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### JEWS ASK BRITAIN TO CLARIFY STAND ON HOMELAND; NEW ROUNDTABLE PARLEY HELD

LONDON, March 7. (JTA) -- The Jewish conference committee, in a final effort to break the deadlock over the Palestine question, today authorized the Jewish Agency Executive to make a written request of the British Government for clarification of its position and intentions regarding the Jewish national home.

Meanwhile, a surprise was sprung by the British Government when it arranged a third informal meeting of individual members of the British, Jewish and Arab -- Egyptian, Saudi Arabian and Iraqi -- delegations at the St. James Palace tonight.

The Jewish Agency message, it is understood, will advise the Government that the Jews are ready to discuss any suggestions, even those involving termination of the League of Nations mandate, that assure the continued organic growth of the Jewish national home. The statement will also declare that if the Jews are given assurances that continued development of the Jewish homeland is part of the Government's policy, the Jews will be ready to submit alternative suggestions to the British plan for an independent state as a basis for resumption of formal Anglo-Jewish talks.

Should, however, British policy mean the liquidation of the national home or crystallization at its present level, the communication will assert, then there is no basis for further discussion. The letter will express the Jews' willingness to discuss any proposals which do not involve either domination of the Jews by the Arabs or relegation of the Jews to the position of permanent minority.

The conference committee, which comprises the negotiators and advisers representing various Jewish parties, decided not to disperse, as it had intended, but to postpone a decision on this question until the Government's reply to the Jewish Agency message is received. The Palestinian representatives, scheduled to leave for home today, will remain, except for Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog. However, the American Jews will not be represented after today, since Robert Szold and Louis Lipsky are sailing for New York tomorrow and Dr. Stephen S. Wise sailed last Saturday.

The conference committee's decision was taken after the Jewish Agency Executive this morning had canvassed the situation and discussed most of the proposed solutions of the Palestine problem which might be used as a basis for alternative suggestions. It is understood that among the plans discussed were:

(1) Cantonization -- Division of Palestine into semi-autonomous Arab and Jewish units with a central legislature. Immigration into the Jewish zones would be unrestricted.

(2) Bi-national state -- Establishment of an independent state within a federation of Arab states after a ten-year transitional period during which immigration would be permitted until the Jews reached 42 per cent of the population. There would also be Jewish immigration into other Arab countries. During the interim, an Arab-Jewish legislative assembly would be set up in Palestine on a 50-50 basis and a constitution for the state would be drawn up at the end of the ten years.

No action was taken, however, and the question was left for consideration after the Government's statement is received. The committee also heard a report on last night's informal Anglo-Jewish talk, which was said to have proceeded stormily. The Jews were understood to have repeated their insistence on retention of the Palestine mandate and again outlined their position on such questions as immigration. They were said to have referred to the fact that the Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland, in 1957 had expressed willingness to explore the possibility of a settlement by some form of a partition of the Holy Land. The British representatives were understood to have repeated that the Government was not committed to its suggestions for establishment of an independent state, but did not indicate that they would withdraw the plan in favor of alternative suggestions, although they were believed to have offered some slight modifications.

Meanwhile, the Anglo-Arab subcommittee completed discussion of the British suggestions and Arab counter-suggestions. Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald told the Arabs that at the next meeting, which will probably be held on Thursday, the Government may be ready to make observations and to advance more concrete suggestions in the light of the discussions. He also stated that he has referred several points to High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael for advice and information. It is understood that the Cabinet tomorrow will consider the nature of the proposals to be submitted to the Arabs.

The Anglo-Arab talks concluded with a discussion on the question of immigration, Jamal Husseini, head of the Palestine Arab extremist delegation, complaining of alleged illegal immigration of 40,000 Jews. Asked by Husseini what the British Government intended to do in the matter of illegal entry, Mr. MacDonald replied that a "strong line" would be taken. The Arab leader also spoke on the question of land, admitting the Jews were not dispossessing the Arabs but asserting that there was no sufficient arable land for the Arab population.

In discussing constitutional questions, Mr. MacDonald is understood to have made it clear that he did not have in mind a fixed transition period which, he said, should be determined by the measure of Arab-Jewish cooperation developed. On the question of safeguarding the Jewish minority, Mr. MacDonald reportedly proposed a form of cantonization for an interim period, with local autonomy and a central legislature based on numbers. Decisions on questions such as immigration, however, would require a majority vote of both Arabs and Jews, with the High Commissioner having veto powers and the deciding vote where the majorities disagree.

