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### EDEN BACKS ARAB FEDERATION; PALESTINE SEEN OUT; LONDON JEWS HIT BRITISH POLICY

LONDON, May 30. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's implied pledge of British support for establishment of an Arab federation, included in a statement of war aims before an audience of prominent Englishmen, was declared by well-informed political quarters today not to affect Palestine directly.

"Palestine," these quarters said, "is a mandated territory and must be dealt with separately." It is believed here, however, that any change in the status of neighboring countries is bound to affect the Holy Land. Political circles emphasized that the negative attitude of some Arab countries towards Britain's Palestine policy afforded an insufficient basis for collaboration and therefore a more comprehensive economic, cultural and political understanding among the Arab states had to be encouraged.

Eden's statement about the Arabs, contained in a speech made at Mansion House yesterday, follows:

"Some days ago I said in the House of Commons that His Majesty's Government had great sympathy with Syrian aspirations for independence. I should like to repeat that now. But I would go further. The Arab world has made great strides since the settlement was reached at the end of the last war and many Arab thinkers desire for the Arab peoples a greater degree of unity than they now enjoy. In reaching out toward this unity they hope for our support.

"No such appeal from our friends should go unanswered. It seems both natural and right that cultural and economic ties between Arab countries, yes and political ties, too, should be strengthened. His Majesty's Government for their part will give their full support to any scheme that commands general approval."

#### Jewish Papers Hit British Policy

Meanwhile, on the eve of the annual conference of the British Labor Party, which opens in London on June 2, The Jewish Chronicle and The Zionist Review today denounced Britain's Palestine policy and urged labor support in obtaining modification of the policy.

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The Review declared: "In these days when Jewish life in Europe is being destroyed and Palestine is in the danger zone and the Jews, the first victims of Nazi aggression, are still waiting to be recognized as an ally, the policy of appeasement is still alive in Palestine and now the eyes of persecuted, hunted Jewish people are turned again to the progressive forces of the world, first of all the great British labor movement."

The Chronicle said: "Hard-headed concern for Palestine regrets the persistence of the pernicious folly of attempting gratuitously to appease the Arabs at the expense of the Jews, despite the shock of the Iraqi rising."

"This policy misses no opportunity to restrict and discourage Jewish Palestine and reduce its residents to the status of second-rate citizens. This crass folly is expressed in the fantastic irony of cruel discrimination which lodges so-called illegal refugee immigrants in prison if they are Jews whilst not only allowing Greeks and Poles free entry if they are not Jews, but, in the case of the Poles, granting them special facilities."

"The same error is responsible for the refusal to allow the Jews the elementary right to bear arms to defend their homes against the common enemy. The Jews are heart and soul for Britain, whatever be the fortunes of war, but nobody could be astonished if willingness to sacrifice the Jews to any clique who make themselves a nuisance will not lead primitive people everywhere else to decide that disloyalty is the better-paying policy."

#### Statement in Commons on Immigration

Colonial Undersecretary George H. Hall said in Commons today it was not possible, for reasons of security, to admit into Palestine all persons from enemy-occupied territories, this applying both to Jews and non-Jews. The statement was made in reply to David Adams, Laborite, who asked whether sanctuary would be given in Palestine to Jews from Greece and other Nazi-occupied territories similar to that accorded to non-Jewish refugees. Hall denied, in response to another question, that nine Jews from Greece who recently arrived in Palestine in an open boat were interned.

Some details of life in the aliens detention camp at Atlit are given by The Jewish Chronicle in a Jerusalem dispatch. Recently a circumcision ceremony was held when the first male child was born in the camp. Two couples who met while interned were married by Rabbi Kamiel of Haifa, whose services were arranged for by the British police officer in charge of the camp. Several representatives of Jewish institutions attended the ceremony.

A total of 1,205 children arrived in Palestine under Youth Aliyah auspices during the first five months of 1941, Youth Aliyah headquarters here announced. The total includes 341 from Hungary, 239 from Yugoslavia, 225 from Rumania, 150 from Lithuania, 90 from Denmark, 64 from Bulgaria, 45 from Sweden, 43 from Turkey, six from Australia and one each from Greece and Cyprus.

#### Commander Named for Volunteer Force

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government has announced appointment of a British officer, F.R. Mason, as commander of the newly-recruited Palestine volunteer force. The volunteer force, according to a Government ordinance, will be

used "to assist the regular forces in all measures required for prosecution of the war or ensuring internal security."

At the same time, the official Palestine Gazette announced that Nazareth, Safed and Tiberias had been included in the areas requiring protection against air raids.

