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### ROYAL COMMISSION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING IN LONDON THURSDAY

LONDON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The Royal Commission will resume its investigation of Palestine affairs with a public hearing in London on Thursday. It was learned today. The commission recently returned from a two-month series of hearings, public and private, in Jerusalem.

Vladimir Jabotinsky, president of the right-wing New Zionist Organization, who could not obtain a visa for the purpose of testifying before the commission in Palestine, is scheduled to testify at Thursday's hearing. Other witnesses are expected to include former Palestine High Commissioners and Colonial officials.

### GERMAN JEWS CREATE JOBS FOR 600 SO. AFRICANS, PAPER'S PROBE SHOWS

JOHANNESBURG, Union of So. Africa, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- One fourth of the city's 1,500 German-Jewish immigrants are gainfully occupied in their own businesses and employ some 600 native South Africans, it was revealed today by the Johannesburg Evening Star.

The Star has been conducting an independent investigation on the question of absorption of German-Jewish refugees into South African economic life, to refute charges that the immigrants were competing in local labor market.

The investigation also disclosed that 32 per cent of the immigrants living here are craftsmen and that the remainder have also adapted themselves "most usefully for South Africa's interests."

### FEUCHTWANGER MEETING BANNED BY POLICE IN PRAHA

PRAHA, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Police today prohibited a meeting at which Lion Feuchtwanger, noted German-Jewish novelist in exile from Germany, was to have read from his works.

It was not made known whether the action was motivated by anti-Nazi tendencies of his novel "The Family Oppenheimer," or by his recent visit to Moscow.

In a statement to the press, Mr. Feuchtwanger, voicing the hope that his public appearance would be permitted, declared:

"I am no Communist, but a fighter for peace and freedom."

ARABS TOLD BY BEN-GURION PALESTINE HAS 180,000 JEWS OF FIGHTING AGE

TEL AVIV, Palestine, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Arabs and the Palestine administration were pointedly reminded today that in the event of renewed disturbances Palestine Jewry had 180,000 men between the ages of 20 and 45 who constituted an "enormous power."

The reminder was voiced by David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Jerusalem executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, addressing the thirty-fourth annual conference of the Histadruth, Jewish labor federation, of which he is general secretary.

It was prefaced by a declaration that the Palestine Jewish community had shown "political wisdom" in confining itself to self-defense during the 1936 disorders.

Discussing the investigation of the Palestine situation by the British Royal Commission, Mr. Ben-Gurion declared its decisions would not be "the last word for us."

The labor leader pledged a fight against High Commissioner Wauchope's alleged change in immigration policy from the principle of economic absorptive capacity as a basis to one based on political factors.

He voiced criticism of proposals that Palestine be placed on a bi-national basis, declaring such an idea misrepresented Zionism.

"Palestine," he said, "must be Jewish in its basis. The Palestine Arabs aim to dominate."

The disturbances, Mr. Ben-Gurion charged, arose from a "primitive, unconstructive Arab nationalism, inviting even bands from abroad."

He criticized, the Histadruth's failure to observe the Sabbath.

WAUCHOPE OFF TO ENGLAND BY PLANE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope left by plane for Alexandria today, en-route to England for a leave of absence scheduled to last several weeks.

NO HEBREW FOR PALESTINE GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Reports that the Government would institute instruction of Hebrew in its schools were denied officially today by the press bureau.

### TO MARK 20TH YEAR OF JEWISH UNITS IN BRITISH ARMY

LONDON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The twentieth anniversary of establishment of Jewish units in the British Army will be celebrated with a public dinner on Feb. 15, it was announced today. Speakers scheduled will include Col. Josiah Wedgwood, M.P., Vladimir Jabotinsky, organizer of the Jewish Legion that helped in the conquest of Palestine, and Col. J.H. Patterson, the Legion's British commander.

### RUBENSTEIN'S HOME BOMBED IN WILNO; 20 STUDENTS HURT IN NEW RIOTS

WILNO, Poland, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A bomb, believed by police to have been placed by anti-Semitic Nationalists, today shattered a door and windows in the home of Isaac Rubenstein, Jewish deputy in the Polish Parliament and chief rabbi of Wilno. No injuries were reported. Police are investigating the bombing, the latest in a long series of terroristic acts directed against Jews of this city.

