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### 60% OF TREASURY FUNDS JEWISH, PROBERS TOLD; THIRD OF JOBS ASKED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Although Jews have contributed 60 per cent of the money in the Palestine treasury, they demand only 33 per cent of the public works jobs, the Royal Commission of Inquiry was told today by Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Mr. Shertok said Jewish claims to public works employment were based on a letter written in 1931 by Ramsay MacDonald, then Prime Minister, to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency. (The letter modified interpretation of the Passfield White Paper, setting a new immigration basis, permitting Jews to share in public employment in proportion to contribution to revenues and removing Jewish land purchase restrictions.)

Mr. Shertok testified that Jews constituted only seven per cent of the railway system's employees although they comprised 65 per cent of the passenger traffic.

He demanded a proper share of civil service posts for Jews and asked that the municipal administrations of Jerusalem and Haifa be instructed to increase to 50 per cent their Jewish personnel in accordance with the Jewish proportion in the population.

Sir Laurie Hammond, a member of the commission, pointed out that Jewish railway workers were paid approximately twice as much as Arab employes. Mr. Shertok replied that the Jews were better qualified.

Lord Peel, chairman, asked if it would not be better to consider Palestinians generally instead of in Jewish-Arab percentages. Mr. Shertok answered that this might be all right in the future, but not while Jews are almost excluded from public works.

Mr. Shertok contended that Jews were entitled to demand a fair share of public works employment because it constituted, a part of the

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country's economic absorptivity (upon which Jewish immigration officially is based); because Jewish emancipation would not be complete without it, and because the country's interest demanded that public services be made immune to racial unrest.

#### TOSCANINI, HUBERMAN FETED BY JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Arturo Toscanini, renowned conductor who is leading the opening concerts of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, and Bronislaw Huberman, violinist and founder of the orchestra of musicians in exile from Germany, were guests tonight at a reception of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Agency, said of Toscanini:

"You are the second visitor to give the Jewish community the feeling of being a part of the world. Seeing you on the stage I remembered Lord Balfour on Mount Scopus." (Lord Balfour, wartime British Foreign Secretary and author of the Jewish homeland declaration, spoke at dedication ceremonies of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus in 1925.)

Dr. Weizmann presented Huberman with an album of Palestinian pictures prepared by the Palestine Foundation Fund.

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#### NBC To Broadcast Part of Concert Today

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The Palestine Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Arturo Toscanini, will be heard on the air for the first time tomorrow. The WJZ network of the National Broadcasting Company will broadcast part of the concert from Jerusalem from 2:50 to 3:40 p.m.

#### CURRENT ARAB DISTURBANCE SEEN WITHOUT POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE

LONDON, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The Manchester Guardian reported today that Government circles here attach no political significance to current highway robberies in Palestine.

The paper warned, however, that "whatever Arabs may or may not contemplate, they are forfeiting sympathy among their friends in England and their boycott of the Royal Commission is considered a blunder which they themselves may repent."

The Guardian said it has been assured that when the Royal Commission completes its hearings, within a maximum of two weeks, it will return to England at once and issue its report without remaining in Palestine even for a short time to see whether the Arabs relent on their boycott.

DYNAMITE STOLEN FROM JAFFA CUSTOMS HOUSE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Police in Jaffa were investigating tonight the disappearance of a number of cases of dynamite from the Custom House.

REPORT YEMEN JEWISH LEADER KILLED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Saadi Agabli, head of the Jewish community of Adhara, Yemen, has been killed, it was reported here tonight.

RUMANIA CURBS ZIONIST FUND COLLECTIONS; PERMITS NEEDED

BUCHAREST, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- An order restricting collection of funds for Palestine was issued today by Demeter Juca, Minister of Interior. It provides that Zionist funds may only be collected after issuance of Government permits, which may be either granted or refused.

In Czernowitz, Zionist leaders were called to police headquarters to hear the order read. Effective today, the order includes collections for the Jewish National Fund, land-purchasing agency, and the Palestine Foundation Fund, the colonizing agency, and provides for confiscation of funds, collection boxes and lists where the order is violated.

