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### END OF ARAB REVOLT SEEN STILL FAR OFF

JERUSALEM, May 31, (JTA) -- With an official communique admitting that Palestine Friday night went through one of the worst periods since the disturbances began, it became apparent today that the end of the Arab revolt was not yet in sight.

An Arab was killed by police during an Arab raid on the Jewish settlement of Kvutzat Hamishmar, near Herzlia. A Jew was wounded in the attack.

Patrols escorting lorries owned by the Palestine Potash Company were attacked by a band of Arab rebels on the Jericho road as they were nearing Jerusalem. An Arab was wounded in the resulting skirmish.

Arabs attacked an armored car on the Jericho road and another near Hebron.

With big fires still burning in the Jaffa-Tel Aviv area, three others were reported in the southern district of Palestine, destroying considerable Jewish property. A big lumber yard and a group of Jewish cooperative dwellings in the Jaffa-Tel Aviv border district were still burning Saturday.

Telephone wires were cut in several parts of the south. Bombs were thrown into District Commissioners' homes and into the post office at Ramleh.

Armed Arab bands raided a Jewish quarry at Majdalyaba and wrecked the plant. Much corn was destroyed by fires at Jewish colonies near Be'er and at Migdal, Kfar Hassidim and Hedera.

Bomb outrages and shootings were reported at Safed and other places.

Owners of cinema theatres in Jerusalem appealed to the authorities to change the curfew to start at eight o'clock instead of at seven, claiming their business was being paralyzed by the present regulations. The authorities refused, stating the situation did not permit of such a change.

Arab leaders who have been exiled to the Sinai desert are being forced to maintain themselves, it was learned today. The Government is reported to have granted concessions to Egyptians to open stores near the camp of the exiled leaders.

The authorities have taken steps to prevent relatives from communicating with the exiles.

#### 600 JEWS RECRUITED IN TEL AVIV AS DEFENSE CORPS

JERUSALEM, May 31. (JTA) -- A company of 600 young Jews has organized in Tel Aviv to be ready at an instant's notice to aid the authorities in defending outlying Jewish colonies in the event of attack by Arab rebels.

Use of tear gas by troops and police was authorized by High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope. Official announcement of the authorization said it was "for the purpose of preventing as long as possible the usage of other measures that might lead to the loss of life or serious damages when restoring order."

#### EGYPTIAN ARABS ACT TO AID PALESTINE REVOLT

CAIRO, Egypt, May 31. (JTA) -- Egyptian Arabs took a hand in Palestine events today by distributing leaflets in front of mosques, urging assistance for Palestine Arabs against Jews and Great Britain.

#### DR. NATHANSON, THROAT SPECIALIST, DIES IN MOSCOW AT 53

MOSCOW, May 31. (JTA) -- Prof. Liev Nathanson, famous throat specialist, died here yesterday at the age of 53. He was on the staff of the Moscow Medical Institute.

#### MANDATES BODY GETS AGENCY MEMORANDUM; TO QUIZ BRITONS TODAY

GENEVA, May 31. (JTA) -- With a report before it from the Jewish Agency for Palestine asking Great Britain to make the Jewish national home immune from further attack by actively encouraging Jewish immigration, the Mandates Commission of the League of Nations will begin tomorrow the examination of representatives of the British administration in the Holy Land.

In a letter to the Palestine High Commissioner accompanying the annual memorandum of the Agency to the twenty-ninth session of the commission, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Agency, declared that encouragement of immigration "is urgently called for by the conditions of dire economic distress and political persecution to which large sections of the Jewish people are now being subjected."

He held adoption of the policy "fully justified by the remarkable development of which Palestine has shown itself capable in recent years as a result of increased Jewish efforts."

The letter reiterated that the Jewish Agency would not cooperate in the establishment of a Palestine legislative council, adding that its attitude in opposing the council "has been endorsed with complete unanimity by Jewish public opinion in Palestine and throughout the world, and has met with a considerable measure of understanding and sympathy in authoritative non-Jewish circles."

Dr. Weizmann made the following recommendations:

- 1- A "substantial grant" of immigration certificates on the basis of normal increase in employment and the special allocation for German Jewish refugees.
- 2- Relaxation of regulations governing admittance of relatives of Palestinians.
- 3- Increase in opportunities of absorption of Jewish immigrants.
- 4- Legalization of the status of Jewish immigrants who have entered illegally.
- 5- Abandonment of proposed laws restricting sale of Arabs' lands.
- 6- Introduction of intensive methods of land cultivation and revision of land laws to halt fictitious claims and trespassing.
- 7- Revision of the tariff system to combat dumping by raising duties on specific goods and introduction of a double tariff system of minimum and maximum duties -- the lower duties to apply to countries buying Palestinian goods.
- 8- Increased Government allocations for Jewish medical and health services.
- 9- Increasing the number of Jews in public works -- now eight per cent -- to one-third of the total employees.

Only one paragraph of the letter -- the conclusion -- touched on recent disorders in Palestine. The letter, dated April 30, said anti-Jewish riots broke out in Jaffa April 19 as a result of a false rumor that Jews had killed Arabs in the streets.

Describing how Arabs "murderously assaulted" Jews, Dr. Weizmann told how the disorders spread throughout the country, taking eighteen Jewish lives and resulting in damage to Jewish property. The Arab leaders, he said, took advantage of the situation to proclaim a strike for stoppage of Jewish immigration, prohibition of land sale to Jews and establishment of a national government.

"This is not the first time the attempt has been made by use of violence to force the hands of the Mandatory Government into abandoning the policy of the Jewish national home and to deter the Jewish people from proceeding with its work of settlement in Palestine. The Jewish people has demonstrated on similar occasions in the past that no such attacks can shake its determination to rebuild its national home in Palestine."

