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### ZIONISTS MAP FIGHT ON PALESTINE POLICY BEFORE MANDATES COMMISSION; WEIZMANN VISITS GENEVA

PARIS, May 31. (JTA) -- A campaign to defeat Britain's Palestine policy before the League of Nations Mandates Commission has been started by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who arrived here today after negotiations in Geneva. The Zionist leader expressed the hope that the Mandates Commission, at its June session, would disapprove the British plan as incompatible with the League mandate.

Among those with whom Dr. Weizmann conferred over the weekend was Prof. William E. Rappard, vice-chairman of the Mandates Commission. He is expected to make another trip to Geneva, but will not remain there during the commission session.

(Zionist quarters in London expressed the belief that if the Mandates Commission finds the British policy inconsistent with the mandate, the Government will have to re-submit it to Parliament to secure assent for application to the League Council for modification of the mandate. Since Parliamentary approval of the White Paper was secured by a narrow majority, it is believed the Government will have tremendous difficulties in securing approval for the application after the policy has been branded by the Mandates Commission as in violation of the mandate.)

Dr. Weizmann has abandoned his contemplated trip to the United States until after the Zionist Congress in August in view of the necessity of watching developments in London and Geneva. Remaining in Paris for several days, he does not intend to negotiate with the French Government, but is conferring with Zionist leaders. While engaged in combating the British policy, the Jewish Agency Executive is nevertheless interested in finding funds to finance the admission of 25,000 refugees which is conditionally provided for in the White Paper.

Meanwhile, certain Zionist groups in Paris have expressed disappointment over the action of the Swiss authorities in prohibiting protest rallies against the British policy. They now doubt whether Geneva is the proper scene for the Zionist Congress since the major speeches will be in denunciation of the White Paper.

### Jewish Agency Plans Large-Scale Building as Reply to White Paper

LONDON, May 31. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency Executive met yesterday to consider the question of funds to finance a large-scale program of constructive activity in Palestine as a Jewish reply to Britain's Holy Land policy. With Eliezer Kaplan, Agency treasurer, participating, the Executive discussed the progress made in the negotiation of a £1,000,000 loan and also the question of implementing an old agreement with the Czech Government for

transfer of £500,000 to Palestine, which has been blocked by the German occupation of Czecho-Slovakia.

Meanwhile, the Bishop of Durham declared in a letter to The Times that the British policy was bringing discredit on Britain's name and arousing "a deep and general feeling of disgust and humiliation" throughout the English-speaking world.

#### Arabs Bar 10-Year Wait for State

BEIRUT, May 31. (JTA) -- The Palestine Arab High Committee today announced rejection of Britain's Palestine policy. In a communication addressed to neighboring Arab governments, the committee demanded immediate convocation of a constituent assembly to elaborate a constitution without waiting for the end of the ten-year period stipulated in the White Paper.

The Arabs will be content only when their national aspirations are realized, the statement said. "Palestine will be independent within the framework of Arab unity and will remain Arab forever," it declared. The statement said the White Paper proposal retained the principle of the mandate and only provided restrictions on the Jewish national home without affecting the basic promise in the Balfour Declaration.

Independence for Palestine, moreover, remains subordinate to effective Jewish-Arab collaboration, whereas the Jews have already refused that collaboration, the statement said. This places the Jews in a position indefinitely to postpone the birth of the new sovereign state, especially since they have it in their power to prolong the transitional period which can be extended, according to the White Paper, if "circumstances" warrant, the Arab communication said.

#### Jerusalem Jewish Bus Routes Closed

JERUSALEM, May 31. (JTA) -- The military commander for the Jerusalem district today closed indefinitely the Jewish bus routes to Rehavia, the Geula quarter and Machne Yehuda district as "punishment for firing by Jews on Arabs buses yesterday in the Romema quarter and Katamon quarter." He warned Arabs and Jews against further violence.

Police rounded up 26 Zionist-Revisionists in Tel Aviv, Petach Tikvah and Ramat Gan. Among those arrested are Dr. David Bukspan, head of the Revisionists' Palestine Executive; Moshe Joelson, a leader of the Brith Trumpeldor; the vice-president of the Ramat Gan local council; Dr. Shmishon YOUNICHMAN, head of the Brith Trumpeldor in Tel Aviv; Yonah Kopf, nephew of Vladimir Jabotinsky, and Shlomo Rosoff of Haifa.

