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### BRITAIN PLANS TO SCRAP PALESTINE MANDATE, SET UP INDEPENDENT STATE AFTER TRANSITION

LONDON, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The British Government today indicated its intention of abandoning the League of Nations mandate over Palestine and ultimately establishing an independent state in which the rights of both Arabs and Jews would be safeguarded.

Intimation of the Government's plans was given by Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for the Colonies, first at today's roundtable discussion with Arabs and Jews and later at an Anglo-Jewish session of the current conferences on Palestine, it was reliably learned.

Establishment of the independent state, Mr. MacDonald intimated, would be preceded by a transitional period of comparatively short duration. During the interim, he indicated, the Jews, Arabs and British would participate in a tripartite advisory council and also in an executive council for Palestine.

Mr. MacDonald revealed no further details of the plan today, except to refer in passing to the fact that some immigration would be necessary. The question of the extent to which sale of land would be permitted was not mentioned. Mr. MacDonald promised to give details of the plan on Monday.

The revelation of the British Government's intentions shocked the Jewish representatives to the Palestine conferences. The Executive Committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, meeting later, discussed the idea of a walkout from the parleys, but decided to await the Government's final detailed proposal before deciding on this question.

The indication of Britain's plan for the solution of the Holy Land problem came after the 17-day-old discussions with Arabs and Jews had failed to produce any sign of an Arab-Jewish agreement for settlement of the issue which engendered nearly three years of violence in the Holy Land.

Between the Arabs' demands for establishment of an Arab state and prohibition of Jewish immigration, on the one hand, and the Jewish demands for implementation of the Jewish homeland policy and facilitation of Jewish entry to the extent of the country's absorptive capacity, on the other hand, the British negotiators were able to offer no compromise acceptable to either side.

Mr. MacDonald had suggested to the Jews a tentative plan providing for (1) restriction of Jewish immigration for a stipulated number of years under a modified absorptive capacity criterion which would guarantee an Arab majority, (2) promulgation of a constitution guaranteeing Arab-Jewish equality and (3) restriction of Jewish land-buying to certain areas. This plan was unequivocally rejected by the Jews.

As the conferences appeared to be nearing a deadlock, Britain decided to resort to the doctrine which Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain had spoken of in opening the parallel discussions on Feb. 7 -- "personal contact" as a method of solving the Problem. Accordingly, representatives of three Arab states (but not the Palestine Arabs) participated in sessions yesterday and today with the Jews and British. However, these three-sided sessions also brought forth no hope of amicable solution of the problem.

Britain's plan represents the second proposal for solution of the Palestine problem which involves scrapping of the mandate. In 1937, the British Government adopted a policy of seeking a practicable scheme to partition Palestine into independent Arab and Jewish states and a British corridor. This plan was reported unfeasible by the Woodhead commission, leading Britain to call the present conferences. Now there has emerged a new proposal for dropping the mandate -- but foreseeing establishment of one state instead of two.

#### Round-Table Talk Lasts Half-Hour

LONDON, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A 30-minute discussion marked resumption this afternoon of the Arab-Jewish-British roundtable conference initiated informally yesterday for the first time in the current triangular talks on the Palestine problem.

Following the brief session, it was authoritatively understood that the talks on Monday will revert to the separate British-Jewish and British-Arab discussions that had characterized the conferences up to yesterday. In morning and afternoon sessions respectively with Arabs and Jews, the British representatives are expected to make more positive suggestions with regard to a Palestine constitution, immigration and land sales.

Informal tripartite talks, it was understood, will be resumed later in the week. Meanwhile, Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald was scheduled to report this evening to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. Premier Nuri Pasha es-Said of Iraq also was to confer with Mr. Chamberlain prior to departing for Iraq tonight.

Following today's tripartite meeting, the British representatives met with the Jewish delegates and reportedly submitted to them detailed proposals for settlement of Palestine's future.

The roundtable session was preceded by a three-hour meeting of the Jewish conference committee, at which the position of the Anglo-Jewish conferences was discussed and a report of yesterday's roundtable meeting was heard. Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Louis Lipsky, of the American Zionist delegation, conferred later with United States Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy.

The Arab representatives at yesterday's meeting were understood to have declared that the League mandate constituted only a temporary form of government and to have urged the Jews to agree to establishment of an independent Arab State in Palestine on the basis of equal political rights for Jews and minority safeguards. Dr. Chaim Weizmann was understood to have made it clear that participation of the Jews in the informal discussions did not imply recognition of the Arab States' rights to intervene in the future of Palestine. He reportedly, however, voiced appreciation of their keen interest in Palestine and their attempt to give good advice to the Palestine Arabs.

