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### "SLACKENING" OF PALESTINE REBELLION REPORTED TO COMMONS; POLICY MAY BE FURTHER DELAYED

LONDON, April 18. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald reported to the House of Commons today a "slackening" in the pace of the Arab rebellion in Palestine and declared that the British Government was still considering the advisability of postponing a declaration of policy on the Holy Land because of the international situation. Mr. MacDonald promised to give a reply tomorrow to a question on the negotiations in Cairo on the Palestine problem.

"As a result of the firm and energetic action by troops and police, the large armed bands have now been broken up," the Colonial Secretary said. "On March 27 one of the chief gang leaders (Abdul Rahim el Haj Mohammed) was killed by troops and on April 12 another leader (Aaref Abdul Razek) who had taken refuge across the Syrian border surrendered to the French authorities."

(The Palestine Government is seeking to extradite Abdul Razek, according to a dispatch from Tel Aviv, where a writ of extradition was sought in District Court on the ground that the terrorist leader was a criminal and not a political fugitive. The session of the court was secret. The Hebrew daily Haboker of Tel Aviv reported that Razek carried off about \$150,000 when he fled from Palestine.)

"During this period," Mr. MacDonald continued, "considerable quantities of arms, munitions and explosives have been seized or surrendered. Isolated acts of terrorism and sabotage, however, continue. The Government is not yet in a position to make a statement concerning future policy."

Tom Williams (Laborite) asked: "As it appears to be a case of a rebellion drawing to a close, may I ask whether, in view of the international situation, it would not be advisable at any rate to defer final decision on Palestine for six or twelve months?"

Mr. MacDonald replied: "I would not like to add anything to the description of the situation given in my original answer. I think it is sufficient indication of the slackening pace of the rebellion. With regard to the second part of the supplementary question, it is one of the matters His Majesty's Government are bearing in mind."

Asked by another Laborite if the Government still adhered to the Balfour Declaration, the Colonial Secretary gave no reply.

Decision Next Week, Egyptian Premier Says

CAIRO, April 18. (JTA) -- Premier Mohammed Mahmoud Pasha has cabled King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia that the Palestine problem is entering its final stage and will be solved next week, it was learned today. Chief Rabbi Nahum Effendi conferred with the Premier on an undisclosed subject.

Police Dump 4 Tons of Confiscated Arms in Sea

JERUSALEM, April 18. (JTA) -- Police today marked the eve of the third anniversary of the outbreak of the Palestine disorders by transporting to Jaffa, to be dumped into the Mediterranean outside the three-mile limit, four tons of arms, ammunition and explosives seized since last July.

Viewing the collection, which included more than 1,000 rifles, at police headquarters in Jerusalem, Major-General Robert H. Haining, General Officer in Command of British forces in the Holy Land, commented: "This represents only a fringe, but a pretty good fringe. Its destruction will have a good moral effect."

Casualties during March totalled 233, including 128 killed, according to an unofficial compilation. The total for the year is 723, of whom 348 were killed. Losses of the British forces since the beginning of the year were 16 killed and 37 wounded.

Naval Maneuvers Off Haifa

HAIFA, April 18. (Havas) -- The British destroyer Grenade went through mine-laying maneuvers off this port. The 1,335-ton warship arrived here last Friday.

Jews Won't Surrender Rights, Shertok Asserts

WARSAW, April 18. (JTA) -- A delegation of Palestine Jewish leaders arrived here yesterday to organize the Polish Jewish campaign in behalf of the Jewish National Fund.

At a press conference last night, Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, declared it was not known when the British Government would publish its statement of policy on Palestine but the London conference threw light on the general lines of the future policy. "We cannot force upon the British Government our view with regard to British interests," he said. "Our loyalty to Britain is not the loyalty of subjects but of allies. We will not surrender our rights and will not substitute for the loyalty of allies the loyalty of subjects."

Mr. Shertok appealed for intensification of practical work in Palestine, declaring that only actual achievements there would enable the Jews to "smash the walls erected against us."

REFUGEE-AID GROUPS UNABLE TO GET DATA ON HALTING OF REICH EMIGRATION

PARIS, April 18. (JTA) -- Neither the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association nor other organizations assisting Jewish emigration from Germany have been able to verify whether Jews are permitted to leave the Reich since direct inquiry to Jewish organizations in Germany is impossible.

