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### PALESTINE PREPARES TO ENFORCE CURB ON LAND SALES; VIOLENCE UNABATED

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government announced today that land transfer regulations would be made as soon as possible. In the meantime, it advised prospective purchasers and sellers of land and others concerned to "refrain from carrying out such transactions since it may be found that the contemplated transfer will be prohibited under the regulations." Last month's White Paper issued by the British Government empowered the Palestine High Commissioner to restrict the sale of lands.

A Jew and an Arab were slain today in continuing violence in scattered sections of Palestine. (Havas News Agency reported 18 Arabs killed in a battle with British troops near Jerusalem.)

A Jewish milk truck was ambushed near the Arab village of Lubia, in the vicinity of Haifa, and Benjamin Kirshon, 34, an immigrant from Lithuania, was shot dead.

The military authorities imposed a 31-hour ban on traffic to and from Tel Aviv following the fatal shooting of an Arab and the wounding of two others in the Salameh quarter along the Jaffa boundary. An official announcement said the shooting was done by an "unknown Jew." Later three unidentified Jews threw two bombs into an Arab shanty. There were no casualties.

Unidentified persons raided the headquarters of the Agudath Israel, non-Zionist religious organization, tore up files and scrawled inscriptions on the walls reading, "Traitors Beware!"

The British Embassy at Berlin, it was learned here today, has informed the German Government that the Palestine administration is dissatisfied with the D.N.B.'s (official German News Agency) Palestine correspondent, Dr. Franz Reichert, and his assistant, Wollhard, and has asked that they be withdrawn. The German Consul General here is taking the matter up with the Palestine Government.

### Police Official, Lawyer Held as Immigrant Smugglers

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- Charges of a conspiracy to smuggle Zionist-Revisionists into Palestine, involving bribing of British officials to permit ships to land illegal immigrants, were aired today at a hearing preliminary to trial of Police Inspector Harry Godcard and Max Seligman, a lawyer, formerly of Cardiff, Wales.

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Walter Gilpin, chief of the Criminal Investigation Department for the Jaffa-Tel Aviv District testified that he had tricked Seligman and Goddard into including him in the conspiracy at a salary of £25 monthly, or £100 per shipload. He asserted that he received £35 to divert patrol boats on receiving the telephoned signal, "Thumbs up tonight!"

The District Court granted a defence motion for a separate trial before the British presiding judge alone for Goddard, who is English. The police inspector pleaded not guilty.

Seligman assented to a trial before the full bench after Defense Counsel Gotien's plea for a jury trial, based on the Magna Carta, was denied by the court on the ground that the Palestine statutes did not provide for jury trial. The court permitted the defense to inspect secret statements to the police made by a prosecution witness. Seligman is leader of a movement to convert Palestine into a Crown colony.

The Jewish National Council has been given an allotment of immigration certificates for children of 13 to 15 having close relatives in Palestine, it was announced today. The allotment is in addition to 2,200 certificates granted, under the April to September immigration schedule announced yesterday, to the Youth Aliyah organization for immigration of students and refugee children. Categories of immigrants as specified in the immigration ordinance have not been abandoned, the new schedule simply making a distinction between "refugees" and "ordinary immigrants." The latter group continues to be divided up into the same categories of capitalists, laborers, etc., it was explained.

#### MacDonald Holds White Paper Aids Near East Peace

GENEVA, June 15. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald, in a two-hour address to the League of Nations Mandates Commission, today defended Britain's new Palestine policy as consistent with the mandate and necessary for the removal of a threat to peace in the Near East.

Urging the commission to give its approval to the policy, Mr. MacDonald asked that the members take into consideration the practical difficulties involved in administration of the mandate and warned that settlement of the Holy Land question was necessary to remove a cause of friction and unrest in the Near East.

Questioning of Mr. MacDonald by the commissioners is expected to take place tomorrow after they have studied the document, and a strenuous grilling was indicated. The Colonial Secretary informed the commission he would remain at its disposal until Saturday afternoon. The commission's examination of the Mandatory Power's report for 1938 was completed this morning.

Arab extremists headed by Jamal Hussein, relative of the exiled ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, asked the Commission to appoint a neutral commission to investigate the "official terrorism" against Arabs in the Holy Land. A memorandum to the Commission makes charges of atrocities by British troops and British and Jewish police. Another memorandum reiterates Arab objections to the new British policy on Palestine.