FEW SHECHITA PERMITS ISSUED BY POLAND AS CURB NEARS

WARSAW, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Jews were preparing throughout Poland today to adjust themselves to new conditions governing the meat industry when the law restricting kosher slaughtering goes into effect at midnight on Dec. 31.

An estimated 20,000 Jews employed in the preparation of meat slaughtered according to the Jewish ritual will be thrown out of work under the new system providing issuance to kosher butchers of quotas regulating the amount of cattle and fowl they may slaughter.

Reports from many towns where quotas have been announced reveal that kosher butchers will be permitted to slaughter only .02 kilos per head per day. In addition, it was stated that few kosher butchers' licenses have been issued to date. In Warsaw only 12 of the 500 kosher butchers have received licenses.

Although the reason given for the new law was the introduction of humanitarian methods of slaughter, municipalities throughout Poland were ordered in a circular today not to hurry to install the required electrical machinery for stunning animals before slaughter. Jewish circles interpreted this as proving their contention that the real reason for the law was to oust the Jews from the meat trade.

The new requirements are expected to affect the peasants since the anticipated drastic reduction in beef consumption by Jews will hurt the cattle market.

Shechita Ruling by Austrian High Court

VIENNA (JTA) -- The Federal Austrian High Court has ruled that enforcement of compulsory stunning of animals before slaughter is not a Federal matter, but one that concerns each individual State in Austria separately.

It is feared in Jewish circles here that the ruling may lead to prohibition of shechita in certain districts where the majority of the population is anti-Semitic,

MINNA SCHWARZ, B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN'S LEADER, DEAD

BERLIN, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Minna Schwarz, president of the Women's Union of B'nai B'rith, international Jewish fraternal order, died today at the age of 78.

NAZI POLICE CHIEF APPROVES BERLIN JEWISH ELECTION COUNT

BERLIN, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Wolf von Helldorf, as police president of Berlin, officially approved today the results of the Jewish Community elections held Nov. 29, from which prominent Zionists were eliminated by order of the Gestapo, secret State police.

JUNIOR HADASSAH ASKS COMMISSION TO AID PALESTINE UPBUILDING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Junior Hadassah last night asked the Royal Commission of Inquiry in Palestine to facilitate the upbuilding of Palestine "for all sections of the population." The request was embodied in a resolution adopted at the closing session of its four-day eleventh convention to be forwarded to the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

The resolution, adopted by 1,000 delegates from 40 states, called attention to anti-Semitism throughout the world and criticized the Mandatory Power's insufficient cooperation with the Jews.

Three new vice-presidents were elected: Sara Turner, Chicago; Tama Guttoff, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Pessa Polsky, Cincinnati. The fourth vice-president, Pauline Englander, Jersey City, N.J., was re-elected, as well as Mildred F. Murniok, Philadelphia, president; and Leah Lintz, Philadelphia, secretary.

The convention was termed the largest in the history of the organization and Jewish education was the keynote of the sessions. It was decided to establish a \$1,000 scholarship in honor of Alice Seligsberg, senior adviser to the Junior Hadassah, for a student taking a course in the Nurses' Training School in Jerusalem.

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American Rabbis Cable Commission

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada made public today the text of a cable it has sent



to the Royal Commission in Palestine asking it to "do nothing that may impair the course of the rehabilitation of the Jewish national home."

#### REPORT ON 1929 PALESTINE EMERGENCY FUND ISSUED

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- With Palestine still feeling the effects of the 1936 disorders, "finis" has just been written under the story of the 1929 riots with the issuance of a detailed report covering the \$3,500,000 made available to the Emergency Fund for Palestine for relief and reconstruction.

The 112-page report, made vivid with photographs and maps, and reinforced by balance sheets, was issued in Jerusalem to cover the period from Sept. 1, 1929 to Dec. 31, 1934, but as made public here by Felix M. Warburg and Bernard Flexner, American liquidating trustees for the fund, is accompanied by a statement as of June 30, 1936.

