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TAX STRIKE LAUNCHED IN PALESTINE; HAINING WARNS FORCE WILL BE USED TO STEM VIOLENCE

JERUSALEM, May 19. (JTA) -- With calm restored after a day of stormy demonstrations, Palestine Jewry today embarked upon the economic aspect of its campaign to defeat the newly-announced plan of the British Government. The first blow was struck by the Association of Jewish Landlords, comprising rural and urban property owners, which proclaimed a complete tax strike until the Palestine White Paper is rescinded.

Meanwhile, Major-Gen. Robert H. Haining summoned Jewish leaders and warned them that a recurrence of yesterday's attacks on the police would be met "with force." Addressing himself to members of the Jewish Agency Executive, the Jewish National Council and the Jerusalem Jewish Community Executive, Gen. Haining said:

"For three years the Jews have shown admirable restraint. I hope you will use your influence to maintain that restraint in the future. Yesterday the authorities withheld the troops and ordered the police to act with restraint, which was done until the Jews attacked the Government offices resulting in riot and murder. It is my duty to preserve order without discrimination. If there is a recurrence, it will be necessary to meet force with force. Gen. Haining, who is commander-in-chief of the British military forces in Palestine, ended the meeting without waiting for the Jewish leaders to reply.

British troops this morning arrested 300 Jewish illegal immigrants after they had been landed on the Palestine coast near Ashkalon.

Hebrew newspapers reported that a British police sergeant and two constables had been detained for disciplinary trial for carrying swastikas and shouting "Heil Hitler!" on a Tel Aviv street yesterday evening.

A British policeman died of wounds, 12 others were injured and 114 Jews were wounded in yesterday's pitched battle with police in the heart of the city. This morning the Jaffa Road area, where demonstrators had stoned the Government District Offices and fought the police, presented a picture of destruction. Sidewalks and streets were an inch deep in broken glass from smashed street lamps, traffic signs and telephone booths.

British police, apparently in retaliation for the rioting, last night raided the offices of the Jerusalem Jewish Community, the rabbinate, the headquarters of the Jewish super-

numeraries and the Jewish Community's Education Department. They wrecked the offices of the extremist Zionist-Revisionist Party and its newspaper, Hamashkif, but departed empty-handed.

Meanwhile, in Tel Aviv, 28 persons were wounded, two of them gravely, when Revisionists demonstrated outside the offices where Jews were being registered for Zionist service. The Revisionists stoned the Civil Guard and tried to break into the Beth Brenner Building.

A resolution framed by the Jewish National Council was adopted at hundreds of meetings throughout the country. It declared that no sacrifice was too great to defeat the British Government's "policy of treachery," pledged that no Jew would help in establishment of the projected new Government institutions, asserted that Palestine Jewry refused to accept the restrictions on immigration and land sales, advised that every Jew would help the entry of illegal immigrants and expressed the Jewish people's confidence that "the great British democracy" would help them combat the Government policy. The meetings closed with mass recitation of the Biblical pledge (Isaiah, 62): "For the sake of Zion will I not be silent, and for the sake of Jerusalem will I not be quiet."

High Commissioner Gets Land Transfer Powers

LONDON, May 19. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald informed the House of Commons today that steps have been taken to empower the High Commissioner for Palestine to prohibit and regulate land transfers in the Holy Land, in accordance with the terms of the White Paper. His powers will be retroactive to May 18, Mr. MacDonald announced.

A group of Conservative M.P.'s today submitted a third amendment to the Government's motion approving the White Paper, urging the Government to create a Jewish State centering in British Guiana.

The British Zionist Federation last night adopted a resolution endorsing the Jewish Agency's rejection of the White Paper. Action followed an address by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who denounced the new policy as ambiguous and lacking frankness but made a strong appeal for peaceful methods in combating it.

J.N.F. Cables \$150,000 as Protest in U.S. Rises

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund of America announced today that it has cabled \$150,000 to Palestine for the purchase of land "as an encouragement to Palestine Jewry" in its struggle against the new British policy.

The Palestine Economic Corporation will continue to encourage agricultural and industrial development in Palestine despite the White Paper and any other obstacles, declared Board Chairman Bernard Flexner in a statement. "The corporation will continue to supply farmers with credits for their agricultural needs. It will continue to build houses for workers in Palestine and those still to come. It will conserve additional water resources, develop irrigation systems and make new land available for agricultural settlement. It will encourage the industrial development of the country."

