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### 22 JEWS BURIED IN BOMBING OF LONDON BUILDING

LONDON, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Twenty-two Jews were buried under hundreds of tons of debris today when a heavy Nazi bomb scored a direct hit on big buildings occupied almost exclusively by Jews. The blast completely demolished two blocks, comprising many flats.

Rescue squads, firemen and members of the Pioneer Corps were still searching for survivors late today after many injured had been brought out from the ruins. Little hope prevailed for those still trapped in the ruins. A Jewish warden brought out two of the injured.

A number of other buildings in the vicinity, including several Jewish shops, were damaged by the blast.

Charles Solomon, editor of the JTA London service, was injured slightly yesterday while covering the activities of an East End Ambulance unit when the ambulance in which he was riding was involved in an accident.

A check for £1,000 was presented to the Princess Royal today on behalf of the Leeds Jewish Women's War Efforts Committee to purchase two ambulances for the army.

### 5,000 PALESTINE JEWS ENLISTED IN BRITISH FORCES; INDUSTRY'S AID PLEDGED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- With the Italian invasion of Greece bringing the war closer to the Near East, the Palestine Jewish population's cooperation with the British cause, in the military and economic fields, was stressed today at a Jewish Agency press conference, a 20th anniversary rally of the Palestine Foundation Fund and the opening of a Jewish industrial exhibition in Tel Aviv.

Moshe Shertok, head of the Jewish Agency's political department, reported at the press conference in Tel Aviv that 5,000 Jews had so far enlisted in the British forces, including 400 in fighting units. Relations between Jewish and Arab soldiers are good, he said. Arab-Jewish relations are steadily improving, Shertok said, and the Agency's political department has taken steps for closer cooperation within the frame of general problems.

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Clarification of the Palestine trade situation and the possibilities of raw materials for Palestine industry are expected to result from the Empire trade conference at New Delhi, he stated.

Immigration of Jews who received entry certificates under the previous schedule is under way, Shertok said. He revealed that Jewish women and children of Palestinian nationality had been released from internment in Germany, but said there were no reports on when they could arrive here.

At the Foundation Fund rally, Director Leib Jaffe stressed the fund's part in the rebuilding of Palestine and salvation of the Jewish masses, "especially now when a storm rages at the world's foundations." He said the fund's activities could not be measured in number or summed up in concrete achievements alone because it had laid the groundwork and fructified every field of life, draining marshes, dynamiting rocks, building villages, organizing immigration, building up Hebrew schools, caring for religious needs and simultaneously carrying "encouragement and Zion's call to the diaspora through the fund's emissaries."

"Now the fund appeals to the diaspora not to abandon Palestine Jewry because the day will soon come when we can peacefully conclude the building of our own homeland," he said.

In Tel Aviv, Jewish industry's permanent exhibition was opened in the Jewish Industrial Association's new building, with 250 items on display. Arie Sherkar, head of the association, stressed the industrialists' desire to offer the British Empire and Government all their energy and experience to achieve final victory.

"We are resolutely united in a firm determination to double our efforts and continue our work for the benefit of the Palestine population and His Majesty's forces," Sherkar asserted. "Our desire is based on the will to fulfill our duties to the Empire and our homeland."

High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael expressed gratitude to Sherkar for his declaration, asserting that the moment was fit for industry's development, for two reasons--to free the country from dependence on import and increase exports, and, secondly, to increase production for military needs.

Although the Palestine Government is unable to extend financial support, MacMichael said, nevertheless it will wholeheartedly assist industrial schemes and also a rapprochement between industrialists and workers, "as befits the moment." Others present included high Government officials, the chief rabbis, Shertok and Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv.

#### Renew Demand for Palestine Mobilization

LONDON, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Pointing out that the invasion of Greece made the Axis threat to Palestine more menacing and more direct, the Zionist Review, British Zionist organ, demanded editorially today that the British Government accept the Jewish Agency's offer, without delay, to mobilize the Jews of Palestine for defense of the country.

The editorial stressed that Greece was not the major objective, but a springboard for further attack aiming at the Iran and Iraq oilfields, the way to which was barred by Palestine. It declared that Middle Eastern military requirements demanded that every friendly element in the region be enlisted for the fight.

HADASSAH ADOPTS \$535,000 WAR BUDGET, \$250,000 YOUTH ALIYAH GOAL

CINCINNATI, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Hadassah's 26th annual convention tonight accepted a medical and war emergency budget totaling \$535,350. Of this sum \$100,000 will be used as a war chest to meet unforeseen emergencies resulting from the spread of hostilities.