#### Protests on Policy Continue

JOHANNESBURG, May 31. (JTA) -- Rallies in protest against Britain's Palestine policy were held in Johannesburg and other centers. At the crowded meeting of Jewish citizens here, a resolution was adopted promising the "utmost resources of South African Jewry" for intensification of constructive work in Palestine.

BUDAPEST, May 31. (JTA) -- The executive committees of the Hungarian Zionist Federation and the Pro-Palestine Union transmitted resolutions to the British Government protesting against the Palestine policy and announced plans for nation-wide mass meetings after the Parliamentary elections.

CUBA GETS APPEALS TO ADMIT REFUGEES AS SHIP IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO REICH

HAVANA, May 31. (JTA) -- The Cuban Government was swamped today with appeals to permit the landing of 936 Jewish refugees from the German liner St. Louis, scheduled to put out tonight for Hamburg, after two attempted suicides aboard the ship.

More than 2,500 telegrams from Cubans were received by President Laredo Bru and Army Chief Fulgencio Batista, the liberal press appealed for humanitarian treatment for the refugees, 14 Jewish organizations issued a joint appeal and a delegation arrived from New York to intervene with the authorities.

The delegation, Miss Cecilia Razovsky, director of the National Coordinating Committee for German Refugees, and Lawrence Berenson, arrived by airplane from New York yesterday for conferences with President Bru and Col. Batista. Characteristic of the attitude of liberal newspapers was an editorial in the daily Hoy which noted the attempted suicides and asserted that Cuba must not permit its name to be stained with Jewish blood. It asked permission to land for the "unfortunate Jewish refugees from the Nazi hell."

The first suicide attempt aboard the ship lying in Havana harbor was made by Dr. Max Loewe, of Breslau, who had with him his wife and two children. He slashed his wrists and threw himself overboard. He was picked up by a launch and taken to the University Hospital in critical condition. Later, an unidentified refugee attempted suicide by poison, but was thwarted when guards broke down his cabin door and rushed medical aid.

Port police doubled the guard aboard the St. Louis, fearing possible disorders when the ship would be forced to put out to sea. Until a late hour, the authorities remained adamant about forcing the ship's departure. A scheduled Cabinet session on the problem was postponed, but Labor Minister Portuondo Domenech and Finance Minister Oczotorena, who are in charge of immigration, announced that they would not permit landing of the refugees because entry of Jewish exiles increased unemployment in Cuba and their admittance would not be in accord with recent immigration decrees.

Meanwhile, a German Jew named David Lowenberg, accompanied by his wife and child, who came to Havana on the Cuban Mail liner Oriente with all his documents in order to await a visa for admission to the United States was barred from Cuba and forced to return to New York on the same ship.

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78 Refugees Barred from Paraguay

MONTIVIDEO, Uruguay, May 31. (JTA) -- Seventy-eight German Jewish refugees who arrived here en route to Paraguay were refused permission to land today from the German liner Monte Olivia when the Paraguayan Government forbade their entry. They will be obliged to return to Germany.

LITHUANIA CANCELS MUNICIPALITY'S BAN ON SHECHITA

KAUNAS, May 31. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Interior's veterinary department has annulled, as contrary to the constitutional guarantee of religious liberty, the action of the Municipal Council of Polangen in prohibiting kosher slaughter.

Meanwhile, Government officials promised to amend a bill governing the flax trade which Jews had protested as threatening the position of the 2,000 Jewish families engaged in the trade. The bill envisages a Government monopoly in the industry.

MOSELEY TELLS HOUSE GROUP OF CONNECTIONS WITH ANTI-SEMITIC LEADERS

WASHINGTON, May 31. (JTA) -- Major-General George Van Horn Moseley, retired, who has been linked by Dies Committee testimony with an anti-Semitic plot, was questioned by the committee today about his connections with Reserve Captain James Campbell, anti-Semitic propagandist, Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund, and other anti-Semites.

Most of the examination was conducted by Representative Arthur D. Healey (Dem., Mass.), presiding in the absence of Chairman Martin Dies (Dem., Tex.) in Texas for a rest. General Moseley was accompanied by counsel. The retired army officer said he met Campbell four to five years ago. After he had retired, Moseley testified, he was called upon by Campbell, who said he had highly important reports from a New York group which he thought Moseley would find interesting. Some of the testimony follows:

Q. "Did you know Campbell was disseminating anti-Jewish propaganda?" A. "No."

Q. "Didn't Campbell show you the reports about an alleged Jewish plot to overthrow the Government?" A. "Yes, he mailed them to me but said he did not know what credence to put in them."

