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### PALESTINE CHANGES DISTRICT LINES; MOVE TOWARD LAND CURBS SEEN

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA) -- The Government announced today alterations of the restriction system of Palestine in what Jewish observers interpreted as a preliminary to restriction of land sales to Jews.

The changes in district boundaries, published in an extra edition of the official Palestine Gazette, were officially explained as being intended to separate the predominantly urban from the rural areas. The changes are:

(1) The section comprising Jenin, Tulkarem and the Nablus subdistrict is separated from the Haifa district and made into a new Samaria District with headquarters in Nablus and J.H.H. Pollock, the present Assistant District Commissioner, as District Commissioner.

(2) The section comprising Beersheba and Gaza subdistrict is cut off from the present Southern District and made into a new Gaza District with headquarters in Gaza and Major C.E.D. Buxton, formerly of Kenya, as District Commissioner. The rest of the Southern District, including Tel Aviv, is renamed the Lydda District.

Jewish circles pointed out that the new Nablus District covers the predominantly Jewish Hefer Valley, North Sharon Plain and Naharia and that not one of the six district offices is located in Jewish towns.

### Ban on Jewish Traffic Widened

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA) -- The authorities today extended punitive measures against Jews for continuing attacks upon Arabs. Following sniping at an Arab bus near the Romema quarter, the Jerusalem military commander suspended Jewish bus lines to the suburbs of Mahane Jehuda and Givat Shaul for 48 hours starting at sundown last night. No casualties resulted from the attack.

Givat Shaul is a populous Jewish suburb and the site of important quarries, one of which is American-owned. The suspension of bus lines to the community forces hundreds of Jewish workers to walk past the village of Lifta, notorious for Arab terrorism, along a road where a number of Jews were killed in the past three years.

The order imposing 8 p.m. curfew upon Jewish cafes until further notice, in retaliation for the bombing of an Arab cafe in which 11 Arabs were wounded, describes the bombing as a "cowardly act by a Jewish terrorist."

Rome Sees British Policy Not Solving Problem

ROME, July 2. (JTA) -- Premier Benito Mussolini's Popolo d'Italia, in one of the first extended Italian comments on Britain's new Palestine policy, declared in an article of its Palestine correspondent today that the policy would not solve the problem because the Arabs were thinking only of getting rid of the Jews and the Jews only of subjugating the Arabs.

The article, which was given considerable prominence, spoke of an alleged declaration of war against Britain by the Jews and noted approvingly that the British were inclined to look less favorably on the Jews than hitherto, but asserted that the Jews held the threat over the British that they were able to do more damage in a day than the Arabs had done in three years.

The British White Paper was likened to a bowl of Mulligatawny soup including something to attract every taste which had been set before the Jews and Arabs, but from which the Jews were elbowing the Arabs away. The article intimated that the Jews were tempted by the offer to admit 75,000 Jewish immigrants in the next five years, while the Arabs were not yet decided on the policy.

The Jews were declared to be aiming at mastery of the East Mediterranean shore, as symbolized by a statue of "Hope" to be erected in the Tel Aviv harbor, similar to New York's Statue of Liberty. But the statue, the correspondent declared, was doomed for the present to be veiled "until the happy day, which is still far distant, comes."

JEWISH CHILDREN BEATEN IN MORAVIA; SLOVAKIA PLANS SHECHITA BAN

LONDON, July 2. (JTA) -- Nazi hoodlums have launched a campaign of violence against Jewish children in the Moravian cities of Maehrisch-Ostrau and Bruenn and in other German-populated centers, it was reported today from Prague. Nazi pickets stand guard at park entrances and ask approaching children whether they are Jewish or "Aryan." Jewish children who try to enter are beaten and driven off. Even nurses with babes in arms are questioned on the race of their charges.

Under pressure from the German authorities, the Slovakian Government is preparing a law prohibiting shechita. Since the Jews of the "protectorate," where the practice already is under proscription, have been getting their kosher meat from Slovakia, the projected measure will affect them as well as the Slovakian Jews.

Czechs' Hostility Demoralizes S.S. Men

PRAGUE, July 2. (Havas) -- The blackshirted Schutzstaffel personal guards of Reich Protector Konstantin von Neurath have been so "demoralized" by the hostile attitude of Czechs in Prague that they are being replaced by a new detachment from Germany, it was learned in German circles here today. Meanwhile, a moving anti-German demonstration at a theater here was reported. The audience spontaneously rose and sang the Czech national anthem, with tears pouring down their faces, when the principal character in the play "Lucerna" spoke the words: "I would defend my State even if I had to die for it."

Johann Strauss's "Non-Aryan" Descendants Disinherited

VIENNA, July 2. (Havas) -- Descendants of the famous Viennese "waltz king," Johann Strauss, were barred from inheritance of his musical and personal property, which reverts to the city of Vienna, by an official ruling published today, climaxing Julius Streicher's campaign to disinherit Strauss's "non-Aryan" descendants.