The memorandum itself comprised a fifty-page review of "remarkable economic developments" taking place in Palestine. It reported that "the absorption of the newcomers into the life of the country has proceeded steadily and with success."

Declaring that the outbreak of the Ethiopian war produced a temporary financial crisis in Palestine, the memorandum said it was short-lived and development is now proceeding normally. Jewish immigration, capital and initiative were credited for Palestine's rapid expansion.

The memorandum reviewed population growth, immigration, colonization, agriculture and the various organizations active in Palestine.

#### ZIONISTS, NON-ZIONISTS URGE RECONSIDERATION OF CONGRESS PROJECT

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA) -- Well-known Zionist and non-Zionist leaders are the signers of a statement urging proponents of the World Jewish Congress, scheduled to open August 8 at Geneva, "to give further consideration to this project before this step is actually taken."

Declaring the Congress "will create confusion and thus impede the important work of many existing organizations both here and abroad," the statement voices the conviction of the signers that it would at this time "be productive of more harm than good."

Among the signers of the statement are: Dr. A.A. Rongy, chairman of the National Council of the Zionist Organization of America, I. D. Morrison, prominent New York attorney and Zionist; and the following non-Zionists: Judge Edward Lazansky, E.I. Kaufman of Washington, James N. Rosenberg of the Joint Distribution Committee and others.

The statement follows in full:

"The undersigned American Jews, vitally interested in problems affecting Jewish life here and abroad, urge the proponents of a World Jewish Congress proposed to be held in Geneva this coming summer to give further consideration to this project before this step is actually taken. Such a step will create confusion and thus impede the important work of many existing organizations both here and abroad. We are convinced that the calling of such a Congress at this time will be productive of more harm than good.

"Such a meeting will not and cannot now truly represent Jews of the world. Jews of Germany and Russia will not participate. The majority of Jews in England and France decline to take part. In the United States the B'nai B'rith, American Jewish Committee, Free Sons of Israel, National Council of Jewish Women, and that portion of the people represented by the Jewish Labor Committee have united in opposing this movement. In Poland, the Bundists refuse participation. Many responsible Jews regard this movement as dangerous and ill-timed. In such circumstances, such a gathering purporting to represent Jews throughout the world will not in truth represent or express the views of large and responsible sections of Jewish people. Moreover, the holding of such a gathering, designated as a 'World Jewish Congress', will be seized upon by anti-Semitic forces here and abroad as a separatist movement. Thus Jews in this country will be accused of trying to introduce a doctrine contrary to that spirit of American democracy in which we firmly believe."

In a personal letter to Mr. Rosenberg, B.C. Vladeck, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee presents four reasons for opposition to the Congress:

First is that "many responsible Jewish bodies and individuals in America and the world over think that such a gathering will have ill effects. A Parliament which has no power and contents itself with passing resolutions may bring about very sad results."

Second is that the proposed Congress "will have an agenda considering the troubles of Jews but not an agenda for the cures."

Third, "it is the unanimous opinion of the Jewish Labor Committee that the Jews can nowhere regain and retain their rights without the help of organized labor and of the progressive public opinion in the non-Jewish world. A Jewish World Congress, in its very proposition, denies this principle, notwithstanding that officially its leaders do not deny this principle."

Fourth, the "leaders of the World Congress movement must understand once and for all that they cannot conduct Jewish activities in the same manner as actors play their parts on the stage. If one show is a failure, they play in another show, parading under different masks. Because the Zionist element will appear under a new name, the situation will not be changed."

Mr. Vladeck's letter concludes with the statement that it is not an official declaration of the Jewish Labor Committee, but that he is expressing that body's opinion.

#### CANADIAN JEWRY URGED TO JOIN WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

MONTREAL, Que., May 31. (JTA) -- Addressing the opening of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Rabbi Harry Stern called on Canadian Jewry to join the World Jewish Congress, which is scheduled to convene at Geneva on August 8.

Rabbi Stern appealed for unity and democracy and stressed the urgency of drafting youth in Jewish work lest they be trapped by antagonistic philosophies.

CHRISTIAN GROUP URGES BRITISH AID PALESTINE JEWS

WASHINGTON, May 31. (JTA) -- A Christian delegation headed by Bishop James E. Freeman of this city on Friday submitted to British Ambassador Sir Ronald Lindsay a petition urging Great Britain to steer a course favoring establishment of a free Jewish nation in Palestine.

The petition, sponsored by the Pro-Palestine Federation of America, expresses the opinion that enlightened Christian leadership in the United States favors a larger Jewish immigration into Palestine. It stresses the "intolerable sufferings" of millions of Jews in Eastern Europe and Germany and suggests the need for a clear and definite policy on the part of the British Government in the carrying out of the stipulations of the Palestine mandate.

Among the signers of the petition are Samuel Harden Church, president of the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh; Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, president of the Union of Congregational Churches in America; Ivan Lee Holt, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, St. Louis; Frederick B. Robinson, president of City College of N.Y.; John Haynes Holmes of the Community Church of N.Y. and others.

LATEST PALESTINE BULLETIN

JERUSALEM, May 31. (JTA) -- It was learned today that the Palestine Government is considering mobilization of 1,000 Jews into a special unit to help Government forces cope with the Arab revolt.

An offer to aid mobilization of such a force was made to High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope by representatives of various Jewish organizations in view of the continuing terror. It was estimated that it would be at least another month before a semblance of order is completely restored.

It is understood the Government is ready to accept the offer providing the unit is disbanded after three months and if the Jewish Agency for Palestine contributes about \$30 monthly for each recruit's maintenance.