#### PLANS COMPLETED FOR LANDING, DISTRIBUTION OF ST. LOUIS REFUGEES SATURDAY

PARIS, June 15. (JTA) -- The German liner St. Louis will disembark its 907 Jewish refugee passengers at Antwerp on Saturday afternoon. The refugees, who had been denied admittance to Cuba, will be divided among England, France, Holland and Belgium pending re-emigration.

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Those in the Dutch contingent will be taken to the Hook of Holland by Belgian Red Cross tenders. The British and French contingents will also be transhipped by tender. The French group will be taken to Boulogne, where they will remain eight days pending examination and determination of their individual distribution. The group will then be distributed throughout the country, under the auspices of all cooperating Jewish organizations, to children's homes, workshops and farms.

Morris C. Troper, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, who directed the successful efforts to avert return of the refugees to Germany, will fly to Antwerp tomorrow to supervise the disembarkation. He has special permission to board the liner at Flushing two hours before it is scheduled to dock to prepare the lists of persons going to each country.

A radiogram was sent by the refugees aboard the St. Louis addressed to Mr. Troper, which follows: "The 907 passengers of St. Louis dangling for last thirteen days between hope and despair received today your liberating message of the 13 June that final arrangements for all passengers have at last been reached. Our gratitude is as immense as the ocean on which we are now floating since May 13 first full of hope for a good future and afterwards in the deepest despair. Accept Mr. Chairman for you and for the American Joint Distribution Committee and last but not least for the Governments of Belgium, Holland, France and England the deepest and eternal thanks of men women and children united by the same fate on board the St. Louis."

The Interior Minister today announced that the French Government has agreed to admit 97 refugees on the liner Flandre, who had also been turned back by Cuba. The refugees will be permitted to stay in France on the same conditions as the St. Louis passengers, that is on the J.D.C.'s bond of \$500 for each refugee as guarantee that they will not become public charges. The ship will dock at St. Nazaire.

#### Cuba to Deport 38

HAVANA, June 15. (JTA) -- The immigration authorities announced today that 38 Jewish refugees who arrived recently on the S.S. Iberia will soon be deported to Germany on the grounds that their papers were found not in order. They have been held at the Tiscornia immigration camp pending settlement of their case.

#### Canada Opposes Pact on Migrant Workers; Holds it Would Hurt Refugees

GENEVA, June 15. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government today informed the International Labor Conference here of its opposition to a proposed international agreement on migrant workers on the grounds that it would affect settlement of refugees in countries where labor is sought.

The Canadian statement pointed out that political conditions in many states created a large number of refugees, facing remaining states and overseas countries with a problem obliging them to adopt strict measures for regulating admission of potential refugees and making the task of charitable organizations more difficult. It warned that additional regulations on emigration would only hamper the humanitarian work of settling refugees.

Outlining the British Government's procedure, the Canadian statement declared that flexibility of procedure was necessary to cope with the task. It asserted that it would be most regrettable if rules for the protection of migrant workers were to obstruct and hamper the settlement of refugees.

2 Memel Refugees Held in Latvia

RIGA, June 15. (JTA) -- Two young Jews who said they had escaped from a Memel concentration camp were arrested here today after they had landed in an exhausted condition on the Riga beach. Without documents, they said they had made the trip from Memel in a small boat. The youths, Leo Rosenblum, 19, and Ber Leper, 18, will probably be handed over to the Memel authorities.

WESTCHESTER EINSTEINS DENY NAVAL ACADEMY OFFICERS ADVISED SON TO CHANGE NAME

MT. VERNON, N.Y., June 15. (JTA) -- Mrs. Jay Allen Einstein, whose family yesterday received Westchester County Court permission to adopt the name of Easton because the present name was "distinctly German and Semitic," told the J.T.A. today that her husband is Jewish but she is not.

Mrs. Einstein termed "ridiculous" reports that her husband's petition to the court had said that one of their two sons had been advised by "his superior officers" at the United States Naval Academy to change his name. "I don't know where they got that," she said. "We had been intending all our life to change our name."

Annapolis dispatches said the office of Rear Admiral Wilson Brown, superintendent of the Naval Academy, announced an investigation of reports that Midshipman Einstein's superior had advised him to change his name to avoid the handicap of a Jewish surname.

