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### BEN-GURION PREDICTS EARLY END OF ARAB STRIKE

LONDON, July 16. (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Palestine Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, warned today of a serious reaction among the Palestine Jews "with consequences which everyone would deplore" if Great Britain yielded to Arab demands for halting Jewish immigration.

He added, however, in a report delivered at a meeting of the World Zionist Executive, that it was not believed likely that the Government would give way to "Arab violence and intimidation."

Predicting an early break-up of the twelve-week-old Arab general strike, Mr. Ben-Gurion said terrorist bands were deteriorating and Arab bandits were attacking each other as often as others.

The strike was being kept alive by encouraging reports from an unofficial Arab delegation in London, he said, but the impression was spreading that there was no basis for the encouragement.

He declared that the Palestine Jewish community was maintaining excellent spirit and that the Jewish settlements, protected by Jewish special police, felt secure.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today that there no longer exists the possibility that the Government might not adhere to its announced intention not to send a Royal Commission to investigate the disorders until order was restored. It was learned, however, that a strong minority in the British cabinet continues to favor stoppage of immigration. This was causing Zionist leaders some concern.

### ARAB VILLAGE WINS INJUNCTION AGAINST \$5,000 COLLECTIVE FINE

JERUSALEM, July 16. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court today struck a blow at the Government's emergency measure of imposing collective fines on Arab villages when it granted the village of Gaza an injunction restraining the Government from enforcing collection of a \$5,000 fine as punishment in connection with disorders there.

The court issued a summons calling on Assistant District Commissioner Aubrey Lees to appear and explain imposition of the fine.

Scattered Arab disorders meanwhile continued in their third month.

Shabbetai Epstein, 29, manager of an orange grove near Rishon-le-Zion, was found dead this morning in an orchard. It has not yet been established whether he was murdered by Arabs or died as the result of an accident.

Earlier, a British soldier was slightly wounded by Arabs who fired on a military patrol at Mizpah, near Nazareth.

Troops used machine guns in repelling attacks on patrols near Ben Shemen and Tel Mond.

During the night Arab snipers fired at buildings of the Imperial Airways at Gaza.

A bridge between Beer Sheba and Hebron was demolished by explosives.

#### LONDON HEARS PALESTINE JEWS HAVE DEFENSE ARMY OF 50,000

LONDON, July 16. (JTA) -- The News-Chronicle today gives sensational display to a report by its returned Jerusalem correspondent that the Jews in Palestine have a semi-secret, well-equipped and trained army of 50,000 men and women for purposes of defense against the Arabs.

According to the correspondent, the army possesses a chain of secret forts and radio stations, a signalling code, a Red Cross unit with modern equipment, machine guns, rifles, bombs, hand grenades and ample stores of ammunition.

Hundreds of tractors, each convertible into armored cars, are also reportedly available to the army.

The report alleges that the army is operated on the "cell" system, seven men or women to the cell. Control is said to be vested in a secret committee comprising representatives of all Jewish sections.

The writer states that the British Government is aware of the army's existence.

#### FASCIST UNIFORMS MAY BE BANNED IN ENGLAND

LONDON, July 16, (JTA) -- Special legislation banning the wearing of uniforms by Fascists was hinted in the House of Commons today by Sir John Simon, Home Secretary.

Such a ban has "by no means been overlooked," although special legislation would be required, Sir John said in reply to demands by Vyvyan Adams, Conservative, that measures be taken to prevent further anti-Jewish demonstrations.

# BRITISH NATIONAL LEAGUE DEMANDS IMMIGRATION BE HALTED

LONDON, July 16. (JTA) -- A thousand persons, including a dozen peers, attending a meeting of the National League last night adopted a resolution demanding that the Government send a Royal Commission to investigate current disorders in Palestine and halt immigration until it completes its findings.

The meeting also asked measures to allay present difficulties, and bring about fundamental changes in policy required "to do justice to the Arabs," criticized the British Government and asked the church to intervene.

