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### 100,000 ATTEND PALESTINE PAVILION OPENING; BOO MacDonald, CHAMBERLAIN

WORLD'S FAIR, N.Y., May 28. (JTA) -- The Jewish Palestine Pavilion at the New York World's Fair was dedicated today as a symbol of the Jews' determination to continue their upbuilding in the Holy Land, in ceremonies which to a greater extent than any previous dedication of a pavilion were turned into a political demonstration.

A double keynote of condemnation of Britain's Palestine policy and the will to build was struck as 100,000 persons gathered in the Court of Peace this afternoon to hear the official dedication speech by Prof. Albert Einstein, an address by Dr. Chaim Weizmann from Paris and speeches by Grover Whalen, Lieut.-Gov. Charles A. Poletti, Mayor LaGuardia, Senator William H. King and American Zionist leaders.

The crowd booed every mention of Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald and Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. Extra police details were posted around the British and Italian pavilions, but at a late hour yesterday afternoon no disorders had been reported. White cards condemning the White Paper were distributed in front of the British pavilion.

The day of ceremonies began this morning with a reception at the World's Fair Boulevard Gate for members of the Board of Directors and Advisory Council of the pavilion, a procession to Perylon Hall for the official reception by Mr. Whalen, official calls at the offices of the United States Commissioner General and the Mayor, an opening ceremony at the pavilion to install the Eternal Light brought from Jerusalem and a luncheon at Perylon Hall. Following the official dedication ceremonies this afternoon, the day's ceremonies came to a close with a dedication dinner at Perylon Hall.

Thousands of persons had come to New York to witness the dedication of the first Palestine pavilion ever erected at an international exposition in the United States. Excursions had brought Zionists from principal cities of the country.

The pavilion, which had opened unofficially two weeks ago, was declared officially open by Prof. Einstein in a dedicatory address this afternoon in which he stressed that "whoever has learned to appreciate and admire the positive side of man's aspirations is sure to be willing to protect and, if necessary, to fight with all his might in defense of what has been achieved."

"In Palestine," he said, "a handful of people is threatened by the political intrigues of the Powers. Sheer brutal mob violence would rob it of its achievements won at the price

hard work and bitter sacrifice. It is exposed to constant attack, and every one of its members is forced to fight for his very life, even over and above the bitter economic struggle for survival."

A similar theme was taken by Dr. Weizmann in his address from Paris, broadcast in the United States over an NBC network. He said: "The decision of the British Government, amounting in effect to a retraction of the pledge made 22 years ago, came as a rude and painful shock to the Jews and deeply stirred the conscience of large numbers of non-Jews in both hemispheres. But this decision cannot become the verdict of history. The great historical process of the return of Jews to the land of their ancestors will not be abruptly terminated by this decree. It will go on. It is the prophecies of old and the living determination of Jews of today that will eventually triumph."

"The Government decision has already been severely criticized by leaders of British opinion in various camps. It also evoked an echo of deep sympathy from the great American democracy. I have always been deeply appreciative of the recognition given by the Government and Congress of America to our rights in Palestine and the interest taken by American leaders in our work and struggle. We confidently hope to retain that sympathetic interest in the future."

"But the salvation of the Jewish people has always been and remains first and foremost the work of the Jews themselves. We are already firmly established in Palestine and our future struggle will be borne by those who heroically withstood the onslaught over three years, building and planting by day, standing guard by night." He concluded with an appeal to American Jewry, saying, "We look to them for the greatest support in our struggle."

Senator King, asserting that what the Jews had built in Palestine would outlive the Hitlers and Mussolinis, warned Britain that if she "is desirous of cultivating and preserving the friendship and sympathy of the American people, as I am certain she is, then she cannot ignore our deep interest in the continued upbuilding of the Jewish national home in Palestine." He denounced the White Paper as "inconsistent with our common conception of democratic policy."

Mr. Foletti brought a message from Governor Lehman which declared it "inconceivable" that the world would be willing to have the Jews' constructive work in Palestine "nullified, the sacrifices of generations brought to naught." The Governor added: "I am convinced that the right-thinking peoples of the world will regard as cruel and unwarranted any action which would make even narrower the difficult path of great masses of homeless Jews."

Mr. Whalen said: "The Jewish people have worked wonders these last few years in Palestine and I heartily join with them in their profound belief that the New York World's Fair is the proper place in which to depict these wonders."

Dr. Solomon Goldman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, who presided at the dedication ceremonies, asserted: "In the world of tomorrow the Jewish national homeland in Palestine looms as a reality which no temporary setbacks can obscure. The Jewish Pavilion which is so integral a part of the world of tomorrow as represented in the New York World's Fair expresses not only our justified pride in what the Jewish pioneers have achieved in the past but our unshakeable faith in the Jewish Palestine of the future."