The Orthodox Rabbinical Board of Greater New York and the Mizrahi Organization of America summoned Jews to synagogues for Sabbath services to recite the Psalmist oath, "If I forget thee, O, Jerusalem, may my right hand wither." Messages have been received from

organizations with an aggregate membership of 2,000,000 in support of the Jewish homeland, declared the National Emergency Committee for Palestine. One of them was from Henry Mousky, president of B'nai B'rith.

A telegram denouncing the White Paper was dispatched to President Roosevelt today bearing the signatures of seven national organizations representing 250,000 Jewish women affiliated with religious, labor and Zionist groups.

American Press Condemns White Paper, But Sees Britain Without Alternative

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- A partial survey of editorial opinion of Eastern newspapers revealed today that they generally condemn the White Paper on Palestine, express sympathy with the blow to the Zionist cause but, with some exceptions, take the view that Great Britain had no alternative in view of its difficult international situation.

The New York Herald Tribune said there was "obviously no justice" in the White Paper, which it branded an "act of power politics" dictated by Britain's imperial interests, but declared it was "impossible to ask American opinion to interpose to prevent any pragmatic solution when American opinion has neither the wisdom nor the authority to suggest a better one." It added that survival of the British Empire was "perhaps almost as important to Jewry today as it is to the British."

A somewhat similar viewpoint was projected by the New York Times yesterday. Declaring there was "no just or acceptable solution of the problem," the editorial cites the international complications that have changed the situation since Britain gave the Arabs and Jews "contradictory promises," and concluded: "These are the hard facts. Less than half a million pioneers, builders of a new world that depends on peace, international order and respect for spiritual values are planted on an exposed coast with millions of Arabs in the background and in the foreground a strategic ocean highway coveted by rival imperialisms. In honor, humanity and the defense of its own interests, Great Britain must protect these people to the end. On their part, in the long run, they have not much choice but to employ their proved intelligence and energy, and to cooperate in building up a state wherein they can conserve the wonders they have already wrought."

Of the New York afternoon newspapers, the Post was the most denunciatory, terming the new British policy a "shocking betrayal" and predicting that an Arab-controlled Palestine would be "a bloody Palestine" and that the White Paper "may be the death warrant for thousands of innocent persons." The World-Telegram, declaring the British "have muddled inexcusably" pointed out, however, that world Jewry, with its troubles in other parts of the world could not afford to attack Britain in Palestine since by doing so would "weaken her in her stand elsewhere -- for instance against the oppressors of Jewry in Central Europe." The Sun commented that the omens for peace resulting from the new policy "are scarcely propitious."

Following are brief excerpts from out-of-town newspapers:

Philadelphia Inquirer: "Admittedly Britain, with the imperative need for placating the Arabs for the protection of her empire, is on a tough spot. But is there no way of accomplishing her aims without making her helpless wards the victims? It should be made clear by our Government that we expect Great Britain to maintain to the letter her promise to the United States and to the Jewish people in Palestine."

Buffalo Evening News: "Now that Britain proposes virtually to close the doors of Palestine to the Jews, what is to be done with Jewish refugees from Germany, Italy, Poland and other countries which have anti-Semitic policies? The British proposal relieves the British government of a vexatious situation but increases the problems of other nations."

Washington Post: "The mistakes of 22 years cannot be rectified by renunciation of responsibility. In seeking to cut the Gordian knot of Palestine, Great Britain may only make it tighter, and in the process strangle one of the most idealistic experiments of our times."

Boston Herald: "A co-ordinated, well supported, world-wide movement, under the supervision of some such figure as Louis D. Brandeis, might well achieve something which, in a few years, would make the British White Paper seem the key which opened the doors to new and larger houses of mercy." (The Herald endorsed the N.Y. Times editorial, which it reprinted in full.)

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "This patchwork is a rather sorry result of the long series of conferences, commissions and reports which Britain has had on Palestine."

Hartford (Conn.) Courant: "As is natural in the circumstances, the solution decided upon puts their own interests ahead of all others."

Springfield (Mass.) Union: "This is a sickening prospect in view particularly of the persecution of minorities in Nazi-dominated states of Europe....This settlement....is no real settlement at all."

Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat: "The easiest solution for Britain is to let the Arabs have their own way at the expense of the Jews."

DIES CALLS MOSELEY, HAMILTON IN INQUIRY ON ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, May 19. (JTA) -- The House Committee on Un-American Activities has summoned John D.M. Hamilton, chairman of the Republican National Committee, and Major-General George Van Horn Moseley, retired, to testify in the committee's inquiry into anti-Semitic activities, Chairman Martin Dies announced today.

Mr. Hamilton, in a formal statement, said he would be "happy" to appear before the committee to deny any anti-Semitic interest of activity by the Republican committee, as intimated by James C. Campbell. Reserve Army captain at Owensboro, Ky., in secret testimony before the committee yesterday. Mr. Hamilton said he had only had routine correspondence with Captain Campbell and this would not have taken place had "any anti-Semitic interest or activity been indicated."

Development of a well-organized anti-Semitic campaign in the United States with General Moseley's support was charged by Mr. Dies on the basis of testimony at yesterday's secret session.

(In New York, Brigadier-General Walter A. Delamater revealed that he had tried to persuade General Moseley to have a talk with Lewis L. Strauss, member of the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., in order "to clear up any misunderstanding" on the Jewish position, but the retired general spurned the suggestion and expressed several "harsh" statements on Jews.)

Mr. Dies made public portions of two letters written by General Moseley. One, to a New York National Guard officer, said: "The fact is that the most serious problem confronting America today is just this problem of the Jew and how to get rid of his influence definitely -- locally, nationally and internationally." The second, to a reserve army captain, declared: "If the Jews bump me off, be sure to see that they get the credit for it from coast to coast. It will help our cause."

Six witnesses were heard by the committee under precautions to ensure the utmost secrecy. Committee members declared they had evidence to show that the anti-Semitic campaign took the form of mailing out reports of conversations reputedly taking place in an unnamed exclusive New York club. On the mailing list were army reserve officers and American Legion officials. According to Mr. Dies anti-Semitic material was woven into the reports of the conversations, which consisted in part of predictions of events which later developed.

"This is one of the most clever and dangerous methods that can be devised," Mr. Dies said, "because in predicting some events that did come to pass they gave plausibility to statements that followed."

Mr. Dies asserted that Dudley P. Gilbert, wealthy New Yorker, had spent more than \$8,000 to finance dissemination of the reports, allegedly brought to Mr. Gilbert by a club waiter. The reports were sent on to Captain Campbell at Owensboro for dissemination to "key people" throughout America. Capt. Campbell told the committee that in addition to the conversation reports he sent out copies of speeches by Gen. Moseley and Father Charles E. Coughlin, the "radio priest," to a list of 200 persons.

According to Mr. Dies, Mr. Gilbert testified that he was not anti-Semitic and was not interested in "stirring up racial hatred."

VON NEURATH REPORTED OPPOSING ANTI-JEWISH LAW AS TOO LENIENT

LONDON, May 19. (JTA) -- Reliable Prague advices said today that Reich Protector Baron von Neurath had refused to sign the Prague Government's projected anti-Jewish law as insufficiently stringent.

Baron von Neurath was said to be opposed to clauses in the law which provided for the following: (1) Setting up of a class of "honorary Aryans;" (2) violation of the Rassenschand (racial pollution) principle by permitting mixed marriages with the proviso that the "Aryan" partner would be considered a Jew; (3) admission of 50 Jewish lawyers to the Prague bar; (4) incomplete "Aryanization" of Jewish business; (5) an "excessive" percentage of Jews in some professions.

CUBAN CONGRESSMAN ASKS BAN ON IMMIGRANTS FROM 14 COUNTRIES

HAVANA, May 19. (JTA) -- Congressman Antonio Pruneda today asked Parliament to prohibit immigration into Cuba of the citizens of 14 countries. His bill would bar immigrants from Germany, Russia, China, Japan, Poland, Hungary, Czecho-Slovakia, Yugoslavia, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Rumania, Haiti and Jamaica. It was believed aimed chiefly at checking Jewish immigration.

Congressman Pruneda also asked President Laredo Bru to decree a census of Central Europeans who arrived here in the past three years for the purpose of deporting those competing with Cuban workers.