Q. "What was your impression of these reports?" A. "At first I thought there was not much in them. But some of the information checked with information I received elsewhere. Once or twice I wrote to General Craig, Chief of Staff of the Army, telling him what I learned."

Q. "Did Craig take the information seriously?" A. "I think so. The Information Division of the War Department was also impressed."

Q. "Did you ever meet Fritz Kuhn?" A. "Yes, he called on me in New York six months ago."

Q. "You went up to a private home on Long Island to meet Kuhn?" A. "Yes, but I did not know Kuhn was to be present. There were a number of other guests representing patriotic organizations. At one meeting 70 patriotic organizations were represented. The hostess was Mrs. Rudyard Uzzell."

Q. "Did you know that Mrs. Uzzell is affiliated with anti-Jewish organizations?" A. "I did not."

Committee Counsel Rhea Whitley read a letter from Moseley to Captain Campbell, Moseley saying therein he was going out to the Long Island meeting "at which a number of important members are to be assembled."

"That is not consistent with the statement that you expected to meet only Mrs. Uzzell, is it?" asked Whitley. Moseley said he "entirely forget the other persons were to be present."

Whitley read another letter of Moseley to Campbell saying that Moseley would go to the New Yorker Hotel and register under the name "A.B. Parker," then go the next day to the Hotel Pennsylvania before going to Mrs. Uzzell's. "This indicates great secrecy about this meeting, doesn't it, in contradiction to your previous statement that the meeting was not secret," asked Whitley. Moseley said he did not carry out the plan. Another guest of Mrs. Uzzell's was Mrs. Gort, of Philadelphia, representing the National Defense Committee of Patriotic Organizations of Philadelphia.

Moseley admitted addressing Mrs. Uzzell's meeting. He said the purpose of the meeting was "purely patriotic. Those present wanted to see this Government go on as in the past."

He admitted sending out James True's anti-Semitic propaganda to James M. Wilkerson of Kansas City.

#### ITALY DEPORTS REFUGEE TO REICH; ALIEN JEWS FEAR EXPULSION

ROME, May 31. (JTA) -- The first deportation of a Jewish refugee from Italy to Germany was recorded today when Paul Strauss, who was recently arrested for not obeying an expulsion order, was escorted to the frontier. Fears of deportation to the Reich are widespread among the remaining 3,200 foreign Jews since police have resumed their visits to homes of these aliens, warning them to leave in from two weeks to a month.

Informed circles believe that since the final alignment of the Rome-Berlin axis against the anti-axis powers, Italy is no longer concerned about the unfavorable impression abroad created by harsher treatment of refugees.

#### JEWS INJURED IN CLASH IN LITH TOWN

KAUNAS, May 31. (JTA) -- Several Jews were slightly injured today in disorders in Shavli after a dispute at a football game between the Jewish Maccabee team and a local Lithuanian team.

An agreement has been concluded between the German and Lithuanian Governments regarding compensation for Jewish merchants who left their property in Memel when the territory was annexed by the Reich. Most of the Jewish merchants and industrialists do not benefit from the agreement since Jews formerly of German nationality are excluded from its terms.

#### JEWISH MERCHANTS, LAWYERS CURBED IN UPPER HUNGARY

BUDAPEST, May 31. (JTA) -- The Commerce Ministry has cancelled more than 80 per cent of licenses of Jewish merchants and artisans in the annexed Upper Hungarian region and has given warning that the shops will be closed down on July 1. At the same time the Justice Ministry has rejected 75 per cent of the applications of Jewish lawyers in Upper Hungary for admission to the Bar Association, permitting them to continue practicing until Oct. 31.

#### BERLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WARNS WARSAW ON BOYCOTT

WARSAW, May 31. (JTA) -- The Berlin Chamber of Commerce has written to the Warsaw chamber regarding the sudden curbing of Polish imports from Germany, pointing out that even orders previously placed by Polish importers have been cancelled. The Berlin chamber threatened to force German firms to liquidate their Polish branches.

"We do not want to believe that this action has anything to do with the boycott conducted for years against Germany by the Jews," the letter said.

#### CHIEF RABBI HEVESI OF HUNGARY TO GET HONORARY DEGREE FROM SEMINARY

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA) -- The honorary degree Doctor of Hebrew Letters will be awarded to Dr. Simon Hevesi, Chief Rabbi of Hungary, by the Jewish Theological Seminary at its Commencement exercises on Sunday.