letter signed by thirty-three citizens of Jerusalem who are parents of persons detained at Latrun. The Committee is requested to intervene on behalf of the detainees.
12. Letter dated 6 July 1947 from Mr. D. H. Marcuse, Tel Aviv, asking the Committee to intervene on behalf of himself and of thousands of other persons who entered Palestine illegally, were subsequently released from detention, but have never received immigration certificates.
13. Letter dated 8 July 1947 from Miss Anni Nieder, representing the Patria Committee, Tel Aviv, (a committee of refugees who arrived illegally in Palestine and were to be deported in 1940 on the SS Patria, which was sunk in Haifa Bay). Although these persons have been released from detention, they have not received immigration certificates, and they appeal to the Committee to intervene on their behalf.
14. Letter received on 10 July 1947 from Miss Barbara Krynska, Tel Aviv, requesting the Committee to assist her in obtaining an immigration certificate for her mother, now in Poland.
15. Letter dated 10 July 1947 from Mrs. Hania Rothstein, Birmingham, England, asking the Committee to assist her in obtaining a visiting visa to Palestine in order to enable her to visit her son, whom she has not seen for ten years.
16. Letter dated 11 July 1947 from Mr. M. Rosenblith, Jerusalem, asking the Committee to help him to obtain immigration certificates for his niece and nephew.

C. Other Communications

1. Letter dated 20 May 1947 from Mr. Youssef Elydd, Editor of the monthly review "L'Union Arabe", Buenos Aires, stressing the Arab rights and claims in Palestine.
2. Letter dated 23 May 1947 from Mr. I. J. Ruderman, Pittsburgh, U.S.A., urging the Committee to call on the Mandatory Power to desist from the use and threat of force in Palestine.
3. Letter dated 6 June 1947 from the Seaboard Zionist Region, Zionist Organization of America, enclosing a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Seaboard Zionist Regional Conference held at Charlotte, North Carolina, in May 1947, calling on the United States Government to take the initiative within the United Nations in promoting the programme for Palestine which it has itself repeatedly reaffirmed.
4. Letter dated 14 June 1947 from Mr. E. C. Anawati, Alexandria, suggesting that the Committee should, at the outset of its work, agree on an exact definition of the work "Jew".
5. Letter dated 16 June 1947 from Dr. V. Much, Tel Aviv, alleging a discrepancy between the official birthrate and the figure of 1500 immigration certificates.
6. Letter dated 16 June 1947 from Mr. E. Shisha urging that whatever the future political status of Palestine may be, no military operations should be allowed in the Holy Land.
7. Letter dated 17 June 1947 from Mr. G. Haug, Zurich, Switzerland, urging that the Jews form a democratic state elsewhere than in Palestine.
8. Letter dated 17 June 1947 from Mr. Eric Tanzer, London, forwarding a copy of "Wienerillustrierte" of 12 January 1944 containing photographs and notes on the Grand Mufti's visits to Axis armed forces.
9. Letter dated 18 June 1947 from an anonymous writer in Haifa who urges that the Jewish Agency be disbanded.

10. Letter dated 20 June 1947 from Dr. Eldi, urging that the Committee turn the Arab parts of Palestine into an Arab State; in which all peoples and faiths could live together unmolested, and to leave the other parts of the country under trusteeship, ensuring that the Administering Authority would take firmer action than hitherto against terrorism and communism.
11. Letter dated 22 June 1947 from Mr. M. Feldschreiber, Tel Aviv, suggesting that the adoption of a common language in Palestine would facilitate Arab-Jewish rapprochement.
12. Letter dated 25 June 1947 from Mr. S. Wagner, former resident of Czechoslovakia, setting forth the case of his family, who, unable to immigrate to Palestine, were exterminated. He urges the immediate abolition of the 1939 White Paper.
13. Cablegram dated 27 June 1947 from the Argentine Israelite Association, Buenos Aires, urging the United Nations to solve without delay the problem of free immigration of Jews into Palestine.
14. Letter dated 29 June 1947 from the President of the Local Council, Nahariya, bringing to the notice of the Committee an exchange of letters between the Local Council and the Government of Palestine regarding the requisitioning of land for the resettlement of discharged soldiers.
15. Letter dated 2 July 1947 from Solidarité Juive, Brussels forwarding the text of a resolution urging the Belgian Government to facilitate the entry into Belgium of a large number of displaced persons.
16. Letter received 3 July 1947 from the "Arab National Resistance", written on behalf of the Arabs of Palestine and Egypt and stressing that Palestine is and must remain an Arab country.

17. Two letters dated 4 July 1947 from Dr. Franz Reich, Jerusalem, concerning a book he has written entitled "Fundamentals of Political Psychology" which he thinks would be of interest to the Committee.
18. Letter received 5 July 1947 from Mr. J. Marshak, Petach-Tikva, on the utilization of solar heat for the production of saltless water in the Negev.
19. Letter dated 9 July 1947 from the Better Business Association, Tel Aviv, on the subject of combatting unfair business practises and the Government's failure to take action in this matter.
20. Letter dated 13 July 1947 from Dr. Max Bard, Tel Aviv, suggesting that a Jewish State in Palestine should be financed through compulsory taxation of all Jews throughout the world.
21. Twenty-nine miscellaneous letters drawing the Committee's attention to personal cases and putting forth various solutions in general terms to the Palestine problem.
22. 5,209 postcards received between 23 June and 18 July 1947, stating that the British Army is torturing the Jewish population and endangering the security of Palestine. The United Nations is urged to bring about the evacuation of the British Army from Palestine. (Note: The total number of these postcards so far received by the Committee is 6,796).