The burden of the report, as explained in a letter of transmissal from Dr. Maurice B. Hexter, the field administrator, is that the approximately \$3,000,000 heaped up within three months -- the largest sum ever available in ready money for Palestine at one time -- sufficed not only for the emergency that called it into being, but helped the Jewish community to progress beyond the point reached in August, 1929.

#### Administration Cost Nil

Actual contributions amounted to £589,768 (almost \$3,000,000) and various other sources of income brought the fund to £710,505 (about \$3,500,000). This was used to finance activities falling into the two classes, generally speaking, of relief and reconstruction. And the fund was left with an excess of about \$350,000 over expenditures. Administration costs, it is emphasized, totalled £16,490, or 2 per cent and less than the bank interest, so that none of the money collected was spent on administration.

On the one hand, it was necessary not only to provide medical aid, but in many cases special treatment for long periods or convalescent care during which the fund maintained the victims' families. The permanently disabled had to be readjusted to new occupations.

Thousands of refugees received food, shelter, clothing and medical care, in some instances for many months. Refugee children needed additional care in the form of nurseries, recreation and schooling facilities.

It was necessary to feed thousands, give financial aid to those whose earnings had fallen off, provide unemployment works and aid religious and welfare institutions. Tombstones were necessary for the dead, of whom the officially recorded number was 132.

A considerable sum was budgeted for widows and orphans. There were legal expenses such as defending Jewish prisoners, assisting in filing compensation claims and assembling data for the British Commission on the disturbances.

### Reconstruction Aid Listed

On the side of reconstruction, economic rehabilitation required expenditures, as did restoration and consolidation in the cities and consolidation and reconstruction in rural areas. In the cities, buildings were repaired, suburbs enlarged and buildings erected where needed. In the country, the guiding principle was to strengthen existing settlements and promote new colonization.

"Each of the multitudinous problems that arose was considered both in the light of its own immediate and peculiar elements and of the general needs of the Yishuv within the discernible future," said the letter. "And, as the attached financial statement bears witness, there was constant adherence to the principle that while generous amounts had to be budgeted for the relief of the victims, the bulk of the emergency fund was to be conserved for the more lasting values that would accrue 1) from the rehabilitation of the hundreds and thousands of families seeking their way back to self support, and 2) from consolidating the position of the Yishuv as a whole in the towns and on the land."

Total expenditures for relief were £317,488 and £640,237 for reconstruction. The relief expenditures were: general and refugee relief, £45,146; widows and orphans, 30,737; rehabilitation, 89,440; emergency security, 23,428; legal services and prisoners' aid, 11,563; medical relief, 13,407; general and administrative expenses, 21,400; Hebron Yeshiva, 14,502; industrial and commercial, 11,075; Inquiry and Wailing Wall Commissions, 56,786.

The reconstruction expenditures were: rehabilitation of Safed, £19,397; rehabilitation of Hebron families, 3,536; rural colonization, 73,765; Jerusalem and Haifa housing, 54,836; grants for land purchases, 5,886; construction of security buildings, roads, etc., 37,799; workers' settlements (the 1,000-family plan), 50,270; consolidation and security of settlements, 37,458; unemployment relief, 913; development of new settlements, 32,707; transportation of German refugees from France to Palestine, 1,000.

### \$10,000 PLEDGED TO ORT

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The American Committee Appeal for the Jews in Poland announced today that it has pledged \$10,000 to the ORT to aid its work in Poland. The pledge was given by Benjamin Winter, president, and Zelig Tygel, executive director of the appeal at a dinner for Lord Marley, head of the Parliamentary Advisory Council of the British ORT, at the home of Samuel Lampert last Thursday night.

### FIRST TOWN IN CENTRAL POLAND REPORTED "JUDENREIN"

WARSAW, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Following the Nazi practice of purging whole communities of Jews, Przybyszew, near Warsaw, has become the first town in Central Poland to be made entirely "free of Jews," anti-Semitic newspapers reported here today. They said the last Jewish family left this week. The last census showed a Jewish population of 109 for the town.