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## TROOPS IN 2-HOUR BATTLE WITH ARAB BANDS NEAR NABLUS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- British troops today engaged Arab bands in a sharp two-hour skirmish near Nablus, the first clash between Arabs and the military since cessation more than a month ago of the six-month Arab general strike against Jewish immigration and the Government. The number of casualties could not be ascertained.

The engagement opened when a large Arab band attacked a military car near Nablus. A wireless from the besieged car brought reinforcements.

Large bodies of troops proceeded today to Nablus to engage in field maneuvers and to pursue newly organized Arab bands which have been conducting extensive marauding activities against both Jewish and Arab settlements.

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The Associated Press reported from Jerusalem today that the market area was tense after battling between Christians and Moslems in which fists and sticks flew yesterday.

The disorders were an aftermath of Moslems picketing Christian shops, apparently following the example of similar clashes recently in Beirut, Syria, the dispatch declared.

## EDEN PLEDGES PROBE OF CHARGES 3 FOREIGN POWERS FINANCED ARAB VIOLENCE

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden promised in the House of Commons today to investigate allegations that three foreign governments subsidized the recent Palestine Arab disorders accompanying the six-month Arab general strike against Jewish immigration and the Government.

Replying to a query by Tom Johnston, Laborite, Capt. Eden denied having knowledge of the alleged role by the foreign governments. Mr. Johnston had asked "whether any of those governments are members of the League of Nations, whether any explanations have been asked from, or protests made to these governments, and if so with what result?"

Germany, Italy and Soviet Russia have on various occasions been linked to the Palestine disturbances in unsupported charges in Commons and the press.

### ROYAL COMMISSION VISITS REHOBOTH

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The British Royal Commission, which is investigating Palestine Arab disorders, today visited Rehoboth, largest Jewish colony in the Holy Land and site of the famous Agricultural Experimentation Station. Members of the commission took tea at the home of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and director of the station.

### 3 REVISIONISTS WOUNDED IN JERUSALEM LABOR CLASH

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Three Revisionist (right-wing Zionist) laborers were wounded, one of them seriously, in a clash today with members of the Histadruth, Palestine General Jewish Labor Federation.

The clash was precipitated when the Histadruth members would not permit organization of a picket line by their rivals in front of the new medical center buildings being erected on Mt. Scopus, site of the Hebrew University. The Revisionists reportedly were seeking a "fair share" of the jobs on the project, one of the most ambitious in the history of modern Palestine, and which American Jews are largely financing.

The Revisionist laborers proceeded to the headquarters of the Hadassah Medical Organization, joint sponsors of the project, and smashed windows in the building. Dr. Chaim Yassky, director, refused to negotiate with the Revisionists, police finally dispersing them.

### POLAND ISSUES REGULATIONS ON KOSHER MEAT QUOTAS

WARSAW, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A basis for determining quotas of kosher meat under the new law restricting Jewish ritual slaughter, effective Jan. 1, was outlined today by the Government.

Governors of provinces are to take into consideration the fact that 40 to 50 per cent of the kosher meat is consumed by non-Jews, the instructions said. In fixing quotas, they must therefore keep in mind not the total of animals slaughtered, but the total of animals slaughtered under the Jewish ritual, and issue permits to slaughter half that number for Jewish consumption.

There will be no restrictions on issuance of licenses to Jewish butcher shops, it was stated. All able to meet the regulations will receive licenses.

Deputy Emil Sommerstein informed the Jewish Small Traders' Union that there would be no quota on poultry. After intervention with the authorities, he said, it had been decided to exempt Jewish poultry dealers from the provisions of the new law.

#### ENDEKS WOUND 5 JEWS IN NEW WILNO RIOTING

WILNO, Poland, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Five Jews were wounded today, two of them seriously, in attacks on the streets and near the students' hospital. One of the injured was robbed.

Police dispersed a Nationalist demonstration at Wilno University. The chief librarian divided the university library into three sections, designating the left part for Jews. Those opposing segregation were told not to visit the library.