SOCIAL WORKERS' PARLEY TOLD OF NEW JEWISH OCCUPATIONAL COUNCIL

BUFFALO, June 15. (JTA) -- Formation of a Jewish Occupational Council to study the problem of economic adjustment for American Jews was announced tonight at the 31st annual National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare, being held at the Hotel Statler with the participation of some 500 social workers. The announcement was made by Dr. Albert Abrahamson, Associate Professor of Economics at Bowdoin College, who is on a year's leave of absence from the college in order to direct the council.

Recovery for the nation at large will not necessarily bring complete recovery to the Jewish community, Dr. Abrahamson said. Readjustment is complicated for a large number of Jews, he declared, by the existence of factors such as specific Jewish occupational fields, brought about by discrimination against Jews in certain other fields.

Dr. Abrahamson's discussion of recovery from the Jewish viewpoint followed an address by Dr. Louis H. Bean, of the Department of Agriculture, who declared that an eight billion dollar national income, necessitating a 40 to 50 per cent increase in industrial production, would eliminate unemployment and bring about full recovery.

WASHINGTON BANQUET MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF REFORM RABBIS' GROUP

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- The 50th anniversary of the founding of the Central Conference of American Rabbis was celebrated tonight with a dinner at the Hotel Mayflower in connection with the organization's convention. Scheduled speakers were the Rt. Rev. James E. Freeman, Bishop of Washington, and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise. The conference was founded in 1889 in Detroit by 30 rabbis and now has more than 400 members.

Seven rabbis this afternoon participated in a round table discussion on "Ways of Fortifying Religious Life."

BALTIMORE SCHOOL BOARD QUERIES 18 STUDENTS IN BRANDING OF JEW; GRAND JURY QUIZ SET

BALTIMORE, June 15. (JTA) -- The school board today questioned 18 suspended students of Gynns Falls Junior High School in the opening of an official inquiry into the reported branding of Melvin Bridge, Jewish student, with the letter "H" (for Hebrew) and a resultant fight on the school grounds four days later. The Grand Jury will make its own investigation tomorrow.

An investigator of the House Committee on Un-American Activities will be sent here within a few days to investigate anti-Semitism in Baltimore schools, Chairman Martin Dies advised city authorities by telephone from Houston, Tex. As a result of the fight on the school grounds on Tuesday between Bridge's friends and the pro-Nazi students, Morton Rosen, one of the youth's friends, has been arrested on two assault charges.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN REPORTED GIVING "DICTATOR" PROFITS TO AID EMIGRATION

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- It was reported from Vienna today that Charlie Chaplin, noted film comedian, has promised to place the profits from the continental showings of his forthcoming picture, "The Dictator," at the disposal of the Vienna Jewish Community to be used in facilitating Jewish emigration from Central Europe.

"NAZI SPY" FILM BANNED IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, June 15. (JTA) -- The National Film Control Board has prohibited exhibition of "Confessions of a Nazi Spy," American picture, in the Argentine.

HADASSAH GETS SILVER KEY USED TO OPEN JERUSALEM HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- The Jews in Palestine will continue to consolidate their health, colonization and economic activities "as a sign that they are determined to remain rooted in their national home," Mrs. Edward Jacobs, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, declared today, presenting the silver key used to open the \$1,000,000 Rothschild Hadassah-University Hospital to Hadassah's national board at a special meeting.

NAZI-SET FIRE DESTROYS ANOTHER CZECH SYNAGOGUE

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- Prague advice said today that a synagogue was burned to the ground last night in Maerisch-Ostrau. The blaze, set by Nazi storm troopers who soaked the interior with gasoline, lasted from one to nine a.m. Fire brigades stood by under instructions from the German authorities to confine their efforts to preventing spread of the blaze.

ARRIVES IN MONTREAL TO BUY SHIPS FOR PALESTINE

MONTREAL, June 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Bernard Berger, Palestinian economist, journalist and Zionist leader, arrived here today as representative of the Palestine Maritime Lloyd, Ltd., to interview leading shipping men regarding the purchase of a number of large vessels for use at Tel Aviv and other ports. He said Palestine was in the midst of a campaign to build a Jewish merchant marine.

16 POLISH PROFESSORS DEMAND END OF TERROR IN UNIVERSITIES

WARSAW, June 15. (JTA) -- Sixteen university professors of Lwow, including former Premier Kazimierz Bartel, today demanded that the Government put an end to the wave of terror in Polish universities, in a memorandum to Premier Skladkowski, speakers of the Sejm and Senate and the ministers of education, justice and foreign affairs.