The HIAS-ICA stated that it had received no information on this from the Hilfsverein der Juden in Deutschland, Reich Jewish relief organization, through which the HIAS-ICA is

working, and added that the lack of information did not exclude the possibility that Jews were no longer given passports in Berlin with the same ease as hitherto was the case.

At the same time, those Jews who have already obtained passports but do not have fare or visas to enter other countries will, according to the HIAS-ICA, be able to leave the Reich only if provided with the proper visas and funds for transportation.

(Information, coinciding with the return from Berlin of Vice-Director Robert T. Pell of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, had been received in Paris (JTA NEWS APRIL 16) that the tense international situation had prompted the Nazi authorities suddenly to reverse its policy on Jewish emigration.)

#### Expect Early Resumption of Prague Emigration

LONDON, April 18. (JTA) -- Advices from Prague said today that issuance of emigration permits to Jews will be resumed in a few days, although Jews will not be permitted to enter the Sudetenland districts.

The HIAS-ICA Emigration Association will be reopened on Monday under the leadership of Hanna Steiner, president of the Czech branch of the Women's International Zionist Organization who was released by the Gestapo last week. Marie Schmolka, HIAS-ICA leader, is reported still held in prison. (One of the organization's first tasks will be to transfer 250 youths to Palestine, Paris headquarters of HIAS-ICA announced.)

The Gestapo has closed the Jewish Community Library in Prague, but will permit reopening of the Jewish People's School on Monday. All Jewish jurors in Slovakia have been dismissed and replaced by "Aryans." The Government organ Venkov demands that all Jewish land and property in the new Reich protectorates be "Aryanized."

The municipality of Olmuetz has decided to extend its public park to include an adjacent old Jewish cemetery. The work of demolishing the cemetery buildings will be undertaken at once. At the same time it was proposed to reserve a "ghetto" section of the park for Jews, forbidding them access to any other section.

(CORRECTION: Jewish children have already been segregated in schools of Bohemia-Moravia. It was erroneously stated in a London dispatch published in yesterday's JTA NEWS that the children "will be segregated.")

#### Memel Refugees Get 2 Weeks to Leave Lithuania

KAUNAS, April 18. (JTA) -- German, Austrian and Czecho-Slovakian Jewish refugees previously resident in the Memel district have been informed that their residential permits will not be extended and the refugees, who have been in Lithuania since Memel was taken over by Germany, have been ordered to leave within a fortnight. The order does not affect other Jewish refugees who, however, have been ordered to reside in certain towns.

Meanwhile, Jewish war veterans and other Jewish organizations, with the active support of leading Jewish industrialists and merchants are extensively participating in the raising of a national defense loan.

British Entry Curb Held "Criminal Lunacy"

LONDON, April 18. (JTA) -- Great Britain's policy of turning away "useful, able-bodied, hard-working, honest immigrants" was described today as "criminal lunacy" by Alfred Duff-Cooper, former First Lord of the Admiralty. Writing in the Evening Standard, he refuted the assumption that immigration created unemployment and emphasized the current decline in the English population. He also referred to England's desperate need of manpower for her military forces and stressed the desirability of creating a Foreign Legion.

Assurance that Great Britain and the western countries were not being regarded as lands of settlement for Jewish refugees was given by Neville Laski, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, in an address before the Birmingham Rotary Club. Mr. Laski declared there were between 18,000 and 19,000 German and Czech refugees in Britain but the Jewish community has guaranteed that no Jewish immigrant would become a public charge. He said the Jewish community had already raised \$15,000,000 to maintain its guarantee.

3,915 Refugees Entered Holland in 1938

AMSTERDAM, April 18. (JTA) -- The Dutch Jewish Refugee Committee reported today that 3,915 Jewish refugees entered Holland in 1938. The committee said it had spent more than 2,200,000 guilders for relief, 2,000,000 of which was collected in Holland and the remainder contributed by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the HIAS-ICA Emigration Society. Two thousand refugees are receiving relief weekly.

