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### DISTRIBUTION OF ARMS TO RAANANA COLONISTS AUTHORIZED

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) -- Distribution of arms from police stores to settlers in the American Jewish colony of Raanana and in Kfar Saba, both north of Tel Aviv, was authorized today, ostensibly as a precautionary measure against possible attacks on those colonies by Arabs.

Shouting "kill the Jews," a small Arab demonstration at the Jaffa Gate here was dispersed this morning. The demonstration started when a court opened hearings in the case of Hassan Sidky el Dajany and Salakh Abdou, Arab strike leaders, who were arrested yesterday on charges of inciting to rebellion.

Both leaders, who had signed a manifesto urging Arabs not to pay taxes until their anti-Jewish demands were granted by the Government, were released last night despite their refusal to put up bail or commit themselves in any other way. A third leader, Moghannem Elias Moughanem, was released last night shortly after his arrest.

Their release is giving rise to a feeling that the Government is retreating from yesterday's stern attitude, expressed in the course of an audience given Arab leaders by High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope and followed by arrests of three of them.

The hearing on Dajany and Abdou was adjourned to tomorrow.

Meanwhile the Arab Supreme Committee, which is conducting the general strike against Jewish immigration and land sale to Jews, now in its third week, informed Sir Arthur that it would continue the strike and would not send a delegation to London to confer on their

grievances with Colonial Secretary J. H. Thomas, in compliance with the latter's invitation, until Jewish immigration was completely stopped. The committee also informed the High Commissioner that its members would continue to address meetings.

An official communique on yesterday's conference between the High Commissioner and Arab leaders reported that Sir Arthur urged the Arab Supreme Committee to give up the strike and send a delegation to London. It said he warned them sternly to combat illegal acts such as murder, arson and civil disobedience.

Sir Arthur insisted that the committee make known "without delay" that it dissociates itself from illegal acts and warned its members against holding or addressing public meetings and demonstrations. He said the two arrested Arab leaders would be prosecuted for urging Arab Government employes to strike and advocating suspension of tax payments.

Davar, Hebrew labor daily, reported today that the Government is planning to prohibit publication by newspapers of all news regarding civil disobedience or a strike of Arab Government officials.

Jewish members of the Jerusalem Municipal Council yesterday submitted a written demand to District Commissioner James Campbell for the removal of Mayor Hussein Khalidi because of his membership in the strike committee. Previously they had demanded of Mayor Khalidi that he either resign from the committee or the mayoralty.

#### ARAB RIOTS, STRIKE WILL FAIL TO WIN AIMS, THOMAS TELLS COMMONS

LONDON, May 6. (JTA) -- Neither riots nor the Arab general strike, now in its third week in Palestine, will force the British Government to accede to Arab demands for cessation of Jewish immigration to the Holy Land, Colonial Secretary J. H. Thomas told the House of Commons today.

Reviewing the situation, in reply to a query by Lieut. Commander R. J. Fletcher, Laborite, Mr. Thomas said the strike was more general now than it was a week ago and would possibly "lead to further disorders."

He declared, however, that the Government would not be deflected from its policy on Palestine "by riots or by threats of any kind and there is no question of the Government stopping Jewish immigration in consequence of the strike."

Referring to the invitation he has extended to Arab leaders to come to London to state their case, Mr. Thomas expressed the belief that they will realize, if they adopt that procedure, that they will receive a full and an impartial hearing.

The Colonial Secretary declared that the situation in Palestine remains generally quiet, although there have been some isolated incidents. The strike, he said, has lasted for two weeks despite heavy losses to Arab merchants and transport workers. He added that it "is more general now than a week ago and there's a possibility the strike may lead to further disorders."

Mr. Thomas said the High Commissioner was taking legal measures against the members of the Arab strike committee.

Discussing the causes of the disorders, which since their outbreak on April 19 in Jaffa have caused twenty Jewish and six Arab deaths, Mr. Thomas said:

"I believe the underlying cause of the disturbances is Arab discontent. I understand the Arabs have threatened to continue the strike until Jewish immigration is stopped." Mr. Thomas then continued with the statement that riots and threats would not deflect the Government's policy on Palestine.

