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### BRITAIN WARNED SPLITTING PALESTINE WOULD BE 'RESIGNING RESPONSIBILITY'

LONDON, April 25. (JTA) -- Scrutator, influential commentator of The Times, declared today any partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews would harm Great Britain's reputation and constitute resignation of part of her responsibility in the Holy Land.

In a long article discussing proposals for dividing Palestine, which, reports say, are under consideration by the Royal Commission on Palestine, the noted observer expressed doubts as to the expediency of the idea.

"If partition is to help," he said, "it must imply giving to Jews and Arabs, each in his own area, exceptional powers amounting to sovereignty, full rights of self-government, perhaps with powers of expropriating lands, with their own defence forces, and with divided control over immigration."

Stating that both Jewish and Arab opinion in Palestine seem to be setting against partition, he said any such plan might split the Zionist movement with resultant injury to British reputation abroad among the people who have looked to Britain as their savior.

Considering the strategic aspects of partition, Scrutator declared Palestine was worth more than a dozen Abyssinias and meant as much in the eastern Mediterranean as Spain in the western.

Partition, he asserted, would be at least a partial confession of failure and an admission that "we could not do in Palestine what the world expected of us, but must divide and resign a large part of our responsibility."

"Without the Jew Palestine cannot become a nation," the commentator held. "Unless the Arab can fuse into a nation with the Jew, he will always be at the mercy of the Turk."

"As a permanent settlement, partition cannot but injure British interests in the purely physical sense, but as a temporary measure something may be said in its favor. Temporary separation might so exaggerate the contrast between the progress of one part and the backwardness of the other as to concert the Arab for cooperation and subsequent union." He added, however, that a similar hope in Ireland did not bring about union.

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#### Abdullah Would Not Oppose Partition

DAMASCUS, Syria, April 25. (JTA) -- The newspaper Alif Ba publishes an interview with Emir Abdullah, semi-independent Arab ruler of Transjordan, stating that he, as well as moderate Arabs in Palestine, would not oppose a plan to partition the Holy Land and annex Arab portions to Transjordan as an Arab state.

However, he said that, according to his information, Palestine would be divided into Jewish and Arab regions.

#### POLISH FASCISTS SEEN USING NATIONALIST TACTICS

WARSAW, April 25. (JTA) -- Polish and Jewish newspapers, continuing to comment on the Camp of National Unity's statement on the Jewish question, charged today the new party was following the tactics of the anti-Semitic Nationalists.

Robotnik, organ of the Polish Socialist Party, declared the party, which is seeking an authoritarian regime, was indistinguishable from the Nationalists, and, furthermore, that the Polish Government had jettisoned the entire program of the late Marshal Pilsudski.

The more moderate Nationalist newspapers, which had been pressing Col. Adam Koc's new government party for a statement on the Jewish question, said that cooperation with the new party was now possible.

The Yiddish daily, Haint, asserted that the party sought to carry out its program with the methods of the Nationalists.

"We must consider the assurance of the new party's spokesman (Col. Jan Kowalewski, the party's chief of staff) that it will fight anti-Semitism a piece of hypocrisy," the editorial said.

"If the leaders of the new party do not have the patience to wait for the effects of Jewish emigration, there is no reason why the anti-Semitic mob should wait for the results of the anti-Jewish boycott when it can achieve all it desires with the help of knives and bombs."

WARSAW, April 25. (JTA) -- "Jews themselves with one new party, which stands for violation of the constitution" were censored by the authorities.

The Jewish War Veterans called a conference for May 2 to consider the party's declaration.

ENDEKS KILL JEWISH STUDENT; YOUTHS JAILED FOR PROTESTING RIOTS

WARSAW, April 25. (JTA) -- A Jewish student named Zvi Hertz was fatally injured when attacked by Nationalists today in the village of Korzawa, near Lwow. He died in the hospital.

The farm of the only Jew in the village of Glawne, near Radom, was burned down by unidentified persons during the night. No casualties were reported. Damage was estimated at 4,000 zlotys (about \$800).

The District Court at Wilno sentenced a Jewish youth to six years' imprisonment, another to four years and four others to detention in a house of correction for participating in a demonstration in protest against anti-Jewish disorders in Wilno last November.

The Union of Jewish Small Traders submitted a memorandum to the Interior Ministry stating that anti-Jewish boycott agitation in the Bialystok, Kielce, Lublin, Posen and Pommerania provinces was endangering the economic position of the Jewish population in many cities.