#### Warns Jews Would Rebel Against Arab State

JERUSALEM, March 7. (JTA) -- Threat of a Jewish rebellion if Great Britain carried out proposals to create an Arab-controlled state in Palestine was voiced today by Isaac Gruenbaum, member of the Jewish Agency's executive committee, in an address opening a conference of the General Zionist "A" group here. "The Jews," Mr. Gruenbaum declared, "will never consent to participate in an Arab Government. We will proclaim a rebellion against it."

The conference called upon the Jewish delegation at London to quit the Palestine talks and urged the Jewish National Council to implement the manifesto proclaiming Palestine Jewry's new unity, adopted March 1 by an emergency meeting attended by representatives of all parties and institutions.

The Jerusalem military court today sentenced a Jew named Shlomo Mizrahi to one month in prison for possession of a revolver. Mizrahi, who had been arrested Feb. 28, testified that he had picked up the rusty revolver from the street.

Mufti Reported Making 'Final Concessions'

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- The New York Times reported from Cairo today that Egyptian Finance Undersecretary Amin Osman Pasha had returned from a secret visit to Beirut with what was believed to be the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem's final concessions on settlement of the Palestine problem. The exiled Arab leader had reportedly agreed to permit limited Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews on a restricted scale, but was still adamant on the question of independence. Considering his mission a success, Osman Pasha will submit the new proposals to the British authorities, at whose request he was understood to have made the trip to Beirut.

CZECHS DRAFT BILL IMPOSING CURBS ON JEWS IN ECONOMIC LIFE

PRAHA, March 7. (JTA) -- The Government organ Venkov announced today that the principle of proportional representation in the nation's economic life will be introduced in a bill on the Jews which is now being prepared. The measure will provide for elimination of Jewish employes from banks and insurance companies and a considerable reduction in the number of Jewish doctors and lawyers, the newspaper said.

Municipal voting rights to which aliens have been entitled after a decade's residence, constituting a perquisite of naturalization, is no longer being granted by the new Praha municipality to foreign Jews. Ten Jewish applications of a total of 150 were rejected by the city council.

The Czech University here has barred Jews from its medical faculty for two semesters, it has been made known here. The action was revealed in a letter by the Council of Professors to the Hospital Doctors' Association, which declared the Council regarded solution of the Jewish problem as an urgent necessity. As a result, Jews will no longer have the opportunity to study medicine in Czecho-Slovakia since they are now completely eliminated from the German University.

Nansen in Bratislava to Aid Refugees

BRATISLAVA, March 7. (JTA) -- Odd Nansen arrived here today on a mission for the voluntary Nansen Assistance Committee to study the problem of refugees, 150 of whom the committee intends to bring to Norway. Mr. Nansen, the son of Fritjof Nansen, founded the committee in 1957 in anticipation of the liquidation of the Nansen International Office at the end of 1938. The committee seeks to perpetuate the work of the League body in protecting the rights of persons disenfranchised through post-war changes in boundaries and through other reasons.

CALINESCU SUCCEEDS CRISTEA AS ROMANIAN PREMIER; MORE MODERATE IN JEWISH POLICY

BUCHAREST, March 7. (JTA) -- Vice-Premier Armand Calinescu last night was named head of the Rumanian Government by King Carol to fill the position made vacant by the death of Patriarch Miron Cristea. Calinescu is considered to be more moderate in his policy on the Jews than was Cristea. While Interior Minister, he tried to hold the extremists in check and is known as "a man of steel" for his fight against the Fascist Iron Guard.

LORD ROTHSCHILD VISITS ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, March 7. (JTA) -- Lord Rothschild, head of the British banking family, today visited the White House to pay his respects to President Roosevelt. He was accompanied by Sir Ronald Lindsay, the British Ambassador. Lord Rothschild is making his first visit to the United States and is returning to England shortly.

BRITISH JEWS NOT TO BE EXPELLED BY ITALY, LONDON BELIEVES

LONDON, March 7. (JTA) -- Official British circles today were inclined to believe that the Italian decree for expulsion of foreign Jews would not affect British Jews. These circles said information had been received from Rome that the Italian Government's attitude toward the British Jews would be "reasonable" and declared they would be surprised to hear that any British Jew in Italy had been ordered expelled.

