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### SILENT, STAY-IN STRIKE STAGED BY PALESTINE JEWRY TO PROTEST ENTRY BAN

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- A silent stay-in general strike was staged today by Palestine's 450,000 Jews as a mark of protest against the British decree suspending Jewish immigration for six months beginning Oct. 1. The strike started at two p.m. and was officially brought to a close at midnight.

During the entire ten-hour period of the silent demonstration, Jews throughout Palestine kept to their homes, shops were closed and traffic was at a standstill. Orders to the Jewish population, issued by the Jewish National Council in calling the strike, to stay at home and observe silence were scrupulously obeyed. The Council had forbidden meetings and demonstrations.

Up to a late hour tonight there had been no incidents. In all-Jewish Tel Aviv, the streets were deserted except for civil guards stationed at intervals of ten meters with orders to detain pedestrians who had no special permits in public schools set aside for that purpose. In other Palestine cities and towns, only handfuls of Jews were abroad.

The strike had the support of all sections of the Jewish Community, including the religious non-Zionist Agudath Israel, and at least the passive backing of the extremist Zionist-Revisionist organization. The latter group issued a statement promising that it would not interfere with the strike although it regarded the stay-in measure as designed to prevent expression of the Jewish community's "real feelings."

### Kennedy Held Skeptical of White Paper's Success

LONDON, July 18. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy does not believe Britain's new Palestine policy will work, it was understood today following a conference between Mr. Kennedy and President Solomon Goldman of the Zionist Organization of America. Dr. Goldman stopped off here on his way to a three-week tour of Palestine and is conferring with Jewish Agency leaders and others on the Palestine situation.

The fact that it was found necessary completely to discontinue Jewish immigration for six months starting Oct. 1 is taken by the American diplomat, it was understood, to indicate that the new policy has proved impracticable before it is effected.

Mr. Kennedy refuted allegations that he was insufficiently active in conveying to the British Government Washington's sentiments with regard to Palestine. He assured the

American Zionist leader that he would do everything possible to impress the British Government with the American Government's favorable attitude toward Palestine Jewish claims.

Dr. Goldman gave the American Ambassador a detailed survey of the Palestine situation and outlined the views of American Jewry with regard to the British White Paper, which proposes to create an independent Palestine state with the Jews fixed as a one-third minority. He found Mr. Kennedy deeply interested in every aspect of the Palestine problem as well as in the Jewish situation in Europe, especially the refugee problem.

Evinced great sympathy with the refugee situation, Mr. Kennedy revealed that he had been responsible for admission to England of a portion of the 907 "St. Louis" refugees who had been barred from Cuba. He said he had personally intervened with Home Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare following an appeal from American Jewish leaders.

#### Protest on Entry Decree Spreads

LONDON, July 18. (JTA) -- Condemning the British ban on immigration to Palestine, the Daily Herald referred editorially today to conditions aboard refugee ships and declared: "How many would refrain from denouncing such a policy if they could step aboard these ships and see the price exacted from those who have harmed nobody and wish only for somewhere to lay their heads."

Invaluable aid of refugees in the event of war was cited by Sir Norman Angell, prominent author and lecturer, in a letter to the Times appealing for admission of exiles from the countries of persecution. A thousand highly trained doctors, dentists and nurses now in Central Europe seeking to escape from persecution, Sir Norman said, if admitted might mean the saving of 1,000 British lives. He supported suggestions for creation of a British Foreign Legion composed of refugees.

The first nineteen of a group of fifty Polish "stateless" boys and girls, aged 15 to 17, are scheduled to arrive here tomorrow from Germany under the auspices of the Youth Aliyah (immigration) movement. Their prompt removal saved the children from expulsion to the Nazis to the "no-man's-land" on the German-Polish frontier.

WARSAW, July 18. (JTA) -- The Zionist Coordinating Committee announced today its decision to convene a representative Polish Jewish conference to consider joint action against the British decree suspending Jewish immigration to Palestine. Among plans to be discussed will be the sending of a delegation to London. Numerous Jewish communities and organizations throughout Poland have cabled the British Government protesting the decree.

KAUNAS, July 18. (JTA) -- The rabbinic and Zionist organizations joined today in cabling Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and the leaders of all British parties a protest against the Palestine immigration suspension.

BELGRADE, July 18. (JTA) -- The Union of Jewish Communities and the Zionist Federation sent a joint cable to the British Government and labor leaders today protesting the British ban on Palestine immigration.

#### \$12,000,000 RELIEF FUND FOR CZECH REFUGEES LISTED IN BRITISH BUDGET

LONDON, July 18. (JTA) -- A £2,500,000 relief fund for Czech refugees was included today in supplementary credits asked by the Government for civil services. The Government is taking steps to apply the unexpended balance of a loan originally destined for the former Czecho-Slovak Government against the fund. The credit requested of the Treasury will be lessened ultimately by the amount of this residue.

BRITON WHO TOOK "REFUGE" IN REICH REVEALED AS EX-CONVICT

LONDON, July 18. (JTA) -- A radio campaign to "reform" the British judiciary system by showing the "superiority" of German Courts will soon be launched by H.M.W. Wicks, a Briton who took "refuge" in the Reich to escape the "Jewish terror" in England, the newspaper Star reported here tonight.

Wicks, who was a headliner in the Nazi organ Der Angriff yesterday as a "refugee re-joining in the protection of the Reich," went to Germany three months ago with his wife, a daughter aged 17 and a 15-year-old son, and is living with a friend in the Nazi civil service, Carl Schmidt.

Interviewed telephonically from London today by a reporter for the Star, Wicks reportedly described himself as a "new Dreyfus" who suffered all kinds of torture, "especially moral," while serving a 12-month term in a British prison at Wormwood Scrubs after conviction for slandering an insurance company.

Wicks said he was determined to secure revision of British judiciary procedure, and would go about it by giving a series of radio lectures broadcast to English-language countries which would demonstrate the superiority of the Nazi court system.

The Star reporter, in his article, said Wicks seemed to be talking without stopping to take a breath, at the rate of 200 words a minute, and wanted to continue the telephone conversation indefinitely.

LATVIA TURNS BACK LITHUANIAN JEWS AT BORDER

KAUNAS, July 18. (JTA) -- Latvia was reported today to be discriminating against Lithuanian Jews by not permitting them to cross the frontier without special permits, although generally no visas are required for Lithuanian citizens entering Latvia. When informed that many had been sent back by the Latvian frontier guards, the Latvian Consulate here declared that Lithuanian Jews needed permits.

COUGHLIN TURNS DOWN INVITATION TO ANSWER ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT'S ATTACK

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA) -- The Mutual Broadcasting System announced today that "radio priest" Charles E. Coughlin has declined "with regret" Elliott Roosevelt's offer of free time on his tri-weekly sponsored program to reply to charges made by the President's son in a broadcast Saturday night. It had been originally reported that Coughlin "welcomed" the opportunity to reply to Roosevelt's assertion that he was an anti-Semite, a "compounder of stories" and a speculator in silver.

Coughlin, in a telegram to the broadcasting company, said it would not be "dignified for me to become a party in aiding sale of Emerson products." (The Roosevelt program is sponsored by the Emerson Radio and Phonograph Corporation.) The "radio priest" also declined an offer by Mutual to give him free time Saturday night during an unsponsored period, declaring his reply to Roosevelt would be read during his regular Sunday afternoon program by the Rev. E.L. Curran of Brooklyn.