Earlier, the nearly 1,000 delegates accepted a \$250,000 goal for Youth Aliyah for the next year and also voted \$80,000 as a special birthday gift for Miss Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah and head of its Youth Aliyah bureau in Jerusalem, to be known as the Henrietta Szold Loan Fund for Youth Aliyah Graduates.

Hadassah sent \$383,000 for normal and emergency services to Palestine in the past year. The child welfare budget for the next year is \$100,000. Hadassah now administers 38 child welfare stations, 32 playgrounds and safety isles for evacuated children. It feeds 20,000 children, provides school and hygiene for 70,000 and nutrition study for 100,000.

The convention pledged increased aid to the British and Jewish health authorities, more hospital beds, training of doctors and nurses for war service and anti-malaria control.

Mrs. Edward Jacobs, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, presiding at tonight's session, asked Arab cooperation with the Jews and expressed faith in Palestine's survival, which she said depended on the fate of the democracies.

This afternoon, Mrs. Alexander M. Lamport, treasurer, reported that Hadassah had raised \$1,400,000 for all its projects last year. This included \$603,000 which the Youth Aliyah Committee raised, according to a report by Mrs. Samuel J. Rosensohn, finance committee chairman. These funds will be used for transfer, education and maintenance of children now awaiting entry into Palestine and for an extended youth conservation program benefitting Palestinian and refugee adolescents.

Mrs. David B. Greenberg, Youth Aliyah chairman, reported at a luncheon that 1,197 children holding certificates entered Palestine since September, 1939. Despite the war the Youth Aliyah is now attempting to bring 1,200 children resident in warring and neutral countries, plus 400 living in England, via new routes to Palestine.

Another speaker at the luncheon was Clarence E. Pickett, executive secretary of the American Friends' Service Committee, who urged that refugees be provided with the educational and social opportunities which would "help them to make a rich and patriotic contribution to our national and social heritage." He appealed to Christians to join other religious groups in this task.

"I, as a Christian, esteem it a privilege to join hands of Jewish blood in a unified effort to take this human material, unwanted in Europe, and to help it nourish the spiritual and cultural bloodstream of American life," the Quaker leader said.

At the opening session last night, the nearly 1,000 delegates adopted a resolution, addressed to the State Department, appealing to the United States to give maximum assistance, "short of war, to the gallant people of Great Britain, now the last citadel of democracy in the Eastern Hemisphere."

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In her presidential address, Mrs. David de Sola Pool said that Hadassah "stands unequivocally with Britain, upon whom history has set the gigantic tasks of liberating the world from a monster." She asked support of all efforts to safeguard democracy in this country and for widespread aid to Britain and Palestine.

#### SHECHITA BANNED IN BELGIUM, NORTH FRANCE

ZURICH, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The German military commander for Belgium and Northern France has issued a decree prohibiting shechita (kosher slaughter), it was reported here today.

#### 27 SAIL FOR SOSUA, INCLUDING 3 EXPECTANT MOTHERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Twenty-seven refugees who arrived from England on Monday on the British liner Cameronia sailed for the Dominican Republic today on the Porto Rican steanship Cosmo to join the Sosua colonists. They include six married couples, of which three women expect babies in the next few weeks--the first to be born in Sosua--and two couples who will be married there--marking the first weddings at Sosua.

Meanwhile, James N. Rosenberg, president of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, made public a letter from Dominican President Troncoso de la Concha acknowledging receipt of a photograph of the first group of refugees to pass through the United States en route to Sosua. "I shall keep this photograph as an historical record," the President wrote. "At such times as these it is good for us, as for them, to see this modern May-flower."

#### YEARBOOK FINDS DECLINE IN RATE OF U.S. JEWS' INCREASE

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The rate of growth of the Jewish population of the United States declined between 1928 and 1937, according to a comprehensive survey featured in the newly-issued 42nd annual volume of the American Jewish Yearbook, published by the Jewish Publication Society under the editorship of Harry Schneiderman, assistant secretary of the American Jewish Committee.

The survey, covering 4,694 cities, villages and rural areas, was made by Dr. H.S. Linfield, special agent of the United States Census Bureau and financed by the American Jewish Committee.

The total number of Jews in the United States in 1937 was 4,771,000, or 3.69 per cent of the population. This represents an increase of 543,000 in ten years, including a net increase of 100,000 owing to immigration. During the previous decade, 1918-1927, there was an increase of 839,000, including net immigration of 320,000.

The effect on the European Jewish population of the political and territorial changes since 1933 is described in a documented study by Moses Moskowitz, staff member of the Library of Jewish Information. Of the 15,757,000 Jews in the world, 7,428,000 reside in Central Europe, where they constitute 5½ per cent of the total population.