#### CURTI ARRIVES IN CHUR TO DEFEND FRANKFURTER

CHUR, Switzerland, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Eugen Curti, the "Clarence Darrow of Switzerland," arrived here today to defend David Frankfurter, Yugoslavian Jewish medical student, in his trial opening Wednesday on charges of murdering Wilhelm Gustloff, Nazi leader, last February.

Mr. Curti told newspapermen he was convinced that justice would triumph. Frankfurter was reported slightly ill as a result of excitement.

#### MEXICO OFFERS HAVEN TO LEON TROTSKY

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Mexican Government has decided to permit Leon Trotsky, exiled Russian revolutionary, now in Norway, to come to Mexico and "remain as long as he desires," the Foreign Relations Department has announced. The permission was declared in line with Mexico's policy of granting asylum to political refugees.

#### ACTORS EXEMPTED FROM BRITISH BILL BANNING UNIFORMS

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Government admitted an amendment to its new public order bill as discussion of the law to ban wearing of political party uniforms was resumed in the House of Commons today, the Havas News Agency reported.

Home Secretary Sir John Simon, acceding to a Laborite proposal, excepted stage and screen actors from the uniform ban provided their uniforms were worn only during the exercise of their profession.

#### PROF. HENRIQUES, NOTED DANISH PHYSIOLOGIST, DEAD AT 72

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Professor Waldeman Henriques, one of the most outstanding Danish physiologists, died of heart failure today at the age of 72.

Prof. Henriques was director of the Rockefeller Institute of Copenhagen. In 1903, he joined the faculty of the University of Copenhagen, a post he held for many years.

MORDECHAI COHEN, HEBREW SCHOLAR, DEAD IN HAIFA

HAIFA, Palestine, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Mordechai Ben Hillel Cohen, well-known Hebrew scholar, died here yesterday. He was 80 years old. Among the founders of Tel Aviv, he came to Palestine in 1907.

FRENCH TRANSLATOR OF TOLSTOI DEAD

PARIS, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Halperin Kaminsky, first French translator of the works of Tolstoi, died here yesterday at the age of 89. Kaminsky started his career as a reporter at the Palais de Justice and was a protege of the late Georges Clemenceau, wartime premier.

NAZI PAPER HOLDS RACE LAWS INSUFFICIENT GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE

BERLIN, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Nuremberg marriage and citizenship laws against "non-Aryans" do not constitute official grounds for "Aryans" to divorce their Jewish mates, Chancellor Hitler's Voelkischer Beobachter, chief Nazi Party organ, declared today.

The paper reminded its readers that the Nazi Party had given "Aryans" a half year in 1933 during which they could divorce Jews on the sole ground of race. It cited a federal court decision that the Nuremberg laws alone were not sufficient basis for divorce.

H. JOSEPH & CO., LARGE BERLIN STORE, NOW IN "ARYAN" HANDS

BERLIN, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- H. Joseph & Company, one of Berlin's largest department stores, has passed into "Aryan" hands, it was disclosed today, leaving the partly British-owned firm of N. Israel the only Jewish concern in the field.

FEUCHTWANGER IN MOSCOW, GUEST OF WRITERS' GROUP

MOSCOW, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Lion Feuchtwanger, noted author in exile from Nazi Germany, arrived here yesterday as the guest of the Soviet writers' organization. A large delegation representing various literary groups met him at the station.

LORD SNELL SEES ANTI-SEMITISM, DEPRESSIONS LINKED

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Lord Snell told a distinguished gathering of physicians here tonight that anti-Semitism has always coincided with periods of financial depression when people wanted scapegoats for their own failures. He was the guest of honor at a dinner of the London Jewish Hospital Medical Society.

FIRE RAZES BUILDING OF REFUGEE TRAINING VILLAGE IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Fire Saturday destroyed the administration building of the German-Jewish training village in the reclaimed Zuider Zee area. Jewish emigrants from Germany are trained in the village for new vocations to be followed in the country of destination.