Twenty Jewish students were injured when Nationalist students sought to enforce their segregation in "ghetto" benches. Ten of the injured students were given first aid treatment.

### LUBLIN APPEALS COURT ISSUES 45-PAGE BOOKLET ON PRZYTYK VERDICT

WARSAW, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The Lublin Court of Appeals published today a 45-page booklet explaining its motives in increasing sentences imposed by a lower court against eleven Jews convicted of participating in rioting in Przytyk last March in which two Jews and a Pole were killed and scores of Jews wounded. Jews were sentenced up to eight years, while Poles were given terms ranging to two years.

The increased sentences, the booklet explains, were motivated by the Court's conviction that it was necessary to apply severe measures against stimulating of racial and religious excesses.

### POLISH JEWS PROTEST EXCLUSION FROM GENERAL RELIEF AID

WARSAW, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A delegation of Jewish leaders, headed by Deputy Joshua Gottlieb, today placed before Social Welfare Minister Marjan Koscialkowski complaints that Jews were not included in general Winter relief aid. Adjustment of the situation was promised within the next few days.

### JEWISH SABOTAGE DEFEATED REICH IN WAR, NAZI BOOK HOLDS

BERLIN (JTA) -- Charges often expressed in public and in newspapers that Jewish sabotage brought about Germany's defeat in the World War have been published in book form by the Nazi Party.

Agriculture Minister Walther Darre, author of the book, repeats his frequently voiced contention that Jewish statisticians were responsible for the slaughter of more than 16,000,000 pigs during the war under the assumption that they consumed too much potatoes needed for the army.

"The decrease from more than 25 million pigs in 1913," he writes, "to nine million in 1917, which was due to the Jews Eltzbacher and Kuczynski among others, brought about a food shortage in the German army leading to collapse."

Summing up, Mr. Darre charges that Germany was defeated not by military but by economic action through internal sabotage.

#### PORTRAIT OF ITALIAN KING WINS JEWISH PAINTER ROYAL PRAISE

ROME, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- King Vittorio Emanuele today proclaimed his thanks to the Jewish painter, Aronne del Vacchio, for his "excellent portrait" of the King.

#### JEWISH COMMUNITY FORMED IN SAN REMO, ITALY

ROME, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Formal ceremonies marked the establishment today of a Jewish Community in the city of San Remo. Dr. Pacifici, Chief Rabbi of Genoa, presided.

#### MONOPOLY WIPES OUT 800 FODDER FIRMS IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- More than 800 firms trading in fodder and forage are automatically eliminated under an order granting a monopoly to an "Association of Agricultural Cooperatives." More than 80 per cent of the firms, it is estimated, are Jewish-owned.

#### PALESTINE EMERGENCY DRIVE NETS \$43,000 IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAHA, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The sum of 1,235,375 kronen (about \$43,000) has been raised in Czechoslovakia in the worldwide Emergency Campaign for Palestine, it was announced today. The campaign was made necessary by recent disorders in the Holy Land.

#### "POLONIZATION" PROGRAM SEEN CRUSHING MINORITIES IN POLAND

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The plight of the Jews in Poland results from the Polish Government's conscious effort to make the country a great power by Polonizing domains still held by minorities, Otto D. Tolischus said today in the second of a series of dispatches to the New York Times from Warsaw.

This policy, he said, bears down on all national minorities, which comprise no less than 31 per cent of the population, but particularly on the Jews, who are largely concentrated in urban areas and in commerce, industry and the professions.

Presenting figures to demonstrate the disproportionate representation of the Jews in urban populations, he said the Government had a double aim -- "first to care for the Polish surplus population, if necessary at the sacrifice of the Jews, and second to Polonize towns as well as commerce, trade and industry, thereby creating a Polish middle class that, like the middle class in all other countries, will be the banner bearer of the new Polish nationalism."

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### SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE ACTS TO BROADEN DATA ON JEWS

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A volume on the history of the Jewish press, in connection with its 250th anniversary, was placed on sale at the conference. Resolutions were adopted calling for a scholarship to an American Jewish seminary or secondary-school student at the Wilno Scientific Institute, enlarging the information service for universities on Jewish life and culture and endorsing the formation of the Jewish Joint Research Council combining all Jewish scientific organizations in America.

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