#### Jewish Teacher Slain in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Arab terrorists today shot and fatally wounded Mordechai Mizrachi, 55, a teacher employed by the Alliance Israelite Universelle, French Jewish organization. The attack occurred near the Yemin Moshe quarter of Jerusalem.

HUNGARIAN POLICE LAUNCH MASS ARRESTS OF NAZIS AS SZALASI PARTY IS BANNED

BUDAPEST, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Wholesale arrests of Nazis were reported today following proclamation of a ban on Major Ferenc Szalasi's Hungarian Nazi Party by Premier Paul Teleki's new Government. Major Szalasi himself is serving a three-year prison term for subversive activity.

Among those seized in widespread raids by the police were civil servants revealed to be members of the party despite a law specifically forbidding such membership. A force of 600 policemen operated in Budapest alone. No resistance was reported anywhere. Detectives had been watching the Nazi group since the recent bombing of the Great Synagogue here, in which twenty Jews were wounded.

"The Government will take no action against political movements working within the framework of the laws," Interior Minister Franz Keresztes-Fischer announced, "but the Hungarists (Nazis) formed a center of illegality."

Meanwhile, Jew-baiting was denounced in the Lower House by Dr. Charles Rassay, leader of the National Liberal Party, who warned that the proposed anti-Jewish legislation would have disastrous consequences for hundreds of thousands of non-Jews. The Hungarian Nazis, he said, had expressed discontent with the Premier's new policy and had warned they would resist any attempt to water down the anti-Jewish measures.

A resolution for modification of the anti-Jewish bill was scheduled to be introduced in the Lower House by Count George Apponyi.

POLISH STUDENTS STAGE ANTI-GERMAN DEMONSTRATION IN WARSAW STREETS

WARSAW, Feb. 24. (Havas) -- Shouting "Down with the Germans!" and other anti-Reich slogans, a crowd of 2,000 students today staged a violent anti-German demonstration in front of the Reich Embassy here. The demonstration climaxed a parade through the city's streets, with the students shouting "Down with the policy of Polish-German understanding! Let the Polish Army march on Danzig!"

The students also sang anti-German anthems, like the "Rota" whose chorus is: "No German will spit any longer in our faces nor Germanize our children. Our thresholds shall be our fortresses! We are the nation, the Polish people!" A police cordon around the Embassy failed to halt the demonstrators, who broke through the lines. The demonstration was in protest against ill-treatment of Poles in the Nazi-dominated Free City of Danzig.

In Parliament today Deputy Stanislas Janicki alluded to anti-Polish incidents in Danzig and demanded that an end be put to them. He asked that a cafe which put up a poster reading "Dogs and Poles not admitted" be closed.

ITALY PERMITS TRANSFER OF FOREIGN JEWS' FROZEN ASSETS ON COOPERATIVE BASIS

ROME, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The first positive measure on the transfer of property belonging to foreign Jews, who are under compulsion to leave Italy by March 12, was taken by the Foreign Exchange Ministry today when it conceded to the local refugee committee the right cooperatively to direct liquidation of frozen assets by sale of goods abroad. The loss to be incurred by the property owners during the transfer is estimated at from 25 to 88 per cent.

Myron C. Taylor, American vice-chairman of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, conferred at length today with United States Ambassador William Phillips, reportedly on the

position of foreign Jews which is rapidly approaching a crisis without indication that the Government will postpone the expulsion deadline.

It is understood that Ambassador Phillips is not likely to act on behalf of the Intergovernmental Committee, which is not yet officially interested in Italy, although the majority of the refugees here are German Jews. Mr. Taylor has not been in touch with anyone connected with the local refugee committee. He left for Florence after his talk with Ambassador Phillips.

#### SWEDISH PARLIAMENT VOTES \$25,000 GRANT TO HELP RETRAIN REFUGEES; ANTI-SEMITES SCORED

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Both houses of Parliament voted by large majorities today to grant an appropriation, recommended by the financial commission, of \$125,000 to assist in retraining of Jewish refugees in Sweden.

The vote was taken after a bitter attack on the Jews, made by Deputy Wallen of the Farmers' Union, had stirred general indignation in the Lower Chamber. Terming Jews "parasites and Asiatic people not fit to live with Swedes," Wallen demanded that the refugees be re-emigrated from Sweden as quickly as possible and without retraining.

