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In the list of communications requesting oral hearings before the Committee given in Document A/AC.13/SC.2/1, the applications are divided into two categories: A. requests from organizations, and B. requests from individuals.

In the following comments, the numbers are the same as those used in Document A/AC.13/SC.2/1.

A. REQUESTS FROM ORGANIZATIONS

1. Agudath Israel World Organization, Jerusalem

The Secretariat has distributed information about the membership and aims of this organization. It is evident that it falls within Category B and should be given a hearing as it presents a distinct viewpoint of particular interest.

2. Alliance Israélite Universelle, Paris.

In the memorandum from this organization, nothing of particular interest is stated that will not be included in the statements of the Jewish Agency. It appears, therefore, that no hearing is necessary.

3. Anglo-Jewish Association, London.

A letter has been received from this association stating that it will be glad, if requested to do so, to submit a memorandum and supplement it by oral evidence. The Committee should request them to forward the memorandum. Whether an oral hearing should be granted could be decided later.

4. Ashkenasic Jewish Community, Jerusalem.

This religious body represents the religious views of most of the Jews of European descent. Without any doubt, the chief Rabbi of this community should be heard. Whether this request falls into Category B or D is not certain, probably D.

5. Communist Party of Palestine, Central Committee, Tel Aviv.

A hearing should be granted under Category B. In the last elections to the Jewish Elected

Assembly

Assembly, the Party polled slightly over two percent of the votes. The Party is opposed to Zionism.

6. General Federation of Jewish Labour in Palestine, Tel Aviv.

It has already been decided that a hearing should be granted under Category B.

7. Ihud (Union) Association, Jerusalem.

As under 6.

8. International League Against Anti-Semitism, Tel Aviv.

From the memorandum submitted by this organization, it is clear that nothing of particular interest is included. Therefore, it is recommended to reject the request.

9. Jewish Agency for Palestine, Jerusalem.

As under 6.

10. League for the Equal Right to Work for Every Jew, Tel Aviv.

The League applied for a hearing without submitting any document. The available information is that it is not an organization of any standing. No hearing should be granted.

11. League for Peace with Justice in Palestine.

This League has no membership in Palestine, nor a membership of any size anywhere else, for that matter. The leader is the wealthy Anti-Zionist, Benjamin Freedman. A lengthy document has just been distributed today. Decision should be taken later.

12. Ligue Mondiale de la Paix, Central Committee, Jerusalem.

Information about the membership has not yet come in.

13. The Palestine Communist Union, Central Committee, Tel Aviv.

This party is a break-away from the Palestine Communist Party. The reason for the break was the attitude of the Palestine Communist Party towards Zionism. The Union recognizes Jewish national aspirations and guardedly supports partition. The number of members is not more than a few hundred. As no view point of particular interest could be expected from this party, no hearing should be granted.

14. Sephardic Community, Jerusalem.

The Sephardic Community is a religious body including the Jews of Mediterranean and

/Mid-Eastern

Mid-Eastern descent. On similar grounds as those stated under 4, a hearing should be granted under Category D.

15. Vaad Leumi (General Council of the Jewish Community of Palestine, Jerusalem.

As under 6.

16. Intercamp Committee, Cyprus.

Two letters have been received from committees representing the Jews now living in the two camp areas in Cyprus. One includes the request to be heard. The Committee has not yet decided whether a visit should be made to Cyprus. If it decides to go there, a hearing is obviously unnecessary; if the Committee decides otherwise, it is of value to hear the views of the Jews who place all their hopes on immigration into this country.

B. REQUESTS FROM INDIVIDUALS

The suggestions made hereunder have to be read with the restriction that, in some cases, some investigation should be made by the Secretariat about the qualifications of the applicant before any hearing be granted.

1. Anis K. Abiad, Haifa

States that he is a philosopher, 36 years of age, weighing 72 kilos, 1m81 in height, with an important message taking an hour. No reason for a hearing.

2. J. W. Abileah, Haifa.

The author promotes an idea of particular interest, sc., a United Palestine and Transjordan under the rulership of King Abdullah in order to enable large scale immigration. This idea deserves the attention of the Committee.

3. Dr. A. Ros, Jerusalem.

States nothing of particular interest. No hearing.

4. Rahel Ber, Haifa.

Wishes to make an oral petition on behalf of her husband now under arrest.

5. F. Danzinger, Tel Aviv.

Dr. Danzinger appeared before the Anglo-American Committee. See Public Hearing, 25 March, page 49. Not sufficient reason for a hearing.

/I. H. Doss, Cairo.

6. I. H. Doss, Cairo.

Dr. Doss is a lecturer at the University of Cairo. Wants to explain the attitude of the Egyptians. Apparently the applicant is a Jew who has written many articles on the problem of the Egyptian people. Not sufficient reason for a hearing.

7. J. Helporn, Tel Aviv.

No reason for a hearing.

8. E. Heppner, Jerusalem.

A surgeon. Wants to testify on the police rule. No hearing.

9. G. Joseph, Gadera, Palestine.

Gives no reason. No hearing.

10. E. Lelelund, Haifa.

A hearing should be granted to an appropriate representative of British business communities, as it could be valuable for the Committee to have a statement from the side of private enterprise.

11. J. Lifshitz, Tel Aviv.

No reason for a hearing.

12. E. Linz, Jerusalem.

It is not known which view point this applicant will bring forward. Therefore, no reason for a hearing.

13. Dr. S. Low, Tel Aviv.

The author deals only with what is, in the whole of the problem, only a minor subject. No reason for a hearing.

14. N. Madawi, Nablus, Palestine.

The applicant is an Arab from Nablus. Asks for hearing without giving any explanation. No reason for a hearing.

15. D. Pantofaru, Haifa.

Wishes to make an oral petition on behalf of her husband, at present under arrest.

16. John Popper, Tel Aviv.

Wishes to present a plan under which Palestine would become the first territory to be administered by the United Nations.

17. Rabbi M. M. Porush, Jerusalem.

Memorandum distributed on 19 June.

18. B. Zaroubine, Tel Aviv.

A historian. Should first send in written testimony, since we do not have what he submitted to the Anglo-American Committee.

19. Dr. Chaim Weizman.

A hearing should be granted under Category C. Dr. Weizman requested to be heard after the Jewish Agency and before 15 July.