

U. N. GROUP TO HEAR NINE IN PALESTINE

Obscure Backer of Union With Trans-Jordan on List—Visit Paid to University, Hospital

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JERUSALEM, June 27—An obscure man who advocates the union of Palestine and Trans-Jordan under King Abdullah will receive an oral hearing by the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine. His name, J. W. Abileah, was among those of nine organizations and individuals whom the committee decided today that it would hear.

The other names on the list were:

Agudath Israel, world organization of the extreme orthodox religious Zionist association, which is not connected with the world Zionist movement.

Ashkenazi, the Jewish community of Jerusalem, an anti-Zionist body of Jews whose families have been in Palestine for several generations.

The Communist party of Palestine, which advocates an independent Jewish-Arab Palestinian state.

The General Federation of Jewish Labor, the trade union branch of the Zionist movement in Palestine.

Ihud, the union association that favors a binational Palestinian state with political parity between Arabs and Jews and whose chief spokesman is Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of Hebrew University of Palestine.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine, official voice of the world Zionist movement.

Vaad Leumi, the Jewish National Council of Palestine, which acknowledges the Jewish Agency's political leadership, but which will speak on the country's internal affairs.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, former president of the World Zionist Organization and pre-eminent elder statesman of the Zionist movement.

In a letter to the committee the Fighters for Freedom of Israel—the Stern group—asked tonight for a hearing.

There was no discussion by the United Nations committee today of the proposal by Irgun Zvai Leumi that the three condemned Jewish terrorists be called as witnesses on alleged mistreatment of captives by British forces.

Apparently anticipating that Irgun's request would be considered today, the Guatemalan delegate, Jorge Garcia Granados, proposed that requests for hearings be discussed in public.

Beaten on Two Votes

Today Señor Garcia Granados was defeated by seven votes (Australia, Canada, India, Iran, the Netherlands, Peru and Sweden) to four (Czechoslovakia, Guatemala, Uruguay and Yugoslavia). By a vote of 8 to 4, Czechoslovakia voting with the previous majority of seven, the committee also decided that other requests for hearings would be discussed privately.

According to information from Haifa, Mr. Abileah is a 30-year-old Jew of Russian origin, a dealer in musical instruments and brother of a distinguished pianist. Committee members said tonight that he had sent in a memorandum that interested them, advocating a union of Palestine and Trans-Jordan, with facilities for large Jewish immigration. No body of public support for such an idea is known to exist.

The criteria that the United Nations committee set for the oral hearings were:

- (A) Political and other organizations representative of considerable groups of the population of Palestine.
- (B) Other political organizations, or organizations of non-political character representing the viewpoint of particular interest for the problem under investigation.
- (C) Individuals having relevant information or personal viewpoints of particular interest for the problem under investigation not submitted by representatives or organizations under A or B.
- (D) Authorities of various religions having relevant information with regard to Article 5 of the resolution of the General Assembly (instructing the committee to give careful consideration to religious interests in Palestine).

Today the committee members inspected two of the most impressive Jewish institutions in Palestine—Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus above Jerusalem.