Wallen was sharply rebuked by the leader of his own party, who declared that the Farmers' Union rejected anti-Semitism as an "intellectual plague." Publisher Z. Hoeglund of the daily newspaper Social-Demokraten expressed general disgust with the speech, declaring that Wallen had introduced anti-Semitism into Parliament for the first time. Socialist Deputy Vought pointed out that political and religious refugees constituted the most valuable of settlers and warned against stripping Europe of all intellectual traces by throwing them on to America.

#### Refugees Stranded in Constanza

LONDON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Following a warning by the British Consulate at Constanza that Jews without immigration certificates would not be allowed to land in Palestine, the steamer Alexandros, with more than 500 Jewish passengers from Poland on board, postponed sailing from the Rumanian Black Sea port, it was reported here today. (An Associated Press dispatch from Constanza said 2,000 Palestine-bound emigrants were stranded in the port.)

#### Salter Urges Mass Colonization in Undeveloped Areas

LONDON, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Large-scale settlement of refugees in undeveloped and uninhabited districts was advocated by Sir Arthur Salter, the economist, speaking under the auspices of the Freeland League for Jewish Territorial Colonization. Since there is a possibility that 3,000,000 refugees will have to be dealt with in the next 15 years, infiltration and ordinary colonial immigration is utterly inadequate, Sir Arthur said.

It is necessary, the economist declared, for governments officially to back large-scale schemes in undeveloped and uninhabited areas. If the governments take the responsibility for this, it is conceivable that great and prosperous communities can be built "with the industry and skill magnificently exhibited in Palestine," he added.

#### Hope Seen for Admission of 5,000 Children to Palestine

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- "Highest hopes" that 5,000 German Jewish children, including refugees now in England, will be admitted to Palestine in coming months were voiced here by Dr. A. Katznelson, addressing a meeting of leaders of Jewish national institutions.

HOSTILE AUDIENCES FORCE WITHDRAWAL OF BUND RALLY FILMS; TIMES ASKS CURB ON PRIVATE ARMIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Reaction to the Madison Square Garden rally of the German-American Bund Monday night continued to make itself felt today, with hostile audiences forcing withdrawal of newsreels of the affair and the New York Times demanding editorially imposition of legal restraints on "private armies."

Shots of the rally, particularly those showing a Jewish youth being set upon by Storm Troopers when he jumped upon the Garden platform, provoked such anger during the two days they were shown at leading newsreel theatres here that Pathe News officials decided to follow the advice of the theatre managers and withdraw the films.

In a leading editorial entitled "Private Armies," the Times advocated "wholesome and vigorous publicity" to help "scotch at its inception the vicious institution of the private army." Using as a springboard pictures published in Tuesday's newspapers of Nazi storm troopers policing the Garden, the Times said: "We are not accustomed to storm troopers. We do not intend to get accustomed to them. No matter how foolish the Bund may seem, we must do something sooner or later about the problem of the uniformed private army. We need to consider carefully what this something is to be."

Describing the development of private armies in Europe and their use of "gangster tactics," the Times continued: "We are disposed, one may safely say, to treat political gangsters like other gangsters. But at what point are the forces of law and order to begin to assert themselves? Obviously the right point is at the very beginning of the process. We ought to require the most complete publicity concerning the doings of these organizations their lists of members, their rules and regulations, and particularly their finances. . . . There is no orderly and self-respecting body which would be injured by the requirement that it make public all information of this kind. But wholesome and vigorous publicity would make it more difficult for the sinister organization to operate successfully, and help to scotch at its inception the vicious institution of the private army."

Enactment of a law compelling such organizations as the German-American Bund to make public its membership rolls was demanded by Frank C. Love, commander of the New York department of the American Legion. In a statement, Mr. Love declared: "If we must live next door to men and women who are in favor of racial and religious persecution, let us at least know who they are."

HOOVER HITS "HIDEOUS PERSECUTION" OF REICH JEWS IN TALK ON "INTOLERANT IDEOLOGIES"

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- In a speech last night warning of "intolerant ideologies" as a fifth horseman of the apocalypse, former President Herbert Hoover referred to treatment of the Jews in Germany as "the most hideous persecution." "A score of democracies have sunk," he said, "and armed dictatorships have risen in their place. They proclaim new ideologies of economic security to sanctify personal power. They live by terror and brutality. In Germany we have seen the most hideous persecution of the Jews. Now we see the persecution of the Christian faiths as well."

NOTED HARVARD PHYSICIST BARS HIS LABORATORY TO FASCIST VISITORS

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Prof. Percy W. Bridgman, Harvard physicist and one of the world's top-ranking scientists, served notice in the current issue of Science that his laboratory at Cambridge is closed to visitors from totalitarian states.