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### WARTIME POLICY OF PALESTINE JEWS TOWARDS BRITAIN DEFINED BY BEN-GURION

LONDON, Sept. 2. (JTA)-- The political attitude of the Jews in Palestine today can be summarized as one of "resistance to the White Paper as if there were no war, help to Great Britain as if there were no White Paper," David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency declared at a press conference here today.

Ben-Gurion, who flew from Palestine to London to discuss important problems concerning the Jewish interests in Palestine, charged the British administration in the Near East with still being under "Munich illusions." He revealed that no action was taken by the Palestine administration against Nazi fifth column activities in Palestine until four months ago. "The civil administration," he said, "has still the mentality of 1938, but the military authorities know what they are up against."

Speaking about the attitude of the Arabs, Ben-Gurion stated that there are, of course, Arabs who are pro-British, but the majority of the Arabs are simply sitting on the fence.

"Hundreds of thousands of Jews will proceed to Palestine after this war is over," Ben-Gurion predicted. "White Paper or no White Paper, Jewish State or no Jewish State, no one will be able to stop them." He expressed his personal opinion that the only way in which the work in Palestine will be carried on after the war is by establishing a Jewish State there. He regretted the fact that the Jews are always being referred to as "Palestinians" in the official British war communiques. "Why must Jewish identity be hidden under an anonymous designation when the only reason for the Palestine Jew being in the war is the same as their reason for being in Palestine - just that they are Jews," he pointed out.

Ben-Gurion also expressed his opinion that if Jewish men power in Palestine were used in full, "which can only be if Jews are enabled to fight in Jewish units," then thousands of Jews from neutral countries would join the Palestine forces to fight wherever needed.

### JEWS REACH ENGLAND FROM SOUTH AMERICA TO VOLUNTEER IN POLISH ARMY

LONDON, Sept. 2. (JTA)-- A number of Polish Jews, some of whom emigrated from Poland many years ago, arrived here from South America to enlist as volunteers in the Polish army in England, it was disclosed today.

The group was welcomed into the Polish forces by Major H. Melcer, chief Jewish chaplain, who praised their spirit and sense of duty. It is composed of Jews of various ages all eager to actively fight for the restoration of a free Poland.

Twenty Jewish refugees from Poland stranded in Sweden since the commencement of the war may soon be able to leave on a roundabout journey to the United States by way of South America, it was learned here today.

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#### NEW ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES ANNOUNCED IN PARIS

GENEVA, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- All Jews in Paris were today ordered to turn in their radios to the police within 24 hours, while all Jewish war veterans who served in the French army during the present and the last World Wars have been ordered to appear within one week at police headquarters bringing with them their discharge certificates. The two orders were announced over the Paris radio.

The Jewish ex-soldiers, when reporting to the police, are instructed to bring with them also their records of military service including documents relating to service on the front, their being decorated or wounded.

A report from Paris today stated that the Commissariat for Jewish Affairs which the Vichy Government has established will be placed under the supervision of the Ministry of Interior. Hitherto it has been under the Vice-President of the Council of Ministers.

(The United Press reported today from Vichy that the Petain Government has persuaded the German authorities in Paris to abandon their plans for a "mass execution" of Jewish hostages in reprisal for anti-Nazi activities. The Germans allegedly agreed to call off their plans after the Petain Government proved to them that the person who assassinated a German naval officer in a Paris subway was not a Jew.

#### 20,000 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS HAVE ENTERED PALESTINE SINCE START OF WAR

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2. (JTA)-- Twenty thousand Jewish immigrants have entered Palestine from the outbreak of the war up until July, it was reported today in the "Palestine and Middle East". All these immigrants have been absorbed into various branches of the economic life of the country, the article states.

Meanwhile, a joint representation of Jewish and Arab citrus growers today cabled a petition to the Colonial Office in London asking that loans be granted on additional 40,000 dunams of citrus growers, besides those already granted on 170,000 dunams. Before cabling London the citrus growers first consulted Captain Oliver Lyttleton, Prime Minister Churchill's personal representative in the Near East.

The twentieth anniversary of the settlement of Nahalal in the Valley of Jezreel, was celebrated over the week-end. This anniversary, which also marks the beginning of the redemption of the Emek Jezreel region, emphasized the growth of the Jewish National Fund possessions from 6,000 dunams to 82,000; and from one settlement to thirty, in which 9,400 people are now living.

The four swamps that existed in Nahalal and which were a breeding place for malarial mosquitoes have long been converted into the source of an irrigation system. The transforming of the swamps was praised by the anti-malarial commission of the League of Nations.

#### FIRST JEWISH GLIDING SCHOOL OPENED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The first gliding school for Jewish flyers in Palestine was opened today. The school located at Givath Hamoreh is named after Dov Hov, deputy mayor of Tel Aviv, who was killed in an automobile accident last December.

JNF OF AMERICA CABLES \$ 250,000 TO PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The sum of \$250,000 was today cabled by the Jewish National Fund of America to its Jerusalem headquarters, it was announced by Dr. Israel Goldstein, President of the JNF in America. The sum was earmarked for the furtherance of the wartime land acquisition and reclamation program which is essential for strengthening the foundation of the Jewish National Home and for providing the population as well as the military forces with a larger measure of locally grown foodstuffs.

