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### PALESTINE JEWS TO STAGE GENERAL STRIKE TODAY IN PROTEST ON IMMIGRATION BAN

JERUSALEM, July 17. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council today called a one-day general strike for tomorrow in protest against the British decision to suspend Jewish immigration to Palestine for six months starting Oct. 1. The strike will start at two p.m. and end at midnight.

The Council said in a statement that the immigration decree, which was announced in the House of Commons last week by Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald, represented the "high point in MacDonald's treachery to the Jewish people" and exhibited a "crudely befitting the rulers of the Third Reich."

The Council appealed to the British nation to reject the decree. Chief Rabbis Isaac Herzog and Ben-Zion Uziel also issued an appeal to the British people, asking them to "raise their voice against the grievous wrong to Israel by the suspension of immigration."

An Arab band of 30 last night raided the Arab village adjoining the new Jewish settlement of Bet Haffa in southern Palestine, wounding two villagers and kidnapping five others, including two mukhtars (local chieftains). The raid reportedly was in punishment for the villagers' friendliness to the Jewish settlers.

A group of 74 Jewish youths, brought from Germany, Austria and Prague under the auspices of the Youth Aliyah movement, are scheduled to arrive in Palestine tomorrow. Another group of 12 child refugees will also arrive and will be placed among Tel Aviv families.

Arab newspapers reported that a Bedouin had apprehended and turned over to the police three Jewish illegal immigrants near Ness Ziona. The police later captured 70 others of a group of 350 who were reportedly landed by a small schooner.

### Goldman to Tell Kennedy How U.S. Jews Feel About White Paper

LONDON, July 17. (JTA) -- President Solomon Goldman of the Zionist Organization of America, who arrived here last night en route to Palestine, prepared today to consult with Jewish Agency leaders, British statesmen and United States Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy on the British decree suspending Jewish immigration to Palestine for six months. The immigration ban was announced while Dr. Goldman was at sea. The Zionist leader will outline American Jewry's attitude on the British White Paper.

Polish Zionists Voice "Bitterness" at Decree

WARSAW, July 17. (JTA) -- A joint session of all Zionist central committees today cabled to the British Government and all British parties an expression of "surprise and bitterness" over the six-month suspension of immigration to Palestine decreed by the Colonial Office. The message charged that the decree was punishing the entire Jewish people for the actions of "unfortunate people trying to escape annihilation" by smuggling themselves into Palestine.

Right of Jew to Return to Homeland Held Sacred as Briton's Right to Return to England

BOSTON, July 17. (JTA) -- Assailing the British decree suspending Jewish immigration to Palestine, Elihu D. Stone, member of the Jewish Agency's administrative committee, yesterday told a Zionist meeting here that the Jew's right to return to his homeland was equal in sanctity to the Englishman's right to return to England.

"The recent announcement in Parliament by Colonial Secretary MacDonald to the effect that the Government contemplates the closing of the doors of Palestine for six months, is a manifestation not of strength, but of despair," Mr. Stone declared. "It is a vivid indication of the hopelessness of the White Paper. It represents the last struggle on the part of MacDonald in fighting for a dying cause -- his political child -- the White Paper. Otherwise, there could be no explanation for an act which could only be described as sadistic.

"This cruel coercion of the Jewish people on the part of the Chamberlain Government is doomed to failure. The Jews of Palestine, as well as the Jews of the world, will never make themselves a party to the execution of the White Paper and betray the Jewish National Home, regardless of the penalties. It is a terrible blow to the Jewish people; it is particularly painful to us when that blow is struck by a British Government.

"I am confident that the majority of the British people, as well as the enlightened public opinion of the world, do not condone the MacDonald decree. It is very difficult to reconcile this policy of terror against the Jews by the Chamberlain Government with the policy of conciliation and appeasement practiced by the same Government with reference to the ex-Mufti and his confederates. Apparently it is easier to be a 'hero' in the treatment of defenceless and homeless Jews.

"The future generations of Great Britain will be ashamed of Malcolm MacDonald. As for the Jewish people, this will serve as nothing else to unite them for the purpose of combatting the latest effrontery with all the means at their command. The right of the Jew to return to his homeland is of equal sanctity to the right of an Englishman to return to England. This may be the beginning of the end for the Chamberlain Government. We have faith in the fair play of the British people; they will yet do justice to the law."