Replying to a question by H. Graham-White, Liberal, on the extent to which Italian or other foreign propaganda was responsible for the disturbances, Mr. Thomas said there was no information showing they were caused by propaganda from outside sources.

A sharp exchange occurred between Mr. Thomas and Commander O. Locker-Lampson, Conservative, when the latter asked if the riots were subsidized by Germany. Mr. Thomas repeated his previous assertion that he had no information on this score adding it was necessary to emphasize that despite all threats the High Commissioner intends to maintain law and order. Here Commander Locker-Lampson ironically interjected: "What is this mysterious law and order?" To which Mr. Thomas retorted:

"In this case I understand it is to prevent people from hiding behind bushes in the dark and throwing stones and even knifing people. That has got to be put down."

#### FIRES UNREPORTED IN PALESTINE FIRST TIME IN 17 DAYS

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) -- For the first time in seventeen days no cases of arson or uprooting of trees were reported today from all over Palestine. (About 1,500 trees were destroyed last night by fire that broke out, for the third time in the past two weeks, in the Balfour Forest, planted by Jews in honor of the man whose proclamation in 1917 opened the way to large scale settlement of Jews in Palestine.)

An ordinance published in the Official Gazette today imposes a six months jail term, a fine of \$250, or both for direct or indirect instigation to non-payment of taxes.

NAZI KIDNAPER GETS 3-YEAR JAIL TERM; MUST PAY DAMAGES

BASLE, Switzerland, May 6. (JTA) -- Hans Wesemann, Nazi agent who confessed to the kidnaping from Swiss soil into Germany more than a year ago of Berthold Jakob, German Jewish journalist and refugee, was today sentenced to three years penal servitude and payment of 1,500 Swiss francs as damages to Jakob. Wesemann's counsel appealed.

The trial, which opened here Monday, was climaxed yesterday by Jakob's dramatic recitation of his abduction and the tortures he was put through by the Gestapo, Nazi secret State police. Jakob revealed that for sixteen days after he was imprisoned by the Nazis he was kept in chains and given a ruthless third degree.

Maximum sentence that could have been imposed by the court on Wesemann, was eight years.

WORLD SHOWERS FELICITATIONS ON FREUD'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

VIENNA, May 6. (JTA) -- Deluged by messages from the entire world, with the conspicuous exception of Germany, Dr. Sigmund Freud today quietly spent his eightieth birthday at his home here.

A small group of eminent personalities visited the world-famous creator of psychoanalysis and conveyed to him personally their congratulations.

Vienna newspapers, with the exception of the anti-Semitic and semi-official Reichspost, published long articles on Dr. Freud and his work. The Wiener Zeitung in an editorial declared that "Vienna and Austria have good cause to be proud of Freud, who converted Vienna into a center of psychological research, and to thank him for his great services to science and to the country."

Dr. Freud's health was reported satisfactory and he is continuing with his daily routine as usual.

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Yiddish Scientific Institute to Print Freud "Introduction"

WILNO, Poland (JTA) -- The Yiddish Scientific Institute, international Jewish scientific body, is marking Dr. Sigmund Freud's eightieth birthday by publishing, with Dr. Freud's consent, his most important work, "Introduction to Psychoanalysis." Dr. Freud is an honorary member of the institute's board of trustees. The work, which has been translated into Yiddish by Dr. Max Weinreich, scholar and member of the board of trustees, will be published in six sections, all of which will appear this year.



#### 7 ARAB VILLAGES PUNISHED COLLECTIVELY

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) -- Collective punishment was imposed by the Government today upon seven Arab villages believed to be harboring incendiaries responsible for widespread destruction of Jewish property in the past two weeks.