The Palestine Review editorially proposed that American Zionist leaders visit Palestine in the present emergency period to gain first-hand information and impressions and establish closer contact between the Palestine and American Jewish communities. The weekly recalled the demonstration of solidarity in the sending of a Hadasah medical unit to Palestine during the last war.

It was announced that 24 new types of industrial enterprise were established in Palestine during the last five years, including factories for machine parts, medical appliances, chemical, pharmaceutical and diamond-cutting factories.

A joint body for the furtherance of Palestine-Egypt industrial interests will be formed shortly under the terms of an agreement signed by officials of the Egyptian Industrial Federation and the Palestine Manufacturers' Association, which provides for establishment of joint organizations for the purchase of raw materials and the creation of permanent trade exhibitions.

#### NAZIS IN FRANCE SEIZE PRESS FORGING EXIT PERMITS; FEAR BLOCKING OF JEWISH ACCOUNTS

VICHY, May 30. (JTA) -- A number of persons were arrested in Paris when the Nazi authorities uncovered a secret printing plant which forged German permits to cross the demarcation line between occupied and unoccupied France for Jews anxious to escape from the Nazi-held zone, it was reported here today.

The forged permits were sold at prices ranging from 3,000 to 5,000 francs. Using them, several hundred Jews were enabled to enter the free zone, it was said.

The national congress of Jacques Doriot's French Popular Party, held in Paris, devoted most of its time to Jew-baiting. Speakers denounced "the Jewish peril" in all fields of activity, while regional delegates reported on anti-Jewish activities of their respective organizations. The Nice delegate reported that Jew-baiting was especially successful on the Mediterranean coast and said it had the support of the local authorities.

Meanwhile, rumors of a pending blocking of Jewish accounts in banks have created nervousness among the Jewish population.

The French steamer Winnipeg which sailed from Marseille about a month ago for Martinique carrying some 750 passengers, mostly Jewish refugees, has been intercepted by a British patrol and is now held in Trinidad, it was reported here. More than 300 of the passengers have been interned by the British authorities in Trinidad pending investigation. The rest are held on the steamer and are being examined there. Most of those interned are German and Austrian refugees.

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NAZIS SEEK TO LAY BLAME ON JEWS FOR EPIDEMICS IN POLAND

LONDON, May 30. (JTA) -- Germans in Poland are making the Jews scapegoats for the widespread epidemics which have resulted from undernourishment, crowded housing and insufficient fuel and clothing, Polish circles here reported today.

Conditions in the crowded ghettos are naturally worst, but the Germans are using the prevalence of typhus for the wildest anti-Semitic propaganda. Posters have been plastered everywhere depicting the head of a Jew next to a magnified louse and the caption: "Jews Equal Lice Equal Typhus."

At least a half million copies of a pamphlet covered with a similar drawing have been distributed, purporting to give medical advice to the people to protect themselves against typhus. In addition, indicating measures necessary to avoid spread of disease, the pamphlet stresses the necessity of avoiding contact with Jews, who, it says, "are always dirty and covered with lice."

Short films showing the interiors of overcrowded ghetto dwellings are exhibited in every cinema.

PIONEER WOMEN PLAN FUND FOR PALESTINE AMBULANCE

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- Funds to construct a Jewish ambulance in Palestine will be sent by the Pioneer Women's Organization of America under a resolution adopted at its two-day annual conference at the Claridge Hotel. The first \$1,000 for this fund were raised among the 150 delegates at the conference.

Other resolutions adopted provide for the raising of \$20,000 for the Moazoth Hapaloath, women's labor organization in Palestine, and for the Jewish National Fund and other institutions engaged in the Palestine upbuilding work. Principal speakers at the conference included Israel Mereminsky, Dr. May Bere, Sara Feder, Mrs. Israel Goldstein, Sara Kahn and Bettie Blaufarb.

ALEXANDER KAHN HONORED ON 60th BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- Alexander Kahn, manager of the Jewish Daily Forward, member of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, is being honored on his sixtieth birthday, Saturday. Numerous Jewish and labor organizations which were planning dinners in his honor were asked by Kahn to refrain from doing so at a time when millions of Jews in Poland and other Nazi-held territories were starving. Kahn is the Chairman of the JDC's Committee on Poland and Eastern Europe and is also active in the National Labor Committee for Palestine. He was one of the organizers of the People's Relief Committee and had been nominated by the Socialist Party as candidate for New York State Supreme Court Justice.

SLOVAK JEWS PUNISHED FOR DEFYING ARMBAND ORDER

ZÜRICH, May 30. (JTA) -- The Nazi newspaper Prager Neue Tag reports that 360 Jews in the city of Presov, Slovakia, have been heavily punished for not wearing the prescribed yellow armbands.

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