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### PALESTINE REGIMENT OF JEWS, ARABS TO BE FORMED; WAR SECRETARY REJECTS JEWISH ARMY

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA)-- Immediate formation of a Palestine Regiment composed of Jewish and Arab infantry battalions for general service in the Middle East was announced in the House of Commons today by Secretary for War Sir James Grigg, following a sharp debate on the question of the establishment of a Jewish military force within the British Army.

Sir James stated that the policy of maintaining numerical parity between Jews and Arabs in recruiting Palestinians for the British forces would be abandoned in accepting recruits for the new regiment. The Palestine Buffs, to which about 2,500 Jewish soldiers are now attached, will be incorporated in the new force, he added. He expressed the hope that an additional 10,000 recruits would now be obtained.

At the same time that the War Secretary announced the establishment of the Palestine Regiment he reiterated the British Government's opposition to the formation of a separate Jewish military unit, which was demanded in the course of the debate by several of the M.P.s.

### Outlines Steps to Enable Palestinians to Defend Country

Acknowledging that the advance of Marshal Rommel's armies in Egypt had created considerable concern in Palestine, Sir James stated that after conferring with Sir Harold MacMichael, High Commissioner for Palestine, and also with the commander-in-chief of the British forces in the Middle East, the government had come to the conclusion that the following steps, in addition to formation of the new regiment, would best enable Palestinians to defend their country:

1. Expanding the Palestine Volunteer Force, which is open to all residents, to its full strength of 2,000 as soon as sufficient arms and training facilities are available.
2. Recruiting an additional 1,500 men for the rural and special police, which will bring those bodies up to their maximum strength. A training staff, liaison officers, arms and equipment will be provided by the commander-in-chief of the Middle Eastern army as soon as circumstances permit.
3. The training and equipping of all existing units will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

The Secretary for War concluded by stating that the Government is doing its utmost to enable Palestine Jews to defend their country against "the universal enemy." If advantage is taken of all facilities now offered, he said, only a very small part of the available manpower in Palestine will not be engaged in action "against the common foe." He expressed the belief that the formation of the new

regiment is the best assurance that both Jews and Arabs will ultimately unite in defense of their country. Sir James said every honor is due the Jews throughout the British Empire for their unstinted participation in the various branches of the armed forces.

#### Zionist Circles State New Policy "Small Step Forward"

Zionist circles here stated that they considered the policy enunciated by Gugg as "a small step forward." Abandonment of the parity principle, they said, "opens the road to further progress as does the promise of increased equipment for the settlement and auxiliary police."

The official announcement of the Government's policy by Sir James was preceded by an acrimonious debate in which about a dozen of the members, Conservatives and Laborites, participated.

Major Victor Cazalet, Conservative, replying to assertions by several of the members that Arab reaction to formation of a Jewish army would be "disastrous," stated that "without victory in the Middle East and elsewhere neither the Jews, the Arabs or the Christians will have much to say about the future of the Middle East." He urged the government to do everything possible to "enable every man and woman in Palestine to partake in the defense of the country," suggesting that it grant the Jewish Agency's request for a fighting force of 20,000 and a home guard of 50,000 as an integral part of the British Army, with a special "Lion of Judah" badge, which would be known as the "Palestine Jewish Force." Probably the majority of the Arabs are as desirous of defeating the common enemy as the Jews, he said, stressing the fact that "the Arabs as a whole could not oppose the defense of their own land."

Daniel Lipson, Independent Conservative, who is Jewish, expressed his disapproval of the demand for a Jewish army. "Speaking as a Jew," he said, "I cannot support the proposal for a Jewish army. I believe that creation of such an army cannot help the war effort and is not in the interest of the Jews concerned." He stated that he felt that an independent Jewish fighting force would emphasize the difference between Jews and non-Jews and would be harmful to the Jewish people rather than helpful.

#### "ARYANIZATION" OF JEWISH PROPERTY IN OCCUPIED FRANCE ALMOST COMPLETED

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 6. (JTA)-- At the same time that the German occupation authorities have been rounding up thousands of Jews in France for deportation to Eastern Europe, they have been proceeding with the confiscation of Jewish-owned property in the occupied zone, the Stockholm Tidningen reports today. The "Aryanization" of Jewish enterprises in Nazi-controlled France is almost completed, according to the Paris correspondent of the Tidningen.

#### POLISH JEWISH REFUGEES IN CALCUTTA LACK FOOD AND PROPER HOUSING, REPORT CHARGES

LONDON, Aug. 4. (JTA)-- Additional information concerning the situation of Polish Jewish refugees in India reached the office of the Polish Jewish Refugee Fund here today.

A report from the former representative of the Fund in Lithuania, who is now in Calcutta, described the conditions of the refugees there as extremely grave. There is no organized relief, he states, and many of the refugees are forced to sleep on the bare floor. No provision is being made to feed them, he charges, criticizing the lack of interest displayed by the Calcutta Jewish community.

ANTI-SEMITES RIOT IN CANADIAN RESORT TOWN; VANDALS INVADE JEWISH SHOPS

CRYSTAL BEACH, Canada, Aug. 6. (JTA)-- Outbreaks between Jews and anti-Semites in this summer resort have resulted in property damage and several arrests, Chief of Police Floyd Gerrard announced today.

Chief Gerrard said that the violence was a result of racial propaganda spread by anti-Semitic factions. On Thursday evening of last week, he said, a crowd of at least 3,000 people was attempting to congregate at main intersections of this village, apparently anticipating some sort of action. Violence was avoided by keeping the crowds in motion, and refusing to allow the troublemakers to assemble. A similar situation existed on Friday and until about two o'clock on Saturday morning, when one man was arrested on the charge of resisting an officer.

Early this week, however, plate glass windows of a Jewish-owned store and a hotel were kicked in and the place invaded by a mob of men and boys from the late 'teens to about 30 and 35 years. Shelves were wrecked and demonstrators danced on the counters. Jewish youths at the resort offered considerable resistance to the hooligans, but were outnumbered, the police chief stated.

MEETING TO PROTEST NAZI ATROCITIES WILL BE HELD IN MEXICO CITY

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 6. (JTA)-- A mass-meeting to protest Nazi massacres of Jews in Europe will be held here on August 12, it was announced today by a special committee of the Anti-Fascist Committee which is arranging the protest. Prominent Mexican senators and deputies will address the gathering. A special delegation from both houses of the legislature is expected to attend.

A campaign to raise 250,000 pesos in Mexico for the Keren Hayesod was launched here today with a representative of the Jewish Agency for Palestine participating.

JEWISH REFUGEE YOUTH CONTINUE TO ARRIVE IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA)-- Forty-three boys and girls have just reached Palestine under the Youth Aliyah scheme, it is announced by the Children and Youth Aliyah Office here. They were distributed among different settlements.

Most of the new arrivals have come from Bulgaria, Turkey and Syria. Further certificates have been sent to Iran and India, where a number of Polish refugee children, who had been shifted from one country to another, are now waiting to join friends and relatives in Palestine. A small group of Jewish children who managed to escape from Benghazi before the Axis troops entered the town and who are now in Egypt, will also be provided with certificates for entering Palestine under the Youth Aliyah plan.

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF RIGHT-WING POLISH POLITICIAN ATTACKS JEWS

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA)-- Violent anti-Jewish articles are contained in the current issue of Mysl Polska, organ of the anti-Semitic right-wing Endek leader, Dr. Tadeusz Bielecki, issued here today.

One article attacks "Polish-Jewish students who are studying while after the war they will want to enjoy the freedom which was bought with the blood of Polish youth."