#### REPORT \$500,000 WITHDRAWN FROM POLISH BANK IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, May 6. (JTA) -- It was estimated today that \$500,000 has been withdrawn from the Polska Kasa Opieki, semi-official Polish bank, in the last few days as a result of Poland's new currency laws, which forbid export of gold or foreign exchange.

Newspapers report that Palestine Jews thus far have suffered a loss of approximately \$600,000 because of the reduced exchange rates. The restriction on export of foreign exchange, they point out, is making it impossible for Polish Jews in the future to meet real estate and other obligations in Palestine.

#### FOREIGN EXHIBITIONS OPENED AT LEVANT FAIR

TEL AVIV, May 6. (JTA) -- All foreign pavilions were open for the first time today as the Levant Fair approached the end of its first week of a scheduled thirty-day international exposition. Foreign exhibitors had been prevented from opening their booths because exhibit merchandise consigned to them had been held up in Jaffa as a result of the Arab general strike.

#### 2,000 HOMELESS AS FIRE SWEEPS JEWISH QUARTER OF POLISH CITY

WARSAW, May 6. (JTA) -- Five persons were in a hospital today, and 2,000 were without homes as a result of the fire which yesterday swept through the Jewish quarter of Zamocz. Three hundred others suffered slight injuries. It was earlier reported that several children and aged persons perished in the flames which destroyed a fourteenth century synagogue, seventy houses and did damage estimated at 500,000 zlotys. The fire is believed to have started from a defective stove in a Jewish bakery.

#### POLISH POLICEMAN FIRED, JAILED FOR INSULTING JEW

WILNO, Poland, May 6. (JTA) -- A Polish policeman was dismissed from the force today and sentenced to six months in jail for calling a traffic law violator a "dirty Jew." The man so described by the policeman was Herman Tauber, who had been arrested for obstructing traffic.

### BRODIE HOLDS ARAB LEADERS RESPONSIBLE FOR DISORDERS

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- Israel B. Brodie, president of the American Economic Committee for Palestine, arriving today on the Paris from the Holy Land, attributed recent disorders in Palestine to the agitation of Arab leaders and said Jewish leaders in Palestine believe the only way effectively to solve the problem of Arab-Jewish relations is to bring into Palestine another 500,000 Jews as soon as possible.

Mr. Brodie remained in Palestine three weeks and left April 9, about ten days before the disorders broke out, but he said that when he departed tension was already apparent and incitement had been carried on for some time. He is the first Jewish leader to return here from Palestine since the disorders began.

The primary purpose of his trip was to attend the London meeting of the board of Palestine Potash, Ltd., of which he is a founder and director, and he also conferred with the company's executive in Palestine. He reported that work was beginning in earnest on the southern works of the Dead Sea project and that the outlook for the project was optimistic.

Mr. Brodie prophesied that the effects of recent disorders would only be to strengthen the determination of the settlers. The half million new settlers, he said, were needed to create an economic base for absorption of more people. He added, that to absorb such numbers, Palestine must proceed with rapid development of industry and agriculture.

Discussing the economic position in Palestine, Mr. Brodie said he believed a deflationary period accompanied by unemployment and credit contraction that followed the war scare had been checked.

"Unemployment is not general and is not increasing," he said, "and the general credit situation is easing up. It is expected by competent authorities that with the relaxation of the war scare the tempo of development in building construction and in industry will be resumed."

### SCRIPPS-HOWARD FOREIGN EDITOR SEES NAZI COLLAPSE IMMINENT

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- William Philip Simms, foreign editor of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, said today in the first of five despatches from Berlin that the present boom in Germany "is a purely government-financed affair" and that "one bright morning the population may wake up and find their jobs gone, their savings account frozen, their life insurance policies unrealizable save in steel and cement, fortifications and poison gas, and that the day of reckoning is at hand."

Describing the "veritable financial wizardries" used to stave off disaster, Mr. Simms said that Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Economics Minister, and "his new boss," General Hermann Goering, could not possibly "expect to hold the fort indefinitely." He added that Germany's new national defense plans were making new demands on its national economy.