B'NAI B'RITH ASKS U.S. AID AGAINST NAZI EVICTIONS

CINCINNATI, April 25. (JTA) -- Alfred M. Cohen, international president of B'nai B'rith, has appealed to Secretary of State Cordell Hull for American intercession on behalf of the hundreds of Jews evicted from B'nai B'rith children's homes, homes for the aged and sanatoria in Germany, it was announced today.

Similar pleas were lodged with Secretary Hull by Samuel McGrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the American Jewish Committee.

The lodges in Germany have for years been spending millions of marks annually for charitable purposes, according to Mr. Cohen. The German B'nai B'rith is 55 years old. It comprises 103 men's lodges and 75 women's lodges.

Mr. Cohen cited typical model charitable institutions now closed by the Nazis: a vacation colony in Hirschberg which provided vacations for poor city children, a children's home in the Black Forest, the Toynbee halls for cultural activities of Jewish working youths, the Ahlem Agricultural School, the training schools for nurses in Berlin, Frankfurt and Munich, the technical schools for instruction of Jewish boys in trades and mechanical handicrafts, employment bureaus, a sanatorium for the poor at Taunus and a similar one for children at Bad Nauheim, a children's home at Dietz and asylums and schools for backward children.

WARSAW, April 25. (JTA) -- All Jewish newspapers have been confiscated for publishing the Jewish Telegraphic Agency report from Berlin on the eviction of Jews from B'nai B'rith children's homes, sanatoria and homes for the aged. The authorities deemed the account offensive to the German Government.

AID FOR AGRICULTURE ASKED OF ZIONIST COUNCIL

JERUSALEM, April 25. (JTA) -- Aid for Jewish agriculture was asked today at a meeting of the Zionist General Council by M. Suchovitzky, who emphasized the critical situation of farming. He also asked assistance for middle class groups. The council resumed its plenary sessions after meetings of committees last night.

Mr. Hartzfeld reported on new colonization activities. Stressing the heroism and self-sacrifice of Jewish pioneers who built settlements since the beginning of last year's disturbances, he said more colonies would be built. He emphasized the necessity to strengthen the Jewish position in the Galilee.

Rabbi J.L. Fishman, of Mizrahi, spoke on organization problems. Menachem M. Ussishkin, president of the Jewish National Fund, reported on the status of Zionist banks. Isaac Gruenbaum discussed the budget of the Zionist Organization.

SAFED ARABS STRIKE AGAINST COLLECTIVE FINE

SAFED, Palestine, April 25: (JTA) -- Arabs of this ancient city went on strike today against imposition by the Government of a £150 collective fine on them for an attack on a Druse (Syrian Arab) who made a purchase in a Jewish-owned store. The authorities postponed collection of the fine until Monday.

HITLER'S PAPER HITS REPORTS ON AUSTRIAN GENERAL'S VISIT TO REICH

BERLIN, April 25. (JTA) -- The Voelkischer Beobachter accuses the Vienna "Jewish press" of publishing false and malicious reports about the recent visit to Hitler by General Alfred Krausz, Austrian military leader.

(From Vienna it was learned the Beobachter's attack was based on an article in the Neugkeits Weltblatt which said Krausz was guilty of treason for publishing an article in Der Angriff, Propaganda Minister Goebbels' mouthpiece, in which he paid homage to Chancellor Hitler.)

The Beobachter also singles out for attack a new organization of foreign Jewish correspondents formed in Vienna under the presidency of Dr. Z.F. Finkelstein, J.T.A. representative. The association, it charges, is attempting to influence the international press.

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- The work of the Jewish Welfare Board, in war and peace, in promoting forces making for unity and harmony among American Jews was described today at its twentieth anniversary meeting, held at the Hotel Astor.

The conference, which opened last night, was attended by delegates from 317 Y.M.H.A.'s, Y.W.H.A.'s and Jewish community centers, as well as board workers, local chairmen and committee members who participated in its activities during the war. The conference closed with a dinner tonight.

Judge Irving Lehman, in his presidential report, reviewed the work of the board during the war, and in peacetime through its army and navy programs and its program of Jewish center activities. "The Jewish Welfare Board," he declared, has in war and peace "earned and is developing an increasing influence among the Jews of the United States and the community at large by reason of its emphasis upon the forces that make for unity and harmony and its clear avoidance of issues that tend to divide."

