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Communication received from the Advance Party concerning replies from officials of Palestine Administration with respect to continuing employment after the termination of the Mandate.

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UNITED NATIONS ADVANCE PARTY

REPLIES FROM OFFICIALS OF PALESTINE ADMINISTRATION
WITH RESPECT TO CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT AFTER THE
TERMINATION OF THE MANDATE.

(Progress Report No. 1 by C. Stavropoulos)

The following replies have been received to date by the Advance Party from officials of the Palestine Government with respect to continued employment after the termination of the Mandate. The replies are classified below by Departments.

I. SECRETARIAT

Wishing to Continue Employment: 33
Classified by race or nationality as follows:-

31	Jews
1	British
1	Caucasian

Among these there is only one Senior official (Mr. Brin). The above 33 wish to be re-employed as follows:-

Successor State or City or Board	10
City of Jerusalem only	7
City of Jerusalem or Board	7
State or City	6
State only	2
Board only	1

Several appended to the official form the following declaration:-

" I have noted the contents of the Chief Secretary's general circular No. 8 of 2 March 1948 and the United Nations Palestine Commission's communication contained therein and hereby state that I am willing to serve under the successor authorities of Palestine on the same terms and with the same rights as enjoyed by me under the Mandatory Government. Should my services prove to be of a temporary nature, I reserve my right to claim all benefits to which officers not employed by the successor authorities are entitled."

Not Wishing to Continue Employment:- 125
Classified as follows by nationality or race:-

89	Arabs
20	British
8	Greeks
5	Armenians
1	Jew
1	Spanish American
1	Slav

II. CIVIL AVIATION

Eight employees, all Jewish, have expressed their wish to continue in the Service. One of them expressed a wish to be employed by the Jewish State or the Joint Economic Board.

Nine Arabs expressed their wish not to continue and have appended to the official form the following declaration:-

"I do not wish to be re-employed by the United Nations Palestine Commission or any authority or state under the partition scheme for the following reasons:-

"A" - The Commission is not a scheduled Government within the meaning of the Palestine Pensions Ordinance,

"B" - There has been no definite offer of appointment and there is no security of tenure of office, the British Mandate having ended my service as at 15 May 1948,

"C" - As an Arab I am not prepared to co-operate with the said Commission as I genuinely believe that it is not constitutional, it conflicts with the National Covenant of the Palestine Arabs and does not satisfy their national aspiration."

III. CUSTODIAN OF ENEMY PROPERTY

Thirty-three expressed a wish to remain in service, classified as follows by race or nationality:-

29	Jews
2	British
2	Greek

Among them are the Custodian, the Assistant-Custodian and the Chief Clerk. One of them expressed a wish to be employed by the Joint Economic Board and two of them either by the City of Jerusalem or the Joint Economic Board.

IV. PRESS CENSORSHIP

Twenty-three Jewish employees, among them the Assistant Press Censor of Jerusalem and the Assistant Censor of Tel Aviv have expressed their willingness to remain in the Service.

V. ROAD TRANSPORT

Eight Jewish employees have expressed their willingness to continue in the service of the successor Jewish State or the City of Jerusalem or the Joint Economic Board.