Other speakers at this afternoon's dedication included Louis Lipsky, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Israel Goldstein. Speakers at this morning's opening ceremony were Dr. Goldstein, who presided, Rabbi B.L. Levinthal, Mr. Whalen, Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, David Pinski,

Abraham Idelson, representing the Jewish National Council of Palestine; George Backer, president of the Palestine Pavilion Board; Mr. Lipsky, Captain N. Taylor Phillips, who, with a guard of honor placed the Eternal Light in the Memorial Hall; Dr. Louis Ginzberg, Mrs. Max Biltzer and Joseph Schlossberg. Mr. Backer was toastmaster at the concluding dinner at which speakers included Ludwig Lewisohn and Fannie Hurst.

### Troops Kill 3 Arabs in Clash

JERUSALEM, May 28. (JTA) -- British troops today killed three Arabs and captured a fourth in a clash near Tulkarem. Two soldiers were slightly wounded. One of the slain Arabs was the secretary of a rebel chieftain, Abu Bakr. Important documents were seized.

The village of Samakh was put under 24-hour curfew when Arabs fired upon Jewish special policemen. Menashe Bornstein, 50, died yesterday of wounds inflicted by an Arab on May 16. A Palestine native, he left a widow and six children. Jewish municipal councillors of Haifa declined an invitation by Mayor Hassan Shukri to attend a reception to High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael. Students of the Hebrew Technical College at Haifa called off a sit-down strike they launched last week as a move to impress upon the Jewish Agency the need for a more active policy in combatting the White Paper. Revisionists, however, continued the strike.

The name of the Jew slain by Arabs in Jerusalem Friday was incorrectly given as Ernest Behar. The victim was Marcus Anzbacher, member of a rabbinical family of Nuremberg, Germany. He had come to Palestine from the Dachau concentration camp.

### Protest Rallies Banned in Zurich, Kaunas

ZURICH, May 28. (JTA) -- The police today banned a Zionist protest meeting against the White Paper.

KAUNAS, May 28. (JTA) -- A Zionist Revisionist protest meeting against the White Paper was prohibited today by the authorities.

### Church of Scotland Condemns Policy

EDINBURGH, May 28. (JTA) -- The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, after hearing a bitter attack on Britain's plan to establish an independent Palestine state, on Friday adopted a resolution praying that a satisfactory solution would be found to terminate the strife in the Holy Land.

### SEPHARDIC CHIEF RABBI JACOB MEIR DEAD IN JERUSALEM AT 82

JERUSALEM, May 28. (JTA) -- Thousands, including representatives of Jewish national institutions and the Palestine Government, attended funeral services today for Sephardic Chief Rabbi Meir, who died here yesterday at the age of 82. All Jewish shops were closed and traffic halted during the funeral. Rabbi Meir was born in Jerusalem and was called to the Chief Rabbinate in 1919.

### NO PROVISION FOR "CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS," IN JUDAISM, BRITISH RABBIS TOLD

LONDON, May 28. (JTA) -- Judaism has furnished no basis for conscientious objectors to military service, Chief Rabbi Joseph H. Hertz declared today in a letter to all British rabbis. He said Judaism "ranks defense of country among the supreme duties."

Asserting that the supreme national tasks of the hour were preparedness and service, Rabbi Hertz continued: "In such time when Britain looks to her children to rally in her defense, the first duty of Jewish ministers is to arouse the manhood of the congregation to the sacredness of the national call." He called on the ministers to deliver sermons on national service and to urge youths to join the Territorial Army and others to participate in other branches of national service.

#### JEWISH STUDENT SLAIN BY ENDEKS IN Lwow COLLEGE ATTACKS

WARSAW, May 28. (JTA) -- A 24-year-old Jewish student, Marcus Landesberg, died today of wounds inflicted in Nationalist anti-Semitic attacks at the Lwow Polytechnic Institute last week. Three other Jews were seriously wounded in the attacks, which followed a meeting called by the Nationalists to demand termination of lectures by Prof. Kasimierz Bartel, democratic former Premier of Poland.

#### OVER 1,000 REFUGEES AWAIT ENTRY AT HAVANA; ONLY 80 ADMITTED

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- Only 80 Jewish refugees of more than 1,000 who came to Havana over the week-end on three ships have been permitted to land, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed today by Miss Cecilia Razovsky, director of the National Coordinating Committee for Refugees.