STIMSON, BACKING STRONG U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, CITES FASCISM'S "EXTREME BRUTALITY"

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- The "serious moral deterioration" involved in fascism and its "extreme brutality toward helpless groups of people" were among points stressed by former Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson in a letter to the New York Times today endorsing a policy of "farsighted affirmative action" against the fascist powers by the United States as a means of preventing war. Answering contentions of critics that the democracies should be able to live in the same world with autocracies since they had done so before, Mr. Stimson declared:

"If all that modern fascism meant were a system under which a nation voluntarily submitted itself to an autocratic ruler and under him was willing to live quietly and at peace with its neighbors, we might agree that it was a domestic matter which concerned that nation alone, and that it was not our business to meddle with it. But it is becoming every day more clear that fascism is not such a system. On the contrary, it is now evident that it is a radical attempt to reverse entirely the long evolution out of which our democracies of Europe and America have grown, and that it constitutes probably the most serious attack on their underlying principles which those principles have ever met. . . .

"Furthermore, fascism has involved a serious moral deterioration; an increasing and callous disregard of the most formal and explicit international obligations and pledges; extreme brutality toward helpless groups of people; the complete destruction within their jurisdiction of that individual freedom of speech, of thought, and of the person which has been the priceless goal of many centuries of struggle and the most distinctive crown of our modern civilization. Such a loosening of the moral and humane ties which bind human society together gives powerful confirmation of the basic unfitness of such a system for organized international life."

250 REFUGEES HELPED TO SETTLE ON FARMS, JEWISH AGRICULTURAL BODY REPORTS

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- More than 250 refugees have found havens on farms with the assistance of the Jewish Agricultural Society, the society announced today in its report for 1938, prepared by General Manager Gabriel Davidson, which described the steady progress of the approximately 100,000 Jews settled on the land in the United States.

Twenty-eight refugee families from various parts of Europe were among the 84 families -- totaling 400 individuals -- aided by the society in the past year in beginning an agricultural life. "We must be prepared to face the fact that the refugee problem will

press down upon us for a long time," the report said, and "a movement farmward is bound to have a salutary effect not only on the refugee but on the Jewish position in general."

The society aids the refugee by guiding him in the selection of a farm, helping him in its purchase through a liberalized loan policy, sending experts to advise him in farming operations and management and giving special agricultural courses. It is found that when refugees are established on farms they bring their families and friends. Since its founding in 1900 the society has granted 12,648 loans aggregating \$7,663,000 to Jewish farmers in 40 states. Last year 355 such loans were made in 12 states. A variety of other forms of assistance are described.

#### SEEK TO BRING WORK OF U.S. INTER-FAITH BODIES TO POPE'S NOTICE

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Efforts are being made to obtain recognition by Pope Pius XII of inter-faith movements in the United States to foster religious and civil liberties and stem racial and other hatreds, it was disclosed today. The National Conference of Christians and Jews confirmed that it had cabled its representative in Rome asking how best the conference's work may be brought to the attention of the Pope and the congregations of the Holy See so that its purposes might be understood. The cable was signed by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, director of the N.C.C.J.

The conference withheld the name of its representative, but according to a dispatch by Michael Williams, Catholic editor, to the New York Times, he is also a member of several other organizations of similar character, such as the American Committee for Religious Rights and Minorities and the Council for Combating Intolerance. He has communicated with these groups here to suggest a joint memorial to the Vatican on their converging principles and activities.

Meanwhile, the inter-faith National Committee for Religion and Welfare Recovery authorized a Catholic co-chairman, Judge John P. McGorty of Chicago, to communicate to the Pope "our deep interest in his elevation to the Holy See and...our earnest desire to do anything within our power to assist him in the service of the Church." It was also learned that The American Committee for Protection of Minorities (not connected with the Committee for Religious Rights and Minorities) will shortly send a representative to Rome on a Mission as yet undisclosed.

At the office of the N.C.C.J. it was recalled that in April, 1937, the late Pope Pius XI elevated to the position of Papal Chamberlain the Rev. E.L. Sands of Birmingham, Ala., who had been active in the conference's work for inter-faith amity and Father Sands declared in a speech that the Vatican looked with favor on this work.

#### "COLLEGE IN EXILE" PLANNED AT HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- With the center of Jewish culture shifting unmistakably from Europe to the United States, a "Jewish College of Exile" is planned at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, it was announced by Ralph W. Mack, chairman of the college's board, at a dinner given by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations last night in honor of Mr. Mack and Robert P. Goldman, president of the union. The college can accept no more on its faculty, but has room in its buildings for 25 refugee professors and scholars who will be allowed to use these facilities to continue their studies while they adapt themselves to American life, Mr. Mack said.

Mr. Goldman said a ten-year program of spiritual education was planned by the college and the union, leading up to the observance in 1948 of the 75th anniversary of the union. The program will emphasize the importance of all religions as a motivating force for service in philanthropy and relief and service to city, state and nation, he declared.