BRITON FLEES "JEWISH TERROR," SEEKS HAVEN IN REICH, NAZI PAPER REPORTS

BERLIN, July 17. (Havas) -- The picture of a smiling Englishman who allegedly "took refuge in the Reich with his family to avoid the Jewish terror in Great Britain" was featured today on the first page of Der Angriff, Nazi organ here.

Der Angriff reported that the "refugee," named H.M.W. Wicks, had brought proofs of a scandal involving Leslie Hore-Belisha, British War Secretary, and Dr. Edward Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supply. He also announced that the other Britons, were preparing to flee here.

"rejoicing," according to Der Angriff, "in the protection of the Reich." The newspaper added that Wicks plans to use his liberty in Germany to explain Judaism and the "Jewish terror" to the English people, who allegedly are deprived of their freedom of opinion.

The Angriff campaign appeared to be a rejoinder to letters which Stephen King-Hall, famous British publicist, has circulated through the Reich calling on German citizens not to support aggression. King-Hall's campaign infuriated the National Socialist press.

#### British Fascists Will Balk at "Jewish War," Mosley Warns

LONDON, July 17. (JTA) -- Sir Oswald Mosley, British Fascist leader, last night told 20,000 people massed in Earl's Court that one million British Fascists would refuse to fight in a "Jewish War."

#### REFUGEE BODY TO AID REICH EXILES IN POLAND, WARSAW IS TOLD

WARSAW, July 17. (JTA) -- The Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, which opens a plenary session in London on Wednesday, has accepted a British proposal to include in its scope refugees now in Poland and has promised to consider Polish citizens expelled from Germany when allotting territories for settlement, it was declared today in an official communique.

The communique said word to that effect had been given to Poland's consul in London, Maximilian Fryde, by "a prominent member" of the committee with whom he had been negotiating on the question of emigration of Polish Jews and German refugees of Polish nationality.

*representative of Polish Jewish Colonization Committee in London*  
According to the communique, the committee spokesman said that the problem of financing mass colonization and experimental settlement would be discussed at the forthcoming session. Under American Vice-Chairman Myron C. Taylor's initiative, it was stated, a coordinating foundation committee will be established for the purpose of raising funds and this committee will give the representatives of the Polish Government an opportunity of supporting the claims of Polish Jews wanting to emigrate. The communique said that the committee spokesman promised to continue backing efforts to solve the Polish Jewish emigration problem.

#### 400 Sail From Amsterdam, Destination Unknown

LONDON, July 17. (JTA) -- Amsterdam dispatches reported today that the Panamanian steamer Dora sailed for an undivulged destination with 400 German refugees on board.

#### RUMANIAN COURT HOLDS ITALIAN MEDICAL LICENSES VALID; RULING AIDS 500 JEWISH DOCTORS

BUCHAREST, July 17. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court today ruled that Italian medical diplomas were valid for practice in Rumania, thus opening the way for readmission to practice of some 500 Jewish doctors whose licenses had been cancelled by the Goga Government. The ruling was handed down in a test case involving an Italian Jewish physician whose license had been taken from him during the brief administration of the late anti-Semitic Premier, Prof. Octavian Goga.

#### NOVELIST PRIESTLEY WARNS OF RISING ANTI-SEMITISM IN ENGLAND

LONDON, July 17. (JTA) -- The novelist John B. Priestley today strongly condemned Jew-baiting and warned against increasing anti-Semitism in England.

Writing in the News-Chronicle, the noted author took to task an anti-Semite who in a recent letter to the newspaper had referred to refugees as "the scum of Europe."

"Compare the 'scum of Europe' with what is left in Germany," Mr. Priestley said. "Make a list of the great Jewish exiles headed by Einstein and compare them with the Nazi leaders."

The writer refuted arguments alleging that the Jews dominated press and Government. He admitted, however, the existence of a world Jewish problem, declaring that much of the prejudice against the Jews was due to their failure to decide "between separation and identification." The Jewish problem will not be settled, he said, until the Jew has decided either to "move farther away or to come nearer."