The Austrian composer, who died in 1899, married a Jewess converted to the Roman Catholic faith, Adele Deutsch, his third wife. The royalties he left her will now become Viennese property. Recently, repeated attacks in Streicher's newspaper, Der Stuermer, forced a daughter of Strauss by a previous marriage to turn over to Vienna violins and manuscripts which her father left her.

PRO-COUGHLIN ORGANIZER, HELD AS EXTORTIONIST, DISOWNED BY PICKETS

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- Allen Zoll, who organized the weekly picketing of Station WMCA for its refusal to broadcast Father Charles E. Coughlin's talks, was disowned by the pickets today after he had been arraigned on a charge of seeking to extort \$7,500 from Donald Flamm, president of the station. A sign carried by Coughlinite pickets at the station's building today said: "Allen Zoll Is a Traitor."

Zoll, who called himself director of the American Committee for Constitutional Government, was arraigned yesterday and held in \$5,000 bail. Police said they arrested him Friday when he accepted \$200 in marked bills from Mr. Flamm. He had promised, police said, to call off the pickets when he received \$7,300 more. Zoll denied the charge before Magistrate Richard McKiniry and hearing was set for Friday.

BANISH BIGOTRY, ADLER URGES PHILADELPHIANS

PHILADELPHIA, July 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Cyrus Adler, in an address to the American Friends (Quaker) Service Committee, has expressed the hope "that the men and women and the children of this city will have the grace given them to banish bigotry and ill-will."

"There is no foundation in the racial or religious theories," he said. "Racialism is a falsehood, and religion, no matter what religion, teaches love and not hate. I am glad to have the opportunity of addressing this statement to the citizens of Philadelphia where my people have lived for more than a century and where in the earlier and happier years bigotry was not only considered improper but almost indecent."

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALISTS SEEK TO MAKE JEWS BUTT OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY DRIVE

JOHANNESBURG, July 2. (JTA) -- The Nationalists are making strong efforts to convert the new movement for strengthening of the economic position of the Afrianders into an anti-Jewish economic drive. Convocation of a national congress to discuss the economic situation of the Afrianders, scheduled for October at Blomfontein, has given rise to widespread discussion. The Nationalists are campaigning on behalf of the Afriander struggle against "the financial power of the Englishman, Jew and Indian."

The Nationalists are seeking organization of Afrianders to support only Afriander businesses and are also trying to launch a cooperative movement that would eliminate Jews. A United Party spokesman, stressing the need for improving the position of the Afrianders, warned, however, against efforts to conduct activities along narrow racial lines. He suggested that improvement would follow establishment of new industries in South Africa.

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Commenting on recent developments of this character, the weekly Zionist Record points out that "sectional bias is often given in this country to undertakings which should bear a national character." The periodical warns that "introduction of racial factors merely serves to divert attention from the real issues." The Jewish Community is following developments with close attention in view of the large proportion of Jews engaged in commerce throughout the country.

#### JEWISH AGENCY LEADER BEATEN, HELD BY BRITISH SOLDIERS

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA) --The Jewish Agency executive today protested to the military authorities against the beating by British soldiers and temporary detention of Rabbi J.L. Fishman, member of the Executive and leader of the Mizrahi Organization.

Rabbi Fishman told the J.T.A. that he was driving from his home in the Romema quarter to the Jewish Agency building when he was halted by troops who demanded to see his travel pass. He explained that the pass was not necessary within city limits, whereupon he was taken from his automobile, beaten, forced aboard a military truck and driven to the military officer, who released him refusing to entertain a complaint.

Meanwhile, a group of members of the Frith Trumpeldor, Zionist Revisionist youth organization, who were arrested at Rishon-le-Zion on Friday and taken to military headquarters at Sarafend, were today interned in the Acre concentration camp for six months in connection with recent anti-Arab terrorism.

#### REFUGEE SHIP CAPTURED OFF PALESTINE COAST

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA) A ship bearing 272 Jews seeking to enter Palestine illegally was captured offshore, Jewish newspapers reported today.

HAIFA, July 2. (Havas) --A false SOS, answered by the British destroyer Ivanhoe in territorial waters near here, today caused the accidental death of a sailor and the discovery of 400 refugees attempting illegal entry into Palestine. The sailor was killed when his gun went off by accident as he was boarding the steamer Las Perles from the Ivanhoe.

The Ivanhoe had put out in response to the steamer's SOS, which proved to be a mistake, and found the refugees aboard. Warning the Las Perles not to enter territorial waters, the Ivanhoe arrested her when she persisted in doing so. The destroyer then escorted the steamer into Haifa.

#### EMERSON SEES JEWISH LEADERS IN BELGRADE

BELGRADE, July 2. (JTA) --League Refugee Commissioner Sir Herbert Emerson, and Assistant Commissioner Lord Duncannon, have received a delegation from the Union of Jewish Communities in Yugoslavia which reported on the position of refugees here. The delegation was headed by Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Alkalay and Dr. Friedrich Pops, president of the Union.