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### NO DECISION FLOUTING MANDATE WILL BIND JEWS, BRITISH ZIONIST PARLEY TOLD

LONDON, May 14. (JTA) -- The Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, at its 39th annual conference today, heard a message from Dr. Stephen S. Wise, American Zionist leader, declare that no decision on Palestine would be binding for the Jews which did not accord with the Balfour Declaration of 1917 and the League of Nations mandate. "We will cooperate with the British Government as long as it abides by the mandate, no longer," the message said.

Projected restrictions on the Jews in Palestine were branded illegal and violative of moral foundations in an address by Berl Locker, Palestine labor leader. A message to the opening session last night by Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite M.P., urged non-cooperation with Britain as the only way to prevent an injustice to the Palestine Jewish homeland. Describing the new immigration ordinance as an "admirable example of injustice," Col. Wedgwood advised Zionists to resist injustice actively as well as passively.

The conference will be occupied mainly with political developments and will be asked to adopt resolutions urging the Government to avert a catastrophe in its proposals hindering development of the Jewish national home and condemning the Jews to a minority status in Palestine. Other resolutions will protest restriction of immigration except on the basis of the absorptivity principle and denounce land purchase curbs as contrary to the mandate.

### Ben Gurion Warns of Bloodshed

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- Warning that imposition of the new British policy on Palestine will result in bloodshed was voiced by Chairman David Ben Gurion of the Jewish Agency in an interview with Joseph M. Levy, Jerusalem correspondent of the New York Times, published here today.

"The Jews who came to this country on the strength of British pledges that it would be a national home," Mr. Ben Gurion said, "will suddenly find themselves in an Arab country with no right of immigration, no civil rights and in a kind of ghetto that will be established outside which Jews will not be allowed to settle at all. None of these things will be executed without Jewish blood being shed, this time not by Arab terrorists but by the British. I can hardly believe that the British Government and people are aware of this fact."

British Envoys Get Protest in Rumania, Latvia

RIGA, May 14. (JTA) -- A delegation of Jewish leaders headed by Rabbi Mordechai Nurok visited the British Ambassador today to protest against impending violation of the League mandate through establishment by Great Britain of an independent Arab-controlled state in Palestine.

BUCHAREST, May 14. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Zionist Council today submitted to the British Ambassador a memorandum protesting against the projected abrogation of the Balfour Declaration. A copy of the memorandum was sent to the Rumanian Foreign Office.

Anglo-Turkish Pact Includes Pledge on Palestine

PARIS, May 14. (Havas) -- The definitive Anglo-Turkish mutual assistance agreement will constitute a bilateral accord including Turkish pledges to aid Egypt and Palestine in the event of war and a British guaranty to Turkey, the newspaper Le Matin said yesterday.

RAPID SPREAD OF ANTI-NAZI DRIVE NOTED IN BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA

PRAGUE, May 14. (Havas) -- A widespread anti-German campaign is rapidly gaining scope and momentum here, in defiance of intensified Reich efforts to "Nazify" the newly-established protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia.

Disregarding repeated arrests of suspected agitators, the threat of permanent Reich garrisons, and ostentatious display of Nazi military might, the Czechs maintain their courage and their hope that they will once more regain their independence. The anger and resentment which swept across Bohemia and Moravia when the Nazis shattered the republic in March has not abated. It is now coupled with a relentless underground campaign in which the old methods used against the Habsburgs during the World War are being revived. Whispered propaganda, well-organized distribution of anti-Nazi pamphlets, and silent but significant demonstrations have multiplied in recent weeks. Behind this ominous screen anti-German moves of greater portent are believed underway, shrouded by impenetrable mystery.

Anti-German agitators secretly distribute mimeographed copies of speeches of former President Eduard Benes in the United States, articles in American newspapers and even pamphlets bearing the "Ten Commandments of a good Czech" similar to the anti-Austrian tracts put into circulation prior to the World War.

Anti-Jewish Law Drafted; Czechs Unmoved by Agitation

LONDON, May 14. (JTA) -- A Cabinet committee in Bohemia-Moravia has completed the drafting of an anti-Jewish law, it was reported today from Prague, and the bill will be discussed by the complete Cabinet on Friday. The measure is reported to contain 40 paragraphs and provide for the virtual exclusion of Jews from public life and the professions.