#### PRAGUE TO PROCLAIM JEWISH LAW BASED ON NUREMBERG EDICTS, PRESS REPORTS

LONDON, July 17. (JTA) -- The Czech Government will shortly proclaim a Jewish law based on the Nazi Nuremberg Laws, it was reported in Prague newspapers reaching here today.

The papers published a communique by the Party of National Unity urging a "political solution of the Jewish problem." The communique urged withdrawal of the franchise from Jews and a ban on Jewish participation in public institutions. It pointed out that many "non-Aryans" were still acting as mayors of Czech towns, having refused to resign.

The Prague District Court, it was reported, meted out jail terms to a German-Jewish physician and his "Aryan" wife in the first "Rassenschande" (race defilement) trial before the "protectorate." The physician, Dr. Herbert Levy, was sentenced to two and one-half years in prison and his wife to two years. The couple, who had married in Soviet Russia following promulgation of the Nuremberg Laws, were arrested last March by the Gestapo as they were about to emigrate to Chile.

The Bratislava brewery, Stein Brothers, has been "Aryanized," according to reports. The brewery was the largest in Slovakia.

#### SCORED BY ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT AS ANTI-SEMITIC, COUGHLIN ACCEPTS OFFER TO REPLY

NEW YORK, July 17. (JTA) -- "Radio priest" Charles E. Coughlin will reply later this week to charges leveled against him by Elliott Roosevelt in a Saturday night broadcast over the Mutual Broadcasting System national network, it was announced here today. The President's son, in one of his tri-weekly talks for a commercial sponsor, had called Coughlin a "compounder of stories," a speculator in silver and an anti-Semite. He invited Coughlin to reply to the charges over the same Mutual network.

In his address, Roosevelt declared that "even censorship might not be too high a price to pay if it will help insulate us against the anti-Semitic oratory of the radio priest out in Royal Oak, Mich." He said he did not know what effect the recently adopted radio code of ethics would have on Coughlin but "it will be interesting to watch." The President's son is head of the Texas State Radio network.

"Despite the fact that his own churchmen as well as Jews have been relentlessly persecuted in Germany," Roosevelt said, "Coughlin's shrine has become a clearing house for questionable propaganda which the Nazis make the fullest use of. Most of Father Coughlin's anti-Semitic views have been taken up by the Nazis and widely quoted in Germany."

POLISH FOREIGN TRADE BODY INTRODUCES RACIAL SYSTEM IN LISTING MEMBERS

WARSAW, July 17. (JTA) -- The drive to eliminate Jews from the country's foreign trade field, under the cloak of nationalization, is arousing great embitterment among Jewish merchants throughout Poland.

The Council for Foreign Trade, which regulates Polish imports, has officially introduced a division of importing firms into Jewish and non-Jewish, thus instituting a system based upon racial discrimination. Even converted Jews are classed as Jews by the Council.

The Council decides on the amount of imports to be allotted in any given field to Jews. As a result of the racial classification, there is already apparent a decrease in the number of Jewish firms dealing with foreign establishments. Many Jewish importing concerns have been altogether eliminated and it is feared that many more are scheduled for elimination.

CRACOW JEWISH LAWYER PUT IN PRISON CAMP FOR STIRRING "ANTAGONISMS"

WARSAW, July 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Leon Feiner, Cracow Jewish lawyer, has been committed to the Government concentration camp at Kartuz-Bereza on charges of "creating antagonisms between sections of the population," it was disclosed here today.

POLISH SCHOOLS BARRED, 700 STUDENTS SEEK PALESTINE EDUCATION

WARSAW, July 17. (JTA) -- Seven hundred Jewish students who have just completed their secondary school courses have applied for admission to the Hebrew University and other higher institutions in Palestine, it was learned today. The applications are the result of increasing difficulties put in the way of Jewish students seeking higher education in Poland.

LITHUANIA BANS ELECTIONS TO ZIONIST CONGRESS

KAUNAS, July 17. (JTA) -- The Government has prohibited the holding of elections for the 21st biennial World Zionist Congress which is convening in Geneva next month.