

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE

SUBCOMMITTEE TWO

COMMUNICATION REQUESTING ORAL HEARINGS BEFORE
THE COMMITTEENote by the Secretariat

The following requests for oral hearings have been received between 22 June and 3 July 1947.

A. REQUESTS FROM ORGANIZATIONS

17. Bne-Horin Movement.

A memorandum submitted by this Movement was circulated on 2 July. No covering letter was included. The Secretariat will take steps to obtain further information on this organization.

18. Chief Rabbinate of Palestine, Jerusalem, 27 June.

The Secretariat of the Chief Rabbinate informs the Committee that at a meeting of the Chief Rabbinate on June 2nd it was unanimously resolved that the Chief Rabbis of Palestine, Dr. Isaac Herzog and Rabbi Benzion Uziel, should present evidence to the Special Committee. The Chief Rabbinate is the supreme religious authority of Palestine Jewry and represents both the Ashkenasic and the Sepharadic Jewish communities. The Chief Rabbis have given evidence before all previous Commissions on Palestine. The Jewish Agency, in a letter dated 2 July, supported this application for a hearing. The Agency also explains that the Chief Rabbis would wish to be heard before any other Jewish religious bodies.

19. Church of England and Church of Scotland, Jerusalem,
1 July 1947.

The Right Rev. W.H. Stewart, Bishop of the Church of England in Jerusalem, submits a memorandum (circulated on 2 July) which was submitted by him last year to the Anglo-American Committee. He states that he will glad to appear before the Committee and to answer any questions connected with the memorandum. He adds that a further memorandum will be submitted jointly on behalf of himself and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, and that should the Committee so desire, he and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland would wish to appear together to answer all questions concerning

20. Consul-General of France, Jerusalem, 1 July.

The writer submits a memorandum on the humanitarian and cultural work of French institutions in the Holy Land. He states that he is ready to give oral evidence on this memorandum before the Committee.

21. Council of Jewish Women's Organizations of Palestine, Tel Aviv, 30 June.

This body incorporates the majority of women's organizations in Palestine. Its purpose is to put forward the women's point of view on all issues concerning the Jewish community in Palestine. The Council wishes to testify on the achievements of Jewish women in building up the National Home. A memorandum is being submitted separately.

22. The Democratic Club, Tel Aviv, 1 July.

Memorandum distributed on 2 July.
The Democratic Club was founded in 1943 and includes Jewish and Arab members. It urges the partition of Palestine.

23. League for Jewish-Arab Rapprochement and Co-operation, Jerusalem.

Memorandum distributed on 2 July.
The Ihud Association states that although it and the Hashomer Hatzair Workers' Party adhere to the League for Jewish-Arab Rapprochement, the League has a wider, more generalized viewpoint than that of the Ihud itself. Its membership also includes a large number of individuals who do not belong either to the Hashomer Hatzair or the Ihud. The Ihud Association feels that it will present a different viewpoint from its own.

24. Ohamey Heruth Israel (Fighters for the Freedom of Israel), 26 June 1947.

A memorandum from this underground organisation was circulated on 3 July. It specifies that the organisation wishes to report before the Committee on the situation in Palestine and to submit proposals concerning the future of the country.

25. Manufacturers Association of Palestine, Tel Aviv, 29 June.

The President, Arie Shenkar, writes that he was invited by the Chairman to submit a memorandum on the development of industry in Palestine. He states that he is submitting this memorandum in a few days time and asks that he be allowed to supplement it by oral evidence.

26. The Relatives' Committee for Detainees and Exiled Persons, Tel Aviv, 20 June.

Memorandum distributed on 2 July. This organisation urges inter alia that the Special Committee appoint a committee of international experts to examine the files of detainees.