Members of a Palestine Arab delegation addressed the meeting. A number of Arab sympathizers attacked the press, charging that it was dominated by Jewish advertisers, and was therefore subordinating the Arab case. Lieut. Col. Waters Taylor presided.

# REDS TO BE BARRED FROM GENEVA PARLEY, WISE SAYS IN WARSAW

WARSAW, July 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, of New York, president of the American Jewish Congress, said yesterday he would not sit with American Jewish Communists at the forthcoming World Jewish Congress in Geneva.

"We would rather have no congress at all than admit to the congress those who have approved the Arab terror in Palestine," he declared.

(A conference of Jewish radical groups in New York last Sunday elected five delegates who will seek admission to the world parley, scheduled to begin August 8.)

Receiving an ovation on his arrival here from London, Dr. Wise conferred with Jewish leaders and later said in a press statement that the Zionist position was very serious but should not be exaggerated.

"We may have temporary obstacles, but ultimately the Jewish national home will come out victorious," he said.

Rabbi Wise is here on a week's visit in behalf of the world congress and to investigate the conditions of the Polish Jews.

# LITHUANIAN JEWISH GROUPS TO NAME CONGRESS DELEGATES, ELECTION BANNED

KAUNAS, Lithuania, July 16. (JTA) -- The Lithuanian Government today granted permission for a conference of Jewish organizations next Sunday to elect delegates to the World Jewish Congress opening in Geneva August 8. General elections for that purpose were prohibited.

# ALGERIAN ARAB LEADER SCORES ANTI-JEWISH DISORDERS

ALGIER (JTA) -- Recent anti-Jewish disorders in Oran and other places were condemned by Sheikh Zahiri, head of an Arab delegation from the Department of Oran, while here to negotiate with the Governor-General about rights for the native population.

He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency:

"The Mohammedan organizations of the country have issued an appeal to all Moslems to have nothing to do with the anti-Jewish agitators who, for their own private reasons, wish to bring about another Constantine massacre. The Arabs do not want any racial strife. They wish to live in peace with the other communities in the country."

Asked the attitude of the Algerian Arabs on disturbances in Palestine, he blamed British imperialism for friction between Arabs and Jews and said his group would demand a League of Nations inquiry into the Palestine situation and an Arab-Jewish agreement to limit immigration.

"Why don't the English give the Jews a part of their immense possessions, where they could be absolute masters?" he asked.

When he was told the Jews regarded Palestine as the land promised them by God and asked whether he would set himself against divine will, the Sheikh replied:

"Alas, the ways of the Lord are indeed inscrutable, and we are only human."

#### MISS BERGMANN DROPPED FROM GERMAN OLYMPIC TEAM

BERLIN, July 16. (JTA) -- Greta Bergmann, "non-Aryan" high-jump champion, has been dropped from the German Olympic team and Helene Mayer, half-Jewish fencing star, put in fourteenth place, it was revealed today with publication of the official list of the team.

Miss Mayer, who resides in California, and is now the only "non-Aryan" on the German team, occupies fourteenth place despite the fact that she is expected to win the fencing championship for Germany.

Der Angriff, Propaganda Minister Goebbels' paper, explains the dropping of Miss Bergmann on the ground that the German Olympic Committee had decided to reduce the number of high-jumpers by eliminating one woman from the team.

This action was taken, the paper says, because Germany has no chance of taking first place in the high-jump event, owing to the excellence of the American and Japanese competitors.

#### NAZIS URGE NATIONS TO END CRISIS BY ELIMINATING JEWS

BERLIN, July 16. (JTA) -- Nazi leaders today urged other nations to end economic crisis by reorganizing their economic systems to eliminate Jewish influences in addresses at a conference of the textile industry.

Bernhard Koehler, chief of the Economic and Political Department of the Nazi Party, said the world would continue to suffer from economic depressions as long as nations refused to eliminate "Jewish economic speculation."