Czech newspapers were conducting an inspired anti-Jewish campaign to prepare the population for the law. Most Czechs, however, remained apathetic to the anti-Semitic drive.

Meanwhile, it was reported that an agreement was reached between the Czech National Church and the Jewish Religious Communities whereby a number of synagogues in the protectorate will be transferred to the Church gratis, with a proviso that the Jews remaining may use the premises for Sabbath services on Saturday, while the Christians will use it on Sundays.

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STRONG INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOR UNDERSTANDING DEVELOPING IN U.S., SEMINARY PARLEY TOLD

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- Development of an "unparalleled movement for understanding and cooperation" among the various religious groups in the United States was reported today by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, at a conference on "The Jew and the World Crisis" held under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Addressing one of 12 roundtable discussions on as many aspects of the main topic, Dr. Clinchy declared the movement was developing along the lines of "unity without uniformity," with the various groups continuing to worship separately but "inventing ways of working together as citizens who believe in God."

Declaring the united agencies of religion would unequivocally brand racism as false, Dr. Clinchy predicted the coming years would see execution of "the first major attack on all religious prejudice in the history of western civilization." The attack, he said, will be carried into "schools, colleges, church and synagogue parishes, homes and all important community organizations of the land."

Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the Seminary, presided. Other scheduled speakers included Dr. Frank Kingdon, president of Newark University, Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Elihu D. Stone, Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, Dr. Solomon Lowenstein and Dr. Max Arzt. Representatives of groups from five Eastern states participated in the conference.

EFFORT TO UNITE ALL BOYCOTT GROUPS LAUNCHED AT ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE PARLEY HERE

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- Another attempt to form a united joint boycott organization in order to coordinate all boycott work in the United States will be made by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, it was decided today at the annual convention of the organization, attended by delegates from 2,119 groups, held in the Hotel Astor.

A resolution calling upon all organizations to coordinate their efforts with those of the League and urging appointment of a committee to study policies of various other boycott groups with an aim towards forming one large union was adopted. Other resolutions called upon the League to reaffirm its faith in the principles of the boycott and intensify its battle against Nazism by printing more pamphlets and letters and organizing meetings and radio programs to enlighten Americans on Nazi activities, requested mothers of America, especially Gold Star Mothers to join the boycott as the only potent means of stopping war, and expressed its sympathies with the Czechs and Slovaks and promised to support their battle for the reestablishment of their republic.

Speakers included Dr. Gerald Machacek, leader of the Czech movement, Dr. B. Dubowsky, chairman of the executive committee, Rabbi Leon Fram of Detroit, the Rev. William C. Kernan and Katherine Hayden Salter. Messages of greetings were received from several Congressman and Senators Theodore F. Green and H.C. Lodge. An exhibition of Nazi-inspired propaganda and subversive literature gathered in the United States and abroad by the Bureau of Propaganda Investigation of the League was on display.

DEAN INGE CHARGES PRESSURE BY JEWS TO BALK CONCILIATION WITH REICH

LONDON, May 14. (JTA) -- The Rev. W.R. Inge, former Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, said today: "I will mention no names, but I am informed by a Parliamentarian of great Jewish pressure against Parliamentarians to oppose a policy of conciliation with Germany."

The "gloomy dean" made the statement to the London News-Chronicle when asked for evidence to substantiate charges he made in a recent article in a Church of England newspaper that Jews were exerting pressure on press and Parliament to embroil Britain with the Reich.

Dr. Inge said he had no direct knowledge of Jewish influence on the press, but said he was informed by a journalist that when his paper adopted a policy possibly productive of Anglo-German peace, Jewish firms threatened to cancel their advertising contracts.

"Primarily I sympathize with the Jews," Dr. Inge said, "and there are no words to express my pity and horror at their treatment, but that does not say that they are not exerting pressure on Parliament and the press." He added that he did not wish to imply approval of Hitler, saying that "no one hates Hitler more than I."

#### BUDAPEST TERRORISTS GET STIFF JAIL TERMS FOR SYNAGOGUE BOMBING

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#### Protest Meetings Held in Poland

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