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### JEWS AIM TO BE MASTERS OF DESTINY, ARABS HEAR AT COMMISSION PROBE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Arabs attended a session of the Royal Commission for the first time today and heard David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency's Palestine Executive, declare "our aim is to make the Jewish people master of its own destiny" and "the Bible is our mandate."

The Arab Supreme Committee having officially abandoned its boycott of the inquiry yesterday, Arab leaders were present as the commission, entering its ninth week of investigation into recent disorders and the administration of the mandate, listened to Mr. Ben-Gurion define Jewish aims in Palestine and Zionism's attitude toward the Arabs.

Replying to a question by Lord Peel, chairman of the commission, Mr. Ben-Gurion said:

"The Jews are in Palestine on their own rights. We are creating and propose to build up a Jewish home. Jews are entitled to live freely in Palestine, not only because of the Balfour Declaration or the mandate -- the Bible is our mandate. Our aim is to make the Jewish people master of its own destiny, not dominating anybody.

"No other nation in the world claims Palestine as a home. We are a minority everywhere, depending upon the majority's mercy. We had and we hold Palestine by right, believing the mandate is intended for the removal of Jewish historical grievances against the Christian world.

"Zionism aspires radically to change the situation, without affecting, however, rights of others." We created and we are creating this country; we came and will come until the Jewish problem is solved."

Concluding, Mr. Ben Gurion declared:

"The formula of the Jewish national home is larger than a Jewish state, because Jewish rights are secured through international law. Our movement is constructive, while the Arabs are engaged in politics."

The open session was adjourned for a hearing in camera.

### Labor Leaders Arrive to Study Situation

HAIFA, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A delegation of American Jewish labor leaders arrived here today for a study of the Palestine situation. Members are Joseph Schlossberg, chairman of the National Labor Committee for Palestine; Isadore Nagler, Reuben Guskin, Samuel Perlmutter, Joseph Breslaw and Jacob Blume.

### JABOTINSKY REFUSED VISA TO TESTIFY BEFORE COMMISSION

LONDON, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The authorities today refused to grant a Palestine visa to Vladimir Jabotinsky, leader of the New Zionist Organization.

Mr. Jabotinsky, who has been barred from Palestine for many years, applied for an entry permit in order to testify before the Royal Commission.

### POLISH INTERIOR MINISTRY PROMISES TO QUELL DISORDERS

WARSAW, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The Interior Ministry promised measures today to quell anti-Jewish rioting reported spreading in the Bialystok district after one Jew had been killed and many persons injured, including 23 police, in disturbances in the town of Czezew.

In putting down the disorders, eight police were seriously wounded and 15 slightly injured. Seventeen rifles were broken. The Interior Ministry promised action after intervention by Deputy Joshua Gottlieb.

Warsaw University will hale 300 students, 70 of them women, before a disciplinary court for participating in anti-Jewish outbreaks last November and December, it was announced today. The outbreaks resulted from efforts of Nationalist students to enforce segregation of Jewish students in "ghetto" benches in classrooms.

### JEWISH NEEDY REPORTED BARRED FROM POLISH RELIEF

WARSAW, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Jewish newspapers reported today that Jewish needy are being excluded from the benefits of the general winter relief campaign, although Jews helped in the collection of funds, clothing and food throughout the country.

### JEWS IN POLISH TOWN HEAR OF \$6,000,000 BEQUEST

WARSAW, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The town of Stanislan, Galicia, received news from the Dutch Indies today that a Jewish planter has died there leaving Stanislan relatives 12,000,000 Dutch guilder (approximately \$6,000,000).

The planter, Isaac Van Gloom, was born in the Galician town under the name of Isaac Grindlingen, according to the reports, and emigrated 30 years ago.

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development of Palestine in the last ten years. Cooperative societies have been formed covering practically every economic endeavor. In 1922, there were 24 registered cooperatives with a membership of 4,278. At the end of 1935, there were 769 registered societies, of which 688 were Jewish cooperatives, with a membership in excess of 135,000. Loans aggregating more than \$11,250,000, primarily for agricultural purposes, have been granted to cooperatives through a subsidiary of the corporation.