Robert Ley, head of the German Labor Front, said that the Nazis had put an end to the practice of permitting Jews to incite employers and employees against each other.

#### BEOBACHTER COMPLAINS GERMANS IN U.S. DEAF TO PROPAGANDA

BERLIN, July 16. (JTA) -- Voelkischer Beobachter, personal organ of Reichsfuehrer Hitler, today featured an article complaining that the older generation of Germans in America was deaf to Nazi propaganda and little understood Nazi racial principles.

#### GYPSIES CLASSIFIED WITH JEWS IN REICH

BERLIN, July 16. (JTA) -- Gypsies were today classed with Jews in an official order stating that they are not permitted to marry "Aryans" or to hold public office.

#### RUMANIAN NAZIS ASSASSINATE NON-ANTI-SEMITIC FASCIST

BUCHAREST, July 16. (JTA) -- An "execution squad" of eight shock-troopers of the anti-Semitic Iron Guard tonight assassinated Michael Stelescu, leader of the Rumanian non-anti-Semitic Fascist League.

Forcing their way into the Brameovenescu Hospital, where Stelescu was recovering from an operation, they riddled him with 28 bullets. Then they surrendered to the police.

No one dared to interfere with the Iron Guardists, who held members of the hospital staff and police at the points of guns while they slew the Fascist leader.

Stelescu had been a prominent Iron Guardist, but quit the party three years ago because he did not agree with its terrorist methods. Recently he declared that although his party was nationalistic, he was no Jew-baiter, adding his supporters were animated by "genuine Christian principles."

#### RIGHT-WING RUMANIAN CABINET LOOMS, BUT STAND ON JEWS MAY BE MODIFIED

BUCHAREST (JTA) -- The belief that the Tatarescu government will shortly be replaced by an anti-Semitic right-wing coalition led by Prof. Octavius Goga and Dr. Alexander Vaida-Voevod is gaining ground in political circles here.

While the left-wing National Peasants Party is the strongest opposition group, leaders of the right-wing parties have subordinated personal animosities and have begun negotiations looking toward formation of a conservative electoral bloc.

The purpose of the proposed coalition is to defeat the National Peasants Party. Among those participating in the negotiations are Prof. Alexander Cuza, Prof. Goga, Dr. Vaida-Voevod, Argetoiano, Codreanu and Manolesco.

Another factor endangering the chances of the democratic National Peasants Party is the ill-feeling between its leader, ex-Premier Maniu, and King Carol. Dr. Maniu recently started a vigorous campaign against the King's private advisers and friends. There is little doubt that if Carol had to choose between the democratic group and the semi-Nazi bloc -- most of whose leaders are his personal friends -- he would prefer the latter.

According to Rumanian constitutional practice, when the Government resigns, the King entrusts with formation of a cabinet the party he deems fit to rule the country. This party "makes" the elections, and no party in power has ever lost at the polls. Thus, choice of a government actually lies with the King.

Viorel Tillea, right-hand man of ex-Premier Vaida-Voevod and one of the founders of the Nazi "Rumanian Front," told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent that while the right-wing bloc stood the best chances of forming the next cabinet, the anti-Semitic program of the coalition would have to be diluted and replaced by the "numerous proportionalis" formula.

This formula pretends not to eliminate completely the Jews from Rumania's economic and professional life but provides that they should be allowed to earn their existence "in proportion to the total number of pure-blooded Rumanians."

In other words, if an enterprise has 100 employees, 80 must be Rumanians, 8 Hungarians, 4 Germans, 4 Jews and 4 of other minorities of Rumanian citizenship. This proportion represents the ratio of the various nationalities to the Rumanian majority.

Since most Rumanians, Hungarians and Germans are farmers while the Jews are town-dwellers, "numerous proportionalis" means, in reality, the economic ruin of the Jewish citizens.