In a message conveying the resolve of American Zionists to continue their support for the defense and upbuilding of the Jewish National Home, Dr. Goldstein stressed the fact that the JNF enjoys the cooperation of American Zionists as well as non-Zionists. The message, addressed to M.M. Ussishkin, World President of the JNF, said: "Upset Hitler's timetable providentially granted Palestine respite which will we hope be permanent and enable defenders builders Jewish Homeland fortify positions for day Victory for which all pray, hope, work. American Zionists grateful for heartened Kayemeth epic achievements under your inspiring guidance which made possible acquisition since war's beginning scores thousands dunams more land establishment new settlements cultivation new areas and provision essential foodstuffs population and military."

KAUFMANN ANNOUNCES HE WILL NOT RUN FOR REELECTION AS ZOA PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Edmund I. Kaufmann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today issued a statement announcing that his doctors "have ordered him not to continue the strain of office as president of ZOA." He, therefore, recommends that the forthcoming Zionist convention in Cincinnati which is to open on Saturday, elect Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia as the new head of the Zionist movement in the United States. The statement reads:

"After my recent and protracted illness, my doctors ordered me not to continue the strain of office of President of the Zionist Organization of America. Although the instructions of the physicians were clear and imperative, I refused to consider them as final until I had carefully gone over the entire situation and consulted many associates, friends and advisers as to the future. With singular unanimity, eyes turned to a personality among the leaders and active workers who would commend the respect and active support of all American Zionists - Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia. He is known as an eminent jurist, and a devoted Zionist. As Chairman of the Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America for the past two years, Judge Levinthal has earned the affection and admiration of us all. I have every hope that the forthcoming Zionist Convention at Cincinnati beginning Saturday will prevail upon him to serve. With such a leader as President of the Zionist Organization of America, the organization can go forward to greater achievements, in a spirit of unity and of deep devotion to the cause of Zion.

"I shall leave the active office with a profound sense of appreciation of the honors conferred upon me. I shall participate in the work of the organization during the coming year in whatever capacity the Convention may see fit to designate. I also want to say that I feel enriched by the many personal friendships which I have made in the past year and which I hope will be permanent."

## RABBI WISE APPEALS FOR ZIONIST UNITY ON EVE OF ZOA CONVENTION

NEW YORK, Sept. 2. (JTA)-- An appeal for strength and unity in the ranks of the Zionist Organization of America was issued here today by Dr. Stephen S. Wise in connection with the 44th annual convention of the ZOA, opening on September 6th in Cincinnati.

"The Cincinnati Convention," Rabbi Wise said, "has definite and ineluctable duties to face. It must inwardly strengthen itself everywhere in the land. And this must be done without rancor or partisanship, in utter oblivion to the matter of 'ins' and 'outs.' The elected officials must have the full and loyal support of the entire organization, and these in turn must be above favoritism or discrimination. American Jews must and can be won to the support of Zionism."

Declaring that "it would be unbelievably indecent for American Jews to be indifferent to the possibility of strengthening the stakes and deepening the foundations of Palestine," Rabbi Wise continued:

"We dare not wait until the Peace Conference has been summoned though we have faith in the two leaders of Democracies. Jews have been more hurt and more widely and variously uprooted than any other people, even the conquered peoples who are not homeless though crushed for a time. We ask for nothing new and untested. We demand the continuance of the Balfour policy, triumphantly vindicated by Jewish achievement, under the new guarantees of the Democratic world-order that is to be set up. Balfour and Lloyd George and Woodrow Wilson put their trust in the Jew. He has shown that he can build and endure and defend. There must be no Colonial Office manipulation, whether in England or in the United States, that shall place the Jew in fief or subordinated to the Arabs.

"As neighbors and partners, Jews and Arabs can work together. We can no more be asked to accept vassalage to the Arabs than Arabs can be expected to accept dominance by Jews. We have a Home to strengthen and enrich with the help of tens of thousands of Jews hungering for admission to their ancient Homeland. The despised appeasers of England must not be permitted to transfer their appeasement passion to the Arabs. Nor must they find countenance and support from unburied Ku-Kluxers in and out of Congress, or from self-loathing Jews. Let strength and unity reveal themselves at the historic Zionist Session of Cincinnati and we shall have added strength at the Peace table."

## JEWISH THEATRE USED FOR SERVICES BY CATHOLIC CHURCH

LONDON, Sept. 2. (JTA)-- A Jewish-owned motion picture theatre in Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, has been placed at the disposal of a local Catholic church whose edifice became inadequate as a result of the influx of refugees, it is revealed today in the Catholic Herald.

Declaring that this is the second case of Jewish assistance to Catholic parishoners during the war emergency, the Herald recalls the "generosity of a Jewish firm" which furnished rent-free premises to the congregation of the bombed Kensington church, Our Lady of Victories.

## BRAZILIAN CONSUL IN MOROCCO RENEWS EXPIRED VISAS OF REFUGEES

LISBON, Sept. 2. (JTA)-- The Brazilian Consul at Casablanca, acting on instruction from the Brazilian Embassy at Vichy, has commenced renewal of the expired special Brazilian visas held by a number of Jewish refugees now interned at Casablanca, it was learned here today.

This action follows intervention with the Brazilian authorities by the His-Ica Emigration Association on behalf of the refugees who were stranded in Casablanca when the French authorities refused to permit the liner Alcina, on which they were proceeding from Marseille to Martinique, to proceed on its journey.