Rublee Among Noted Americans Backing Wagner-Rogers Bill

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- A committee of about 70 prominent Americans has been formed to sponsor the Wagner-Rogers bill for admission of 20,000 refugee children to the United States, on which the Senate and House Immigration Committees will open three-day joint hearings on Thursday, it was announced today by the Non-Sectarian Committee for German Refugee Children.

The Sponsoring Committee includes George Rublee, former director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee; Clarence Dykstra, president of Wisconsin University; Col. Frank Knox, publisher of the Chicago Daily News; Alfred M. Landon, Monsignor John A. Ryan, Rexford Guy Tugwell, Governor Lauren D. Dickinson of Michigan and Presidents Robert L. Hutchins and Ray Lyman Wilbur of Chicago and Stanford Universities, respectively.

Meanwhile, it was announced that Owen D. Young has joined the Non-Sectarian Committee as a co-chairman and Newbold Morris, president of the New York City Council, as treasurer.

WOULD EXEMPT WAR HEROES FROM ANTI-JEWISH LAW

BUDAPEST, April 18. (Havas) -- A petition signed by a number of army generals asking exemption from Hungary's proposed anti-Semitic law for Jews with certain military decorations and those who were taken prisoner or badly wounded in the Great War was submitted to the Upper Chamber tonight by Member George Pronay. Similar immunity was requested for the descendants of all Jews in the categories listed.

After scrutiny by the Upper Chamber the anti Semitic law will be returned to the Chamber of Deputies, which will consider amendments.

EMIL LUDWIG NAMED TO FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR

PARIS, April 18. (JTA) -- Emil Ludwig, the author and biographer, today was made a member of the French Legion of Honor. The author, who was born Emil Ludwig Cohn, gave up his German citizenship in 1932 and became a naturalized Swiss. Mr. Ludwig is 50 years old and is the author of biographies of Bismarck, Goethe, Napoleon and President Roosevelt as well as of historical works and essays.

POLISH B'NAI B'RITH ASKS COURT TO RESCIND BAN

WARSAW, April 18. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the dissolved B'nai B'rith, Polish branch of the international Jewish fraternal order which has its headquarters in Washington, appealed to the High Court against its dissolution today, offering proof that the society is not connected with the banned Freemasons and is devoted solely to social and humanitarian activities.

KOSHLAND HEADS WEST COAST REGION OF FEDERATIONS COUNCIL

OAKLAND, Calif. April 18. (JTA) -- Robert J. Koshland of San Francisco was elected president of the Western States Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which closed its fourth annual conference yesterday. Other officers are Milton Baruch, Los Angeles, and James L. White, Salt Lake City, vice-presidents; Leon Sloss Jr., San Francisco, treasurer, and Reuben B. Resnik, San Francisco, secretary.

The 500 Jewish communal leaders adopted a resolution pledging support to the United Jewish Appeal and other relief agencies and heard reports which stressed the importance of Jewish vocational guidance agencies and the advisability of combating anti-Semitism as destructive of democracy, rather than as an attack on a minority group.

Melvyn Douglas, the screen actor, declared that the destitution of millions led to Fascism and anti-Semitism and it was up to the Jews to help change these conditions. A similar position was taken in a speech by Harry L. Lurie, of New York, executive director of the council. Other guest speakers were Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, of Cleveland, for the United Jewish Appeal, and Morris D. Waldman of the American Jewish Committee.

JAMES MARSHALL HITS FASCISM, COMMUNISM IN NEW BOOK

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- Linking Fascism and Communism as "cold-blooded twins," ideologically descended from the "perfect Prussian State of Hegel," James Marshall, president of the New York City Board of Education, writes of the technique of sovereignty and of political processes from earliest times in a new book, "Swords and Symbols," announced for publication on April 20 by the Oxford University Press. Marshall is the son of the late Louis Marshall, Jewish communal leader.

GRAND OPERA PRODUCED IN HEBREW IN PALESTINE

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Grand opera in Hebrew has been introduced in Palestine by a company of Jewish refugee singers from Germany and Austria. A Hebrew version of "Tales of Hoffman," by the French-Jewish composer, Jacques Offenbach, was given a highly successful premiere here. It was announced that Issay Dobrowen, who is now here as guest conductor of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, will return later to conduct the Hebrew opera.