Discussing the Jewish center movement, he said it is engaged in "developing healthy Jewish personalities, sensitive to Jewish traditions and ideals." The centers, he reported, own 233 buildings with an estimated value of \$35,000,000, as compared with 138 buildings in 1928 and 75 in 1921. Membership in constituent societies is estimated at 370,000 as compared with 275,000 in 1928 and 100,000 in 1921. Some \$4,600,000 is spent annually on operating the centers.

Harry L. Glucksman, executive director reported on various activities of the board. Dr. Cyrus Adler, reporting as chairman of the Army and Navy Committee, said the board handled last year 4,744 personal welfare cases, that 2,418 men participated in High Holyday services and 3,064 were served during Passover. The department spent \$40,320 in 1936.

Other speakers during the day were Prof. Harry A. Overstreet of the College and Benjamin J. Bottenweiser, treasurer of the board. The program at the dinner included Sherwood Eddy, the author, Judge Julian W. Mack, Judge Lehman, Dr. Adler, Dr. David de Sola Pool and Mr. Glucksman.

Judge Lehman was re-elected president, and the following other officers: Felix M. Warburg, Jacob M. Loeb and M.C. Sloss, vice-presidents; Mr. Bottenweiser, treasurer, and Joseph Rosenzweig, secretary.

President Roosevelt sent a message to the conference in which he declared:

"I remember clearly the valient service which this organization rendered to the men who were called to the colors in the World War. It is a happy circumstance of that tragic occurrence in our history that the Jewish Welfare Board continues to this day to bring the hand of fellowship to our boys in the Army and the Navy. More than that it has created through its numerous affiliated Community Centers, the potent influence of good citizenship, of wholesome character and of loyalty to all those forces upon which depend the preservation and development of our democratic institutions."

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- "The "sink-or-swim" struggle of the Jews of Eastern and Central Europe for emigration was described today before 2,000 delegates representing 740 Jewish organizations at the annual conference of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, held at the Hotel Astor.

Abraham Herman, president of HIAS, reported that 60,522 Jews emigrated overseas from European countries in 1936 and that 538,000 have emigrated overseas and to Western Europe between 1926 and 1936. He said certain countries appeared to be entering "a replica of the Middle Ages" in treatment of Jews.

He promised "active cooperation in the near future" with proposals for emigration to French colonies, but denounced the "cruel of fantastic idea" of mass Jewish emigration from Poland.

In regard to Germany, Mr. Herman said the HIAS-ICA was instrumental in directing emigration of 15,824 refugees in the past four years, spending, with the aid of the Jewish Colonization Association and the Joint Distribution Committee, a total of \$786,620. There are now 15,000 refugees in a "precarious condition in countries neighboring on Germany," he said.

Resolutions were adopted appealing to nations with "vast expanses of territory" to ease immigration restrictions, asking the United States to lift depression immigration curbs and repudiating any plan which marks Jews as a "superfluous element."

Representative John J. O'Connor, chairman of the House Rules Committee, urged an "open door" immigration policy for the United States. He said America should still be "the sanctuary of all peoples fleeing from persecution." He asserted that "our country has become what it is today because of the immigration of the last 100 years."

Mayor LaGuardia urged the broadening of the activities of immigrant-aid organizations. "No longer is your responsibility limited to the time the immigrant gets off at Ellis Island," he said. "It is the duty now of all organizations such as yours to come to the help of all unfortunate people in all countries where they are oppressed and persecuted." Recalling that he was an interpreter on Ellis Island thirty years ago, the Mayor said that since then "the world has gone backwards instead of forwards."

Isaac L. Asofsky, general manager of HIAS, reported increasing Jewish immigration to South American countries. He announced \$307,357 had been spent last year on various HIAS activities. He said 178,476 requests for advice on immigration were received by the society during the year.

Other speakers included: Rabbi William Rosenau of Baltimore; Rev. H. Masliansky; Joseph Schlossberg, secretary of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union; Rabbi A. D. Burak of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis; Jacob Fishman, editor of the Jewish Morning Journal; Dr. S. Margoshes, editor of The Day; B.C. Vladeck, Reuben Guskin, president of the Workmen's Circle; John L. Bernstein, Samuel A. Telsey and Jacob Massol.