Of 945 who arrived on the German steamer St. Louis, only 10 were admitted to Cuba, Miss Razovsky said. The steamer Orduna, which arrived yesterday with 120 refugees, disembarked 70 and continued on to South America with the remainder. The Flanders, with an undetermined number of passengers on board, also arrived yesterday and the passengers were still being examined today.

Miss Razovsky asked that relatives of refugees on board the ships send telegrams or letters to the Committee indicating that they are willing to guarantee support of the refugees if they are permitted to land in Cuba. She said that prominent persons in the United States have cabled the Cuban authorities urging admission of the refugees.

#### EINSTEIN COUNSELS "REASON" ON PALESTINE, URGES ARAB-JEWISH AMITY

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- Prof. Albert Einstein, in a radio address to a labor Zionist fraternal organization, last night appealed for Arab-Jewish amity and counselled that "reason should prevail over disappointment and embitterment" with regard to the new British policy in Palestine.

Prof. Einstein's address, made by telephone from Princeton and carried to the meeting at Town Hall over Radio Station WEVD, marked ceremonies inducting him as an honorary member of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance. The address follows in full:

"I am pleased to greet the members of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance on this occasion and I feel the need to say a few words in this moment of distress and disappointment.

"England has, in part, ignored its sacred pledge. She gave her word then in a dire hour and she is acting now, too, in a dire hour. Remember, however, that in the life of a people, and especially in times of need, there can be only one source of security, namely: confidence in one's own strength and steadfastness. We are justified indeed in this feeling of confidence. For, what the Jewish nation has achieved in Palestine through the self-sacrificing efforts of the Pioneers and through the unselfish voluntary aid of Jews in other lands, bears witness to an extraordinary productive force.

"I remember vividly the time when the all-too-wise and all-too-cautious people among us were wont to say: 'It is futile to invest energies and to attach hopes to this wasteland!' Today we find large sections of this wasteland converted into flourishing gardens, and close to a half-million of our brethren, including a considerable number of the former sceptics and opponents as well as their children, have found a new home in the old homeland.

"And now a word about England: Remember in the midst of your justified embitterment that England's opponents are also our bitterest enemies, and that in spite of everything, the maintenance of England's position is of utmost importance to us. Consider further that it is in the vital interest of the Arab world too, that England's power should not be shattered by the hysterical lust for conquest of the totalitarian adventurers. This elementary fact must and will soon penetrate into the consciousness of the Arabs. We must strive, therefore, that in our ranks, reason should prevail over disappointment and embitterment. The Arabs have been led into their suicidal uprising by terror and foreign agitation. But they, too, will after a while recognize the logic of facts, especially when we will have learned that our own future depends on our ability to arrive at a modus of honest cooperation with them. There could be no greater calamity than a permanent discord between us and the Arab people. Despite the great wrong that has been done us, we must strive for a just and lasting compromise with the Arab people. In face of the common foe that confronts us both, this goal must be accessible. Let us recall that in former times no people lived in greater friendship with us than the ancestors of these same Arabs.

"On the other hand, let us not always fix our gaze on England and passively await the determination of our fate from there. Undaunted by the events of recent days, we must continue our peaceful work with redoubled effort. We know that the path of least resistance leads to ruin as surely as does the path of conquering force; but we are certainly not in a position to persuade others of this truth. We can only stand firm and not lose courage for a single moment.

"This spirit of faith carried our forefathers through times of greatest distress, so that our productive force -- unbroken through millenia -- contributed to the enrichment of human culture. Let us be steadfast, so that future generations may be justified to say the same of us.

#### "Accept Situation As It Is," Lazaron Urges

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- Advice to "accept the situation as it is" and to "build economically" in Palestine was offered to Jewish leadership today by Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron of Baltimore, in a lengthy letter to the New York Times.

Declaring he spoke for no one but himself, although he believed his views represented those of many American Jews, Rabbi Lazaron reiterated his conviction "against the futility of pinning Jewish hopes to political action," and advocated pursuance of a "positive policy to work with the Arabs and the British for a long-term development of the land."

"The task of responsible Jewish leadership today," he said, "should be to restrain the extremists inside Palestine and out. The last word has not been spoken. Who knows what the situation may be five years from now? Accept the situation as it is. Build economically. And -- just as important -- build friendship with the Arabs. A positive policy to work with the Arabs and the British for a long-term development of the land -- only here lies any hope. All Jews are bitterly disappointed at this shutting of the door to the stricken thousands, victims of the dictators' hate. But we may not give way either to anger or despair. Anger and despair will destroy us. We must not spend time and substance in fighting a situation which is now irretrievable."