AMSTERDAM JURIST DECORATED BY QUEEN

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Queen Wilhelmina has conferred an officership in the Order of Orange upon Dr. R. G. Parser, Amsterdam jurist and president of the Central Jewish Mental Home at Apeldoorn.

SCHUSCHNIGG'S PORTRAIT BY JEW TO GRACE RELIEF DRIVE POSTCARDS

VIENNA, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Arthur Stadler, well-known painter, has just completed a portrait of Chancellor Schuschnigg which is to be reproduced on postcards intended for sale in the Austrian Winter Relief Campaign of the Fatherland Front.

HUNGARIAN JEWS SEEN DEPENDENT ON LIBERALISM

BUDAPEST, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The dependence of the Hungarian Jews on the liberal movement of the country was stressed by Samuel Stern, president of the Budapest Jewish Community, addressing the Hungarian Golden Union.

Pointing out that the bitterest foes of the achievements of liberalism were in the anti-Semitic front, he said that Hungarian Jewry was an inseparable part of the Hungarian nation.

"Contemplating the part they played in affairs of state, they believe they have the right to proclaim that in the future, too, they should continue to play such a part," he said.

UNTERMYER ASKS N.Y. WORLD FAIR TO WITHDRAW BID TO NAZIS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Invitation to Germany to participate in the 1939 New York World's Fair was protested today by Samuel Untermyer, as president of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, in telegrams to Grover A. Whalen, president of the World's Fair Corporation, and Mayor LaGuardia.

Mr. Untermyer asked Mr. Whalen to withdraw the invitation to the Reich. In the wire to the mayor, he said, "As vice-president of our league we cannot believe that you sanctioned this invitation." He declared that any honest presentation by the Nazi Government at the Fair would be a display of terror, murder, barbarism, destruction of art and medievalism."

MAHONEY RETURNED TO A.A.U. PRESIDENCY IN REBUKE TO PRO-OLYMPIC FORCES

HOUSTON, Tex. Dec. 7. (JTA) -- In a rebuke to the forces which led the Amateur Athletic Union into the Berlin Olympics, Jeremiah T. Mahoney was yesterday returned to the presidency after a bitter convention-floor fight in which Patrick J. Walsh, candidate of the Brundage pro-Nazi-Olympic faction, lost by a considerable majority.

Judge Mahoney, who lost the presidency at the 1935 New York convention after marshalling the anti-Nazis in a valiant but unsuccessful fight for boycotting the Olympics, immediately after his election included Commodore Ernest L. Jahncke among the delegates at large to the A.A.U. for 1937. Jahncke had been dropped from the American Olympic Committee for opposing the Olympics in Germany.

FREEHOF HOLDS PREJUDICE CAN'T TAKE ROOT IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- There is no historic soil in the United States to support the growth of permanent prejudice, Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof of Pittsburgh declared yesterday morning in the first of three forums in connection with Central Synagogue's ninetieth anniversary. He spoke on "The Destiny of the Jew in the United States."

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise of Central Synagogue declared in an address over the Columbia Broadcasting System's network that American democracy is a crystallization of concepts set forth in the Bible. "If there is any program of life, any one religious faith adapted to American life and has had a profound influence in guiding that life, that faith is the one which springs from the Scriptures of the Jews," he said.

YEHUDI MENUHIN BOOKED SOLID FOR 1937-1938 SEASON

LOS GATOS, Cal., Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A tour of the United States, Canada and Europe has been arranged for Yehudi Menuhin, 19-year-old violinist, between Oct. 1, 1937 and Feb. 8, 1938, after he has completed a two-season retirement, it was announced today. He is at present devoting himself to sports, education and violin playing only when he feels like it.

EMIGRATION FROM U.S. ALMOST AS MUCH AS IMMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The influx of immigrants to the United States has fallen off to such an extent that it is now comparable to the number of persons who are leaving to make their homes in other parts of the world, the National League for American Citizenship reported today.

Industrial and employment discrimination account for the falling off in immigration, the league said. Many of those who are leaving are in a better position to establish themselves abroad because of the high value of American money.