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### PALESTINE JEWS PRAY FOR SAFETY OF HOLY LAND; LOOK WITH CONFIDENCE TO U.S.A., BRITAIN

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA)-- Confident that "the governments of Britain and of the United States know their responsibility for the life and safety of the Jewish population in Palestine," Jewish leaders here today stated to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that they "hopefully look towards the future while applying supreme efforts to defend the Jewish Homeland."

A day of fast and prayers was observed yesterday by the Jews throughout Palestine on the occasion of the seventeenth day of Tamuz. A procession of orthodox children and elders marched through the streets of Jerusalem bearing posters which called upon the rest of the population to join in prayers for the victory of the Allied Nations and for destruction of the forces endangering the Holy land. Acting on a proclamation issued by the rabbinate, the shofar was blown in all synagogues and chapters from the Psalms were recited.

While continuing to mobilize all its forces for the defense of the country, the Yishuv today also completed preparations for the celebration of the Fourth of July which coincides with the 60th anniversary of the Bilu, the first Jewish pioneer group to settle in Palestine, which was composed of Russian Jews who were the fore-runners of the modern Zionist movement.

American Jews and other American citizens residing in Palestine are flooding the American consulate in Jerusalem with inquiries regarding the possibility of their joining the American armed forces in the Near East. A number of American Jews in Palestine enlisted in the British forces last month when it was announced that U.S. citizens could enlist in the British military units without taking an oath of allegiance to the King.

### SAVE PALESTINE JEWS FROM NAZI GAS CHAMBERS, LIBERAL LONDON WEEKLY URGES

LONDON, July 3. (JTA)-- It is the duty of the British Government to "preserve the Jewish population of Palestine from Himmler's gas chambers and firing squads," it was stated today by the New Statesmen, leading British liberal weekly, in an article on the situation in the Middle East.

Discussing the military aspects of the campaign, the publication declares that "instead of wasting men and material in attempting to delay the occupation of Egypt, all strength should be concentrated on Palestine, Cyprus, Syria and the Persian Gulf."

Lord Strabolgi, Laborite peer, writing in the Evening Standard tonight, suggests that Haifa be used as a base for the British Mediterranean fleet. "Haifa has a magnificent harbor though lacking in engineering facilities," he states, "and half a million Jews can be relied upon to guard the hinterland."

DELEGATION WILL ASK SECRETARY HULL TO IMPRESS UPON BRITAIN NEED FOR JEWISH ARMY

WASHINGTON, July 3. (JTA)-- A delegation of Congressmen who are members of the Committee for a Jewish Army will appear early next week before Secretary of State Cordell Hull to ask that the United States impress upon the British Government the necessity of forming a Jewish Army in Palestine in view of the present military situation in the Near East, it was learned here today.

The delegation will also seek to approach President Roosevelt on the same subject, it was stated. Simultaneously, efforts will be made to bring before the Foreign Affairs Committee the resolution of Representative Andrew Somers of New York, which was presented to Congress some time ago, directing the President to inform the British Government, through the State Department, that the United States considers the establishment of a Jewish Army in Palestine essential.

The danger of a Nazi attack on Palestine by parachute troops reported to be massing on Crete, was emphasized here last night by Dr. Alexander Hadani of Palestine, addressing a dinner given by Representative Somers at the Hotel Willard and attended by a number of Congressmen.

DANGER TO PALESTINE OF VITAL INTEREST TO ENGLISH JEWRY

LONDON, July 3. (JTA)-- More than ever before the thoughts of English Jewry now turn to the Jews of Palestine, who are in grave danger, declared Leonard J. Stein, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, today at the annual meeting of the organization. The association, among other activities, supports schools for Jewish children in India, the Middle East, North Africa and Palestine.

The Jews in Palestine have "justified those who had faith in them and confounded the sceptics," Stein said, pointing out that the country has become not only a refuge for persecuted Jews but a new home. He stated, however, that there are still certain difficulties present in the Palestine situation and voiced the opinion that efforts to secure settlement of these problems after the war will meet with greater difficulties than in 1918 "because then, public opinion in the leading countries was more benevolently interested in Jews and the Jewish problem."

HAYM SALOMON'S CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICAN LIBERTY CITED IN POLISH COUNCIL

LONDON, July 3. (JTA)-- The contributions made by Haym Salomon - who was a Polish Jew - to the cause of American liberty during the dark days of the American Revolution were cited here today in the Polish National Council at a special session on the occasion of the celebration of American Independence Day tomorrow. U.S. Ambassador Anthony Drexel-Biddle attended the session.

Leading members of the Polish Government paid tribute to America's role in the war effort, while Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbart, one of the two Jewish deputies in the Council, speaking of Haym Salomon, stressed the ties that unite the Polish people and the Polish Jews with the United States. "Suffering Polish Jewry, united with Poland, sends its heartiest greetings to the United States on the occasion of the Fourth of July. We know that America's enormous spiritual and material forces, pooled with those of Britain and the other United Nations, will lead to victory no matter how difficult the task may be. I join in the Council's tribute to the American Republic and its President."

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND NAMES LAND IN PALESTINE AFTER DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

NAZIS FORBID SWEDISH RED CROSS TO VISIT GHETTOS; 11,000 JEWS EXECUTED IN JASSY

STOCKHOLM, July 3. (JTA)-- A delegation of the Swedish Red Cross, which is leaving for the Baltic countries today to investigate the medical needs of the population there, was forced to give a pledge to the German authorities that it will not deliver any food or medicaments to the Jews in the ghettos. The delegation was also required to promise that none of its members will make any statements about the Jewish position in the Baltic lands when they return to Sweden.

The Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet today reports that 11,000 Jews were executed in the city of Jassy, Rumania, in the course of the last twelve months. The report is confirmed by a Jewish eye-witness who recently succeeded in escaping from Rumania.

Berlin correspondents of Swedish newspapers inform that the Nazi authorities in occupied Holland this week issued an order prohibiting Dutch Jews from entering railway stations, or using any kind of public transportation. The order also bars Jews from entering non-Jewish barber shops, using telephones and sharing rooms with non-Jews.

VICHY GOVERNMENT PROHIBITS POLISH JEWS IN FRANCE TO ENGAGE IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

LISBON, July 3. (JTA)-- An order prohibiting Polish Jews in France to participate in the economic life of the country has been issued by the Laval Government, according to a report reaching here today from Vichy.

The order provides for the deportation to Poland of all Jewish artisans and laborers of Polish citizenship who are found to be working unless they are holders of a special labor permit. No Polish Jew, under this order, is permitted to continue any kind of business in France.

Polish circles here today estimated that there are about 100,000 Polish Jews in the occupied and unoccupied parts of France, including many who are naturalized French citizens. The possibility that many of them will be ordered back to Poland as a result of the decree depriving them of the right to earn a livelihood was predicted in the same circles.

ITALY CONFINES ALL JEWS OF ALBANIA IN GHETTO AT TIRANA

ZURICH, July 3. (JTA)-- The entire Jewish population in Italian-occupied Albania, numbering about 200 families of Albanian Jews and approximately 100 families of Jewish refugees from the Reich who were permitted to settle in the country in 1939, was ordered into a ghetto in Tirana, it was learned here today.

This is the first ghetto established by Italy in Italian-held territory. The majority of the Albanian Jews have been residing in the city of Valona. Of the Jewish refugee families, sixty dwelt in Tirana and about forty in Durazzo.

POLISH POLICEMEN EXECUTED BY GESTAPO FOR BEFRIENDING JEWS IN CRACOW GHETTO

LONDON, July 3. (JTA)-- Two Polish policemen have been executed by the Gestapo in Cracow for befriending Jews confined in the ghetto there, according to information reaching Polish circles here today.

The policemen were ordered to accompany Gestapo men who went to the ghetto to seize all available clothing which could be used by the German army. As the clothes were collected by the Gestapo agents they were handed to the policemen to guard until the Germans were ready to take them out of the ghetto. Observing the great distress of the Jews who were being robbed of their last few garments, the policemen contrived to leave two old coats behind. When the Gestapo men discovered this, however, the two were summarily executed.

PROTESTANT CHURCH IN SWITZERLAND ISSUES CALL TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM

GENEVA, July 3. (JTA)-- Members of the Protestant Church in Switzerland were urged to combat anti-Semitic propaganda in a call issued here today by the Moderator of the National Protestant Church of Geneva.

"We invite the members of our church to resist all attempts to introduce among us anti-Semitic concepts condemned by the spirit of our Master and by all our traditions nurtured on Holy Writ," the call says.

GOV. LEHMAN CONDEMNS THOSE WHO INVOKE RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS HATREDS

NEW YORK, July 3. (JTA)-- The necessity for unity, among both the American people and the United Nations, to defeat the Axis powers was stressed last night by Governor Lehman, addressing the celebration of the Society of Tammany or Columbian Order of the 166th anniversary of American independence in Tammany Hall.

Asserting that unity in the United States was essential, Governor Lehman condemned those who would invoke racial, religious or national hatreds and suspicions, adding that if we should weaken the fundamentals on which democracy is based we destroy democracy. He declared that with the help of God we would persevere to the end of a hard road, confident that victory would come to us and our Allies and that we would again build a world of peace and justice.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY ASKS FOR JEWISH COMMONWEALTH IN PALESTINE WHEN JEWS FORM MAJORITY

NEW YORK, July 3. (JTA)-- The establishment of an international authority, functioning through a Federal Union to which each constituent nation shall delegate an adequate portion of its sovereignty, for the exercise of whatever legislative, judicial and executive powers may be necessary to regulate international relations in the common interests of humanity in the post-war world, was endorsed at the final session of the Rabbinical Assembly convention.

While the abuses of nationalism were decried, the right of the Jewish people to Palestine as its national home was reaffirmed, to include migration to Palestine and the establishment there of a Jewish commonwealth at such time as Palestine shall, by virtue of a population in which the Jews shall constitute a majority, become a de facto as well as a de jure Jewish National Home. This Jewish commonwealth should then become a member nation of the Federal Union. For the Arab population, the right of either living in one of their own national states, or of enjoying full personal and group rights wherever else, including Palestine, they may choose to reside, was upheld in the resolution concerning world peace and the Jewish future.

The creation of a Jewish fighting force to defend Palestine and the Near East, under the command of the United Nations, was also supported in the resolution.

NEGRO STUDENT WINS B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL INTER-FAITH SCHOLARSHIP AT OHIO STATE

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 3. (JTA)-- Louis Douglas Mitchell, a leading Negro student and a sophomore in the Arts College, and Jane Frances Scott, an Episcopalian and a sophomore in the Commerce College, were awarded the second annual Arnold Schiff Memorial Scholarships, established by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, at Ohio State University's commencement exercises, as the students who have done the most during the year to develop and strengthen inter-faith ideals and contacts on the campus.