In the field of low-cost housing for workers, the corporation has pioneered and established many precedents which have been followed by other institutions, the report states. Group building of modern houses was insisted upon and proper town planning was stressed. It has likewise pioneered in the building of homes for agricultural and rural workers.

#### JEWISH FUNDS TO PLAN ADAPTATION OF PROGRAMS TO RECOVERY

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- How federations and welfare funds may best adapt their programs to the present trend of business recovery for advancement of human welfare will be the keynote of the general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds which will be held in Philadelphia Jan. 30 and 31.

It will be preceded by two concurrent institutes on Jan. 28 and 29 to consider major plans of the federation program, according to George Backer, chairman of the arrangements committee. He said that as opportunities for money raising increase, federations and welfare funds must clear up obligations and insure more adequate financing.

#### GERMAN GUILD SENATE TO MEET IN MARCH

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The first meeting of the European Senate of the American Guild for German Cultural Freedom will be held early in March, according to information received here today from Thomas Mann, German Nobel Prize winner, and newly elected president of the Senate. At this meeting, the Senate will recommend deserving German writers, research scholars, and artists, who are now in exile, for awards by the Guild to enable them to continue their work.

#### SEMINARY TO OPEN "FOUNDERS' EXHIBIT" SUNDAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A "founders' exhibit" will open Sunday in the library of the Jewish Theological Seminary as part of the institution's semi-centennial observance. It traces the birth and growth of the seminary through personal letters and autographed documents of persons, living and dead, connected with its history.

A 23-page letter from Louis Marshall to Julius Rosenwald -- Mr. Marshall's last known letter -- and Dr. Solomon Schechter's draft of the original curriculum of the reorganized seminary are included in the exhibition. Other persons represented are Louis Marshall, Jacob Schiff, Dr. Sabato Morais, Judge Mayer Sulzberger, Leonard Lewisohn, Louis S. Brush, Israel Unterberg, Dr. Alexander Kohut, Felix M. Warburg, Dr. Cyrus Adler, Dr. H. Pereira Mendes and Sol M. Stroock.

MACCORMACK, LATE IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER, LAUDED BY JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 7: (JTA) -- Tribute to the late Colonel Daniel W. McCormack, Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization for the United States Government, is paid today in behalf of Jewish immigrants in the United States in the leading editorial of the official organ of the American Jewish Congress. The editorial is written by Harold Fields, executive director of the National League for American Citizenship, who is the chairman of the committee on immigration of the American Jewish Congress.

SIR FLINDERS PETRIE URGES 30-YEAR TRUCE BETWEEN JEWS AND ARABS

LONDON (JTA) -- A truce between Jews and Arabs for thirty years is proposed by Sir Flinders Petrie, veteran English archaeologist, in the Morning Post.

Sir Flinders believes that there is room for both Jew and Arab -- if only both will be content to go back 2,000 years and adopt the technique of water conservation used in former times. The digging of deep wells and the terracing of hillsides are other methods which, he points out, could be used to bring back land into cultivation.

"The productiveness of the land at present," Sir Flinders states in an appeal for the "revival" of Palestine, "is greatly under-rated. In Roman times the whole south region down to Ziklag (Aslug) and beyond was occupied by a wealthy people with fine stone buildings. The eastern region down in Moab, down to Petra, was well cultivated.

"To the north of that, Transjordan had another wealthy population with fine buildings in Jerash and other cities.

"Those who have been over these desolate regions agree that there is no evidence of lessened rainfall. On land south of Gaza, now wilderness, there is enough rain for full crops, yet little or no attempt is made to save it."

In common business there is peace and goodwill - in spite of the "political aims of higher influences" -- and the main needs are improved cultivation and a definite land settlement between the two peoples. Sir Flinders continues:

"If there were a guarantee that the Jewish holding of land should never be allowed to exceed one-half of the hills, the plain and the south respectively, the Arab could not fear the future, for the equivalent amount of land would leave him space, when properly cultivated, for many times the present population.

"Such a limitation should be binding for this generation, say for 30 years. Beyond that, the next generation must settle its own matters.

"The training of a fixed population of Arabs on Jewish farms," Sir Flinders concludes, "would also be a great gain, so as to enable them to hold their own in the new order of things which is coming."