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### NAZIS APPEAL TO ARABS FOR AID AS THEIR LINE ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT CRACKS

CAIRO, Oct. 26. (JTA)-- With the Axis line in Egypt cracking, the German radio station in Zessen today broadcast an appeal in Arabic asking the Arabs of Egypt, Syria and Palestine to come to the aid of the Axis powers "who intend to protect them from Jewish domination."

"Germany considers the Arabs to be a superior race," the Nazi broadcast said. "The political struggle of the Arabs for the liberation of Palestine from Jewish hands entitles the Arabs to a special place in Germany's new order."

At the same time the Nazi radio also broadcast today an official announcement issued by the racial department of the Nazi party stating that it is not true that Germany regards the Arabs as an inferior race. "Axis enemies," the statement said, "are spreading a rumor that Germany despises the Arabs and considers them to be as low a race as the Jewish. This is absolutely false. Our racial policy is not directed against Semitic nations, but against Jews exclusively. This policy is built on the theory of respecting foreign races which have built great civilizations, and in this respect the Arab people are greatly respected by the German nation."

### GESTAPO ASSUMES CONTROL OF TRAINS IN NORWAY TO PREVENT JEWS FLEEING TO SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 26. (JTA)-- Measures to prevent Norwegian Jews from reaching the Swedish frontier by train were taken by the Gestapo today following the assassination last week by three passengers, two of whom were Jews, of a Quisling frontier guard in a train en route to Sweden.

No longer trusting the Quisling police, the Gestapo has stationed its own guards at every railway station on the route from Oslo to the Swedish border. Beginning with today Gestapo agents will ride in all trains, examining the identification papers of each passenger.

The Quisling press in Norway today intensified its anti-Jewish campaign, predicting the deportation of all Jews from Norway in reprisal for the killing of the Quisling official. At the same time pro-Nazi newspapers reaching here today from Holland carry a warning issued by Raether, the chief of the Gestapo there, stating that severe punishment will be meted out to all Dutchmen found guilty of sheltering Jews in order to help them escape deportation to eastern territories.

General Friedrich Christiansen, German military commander in Holland, was reported today to have received a flood of letters from Dutchmen protesting against the persecution of the Jews in Holland and asking that the deportation of Jews be halted. Those Jews in Holland who are slated for deportation are first sent to special camps in the province of Drenthe. There, according to a report reaching here, they are sorted out according to age and professions and their ultimate destination is decided upon.

CONFERENCE OPENS IN PALESTINE TO DECIDE FATE OF JEWISH LABOR PARTY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 26. (JTA)-- The eyes of the entire Yishuv were directed today to a small settlement, Kfar Vitkin, where the fate of the Jewish Labor Party (Mapai) which plays the leading role in the upbuilding of Palestine, is to be decided at a conference attended by 401 delegates representing all sections of the party in all parts of the country.

Everybody in Palestine is aware that the Jewish labor movement in Palestine is undergoing a severe crisis due to internal strife within the ranks of the Jewish Labor Party on issues concerning security and labor problems. Leaders of the party have chosen the small settlement for their conference in order to avoid any distractions. There are only 180 Jewish families in Kfar Vitkin which is located in Emek Hefer.

The conference was opened today by Joseph Sprinzak, Histadruth leader, with an appeal for unity. "Jewish labor in Palestine must maintain its unity in order to be able to face the dangers from all sides," he said. His appeal was followed by a two-hour address delivered by David Ben-Gurion in which the forty years of the party's existence in Palestine were reviewed and the party's contribution to the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home were emphasized.

David Remez, one of the leading figures in the Jewish Labor Party, in a statement given to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on the position of the party, said: "The roots of the present crisis in our ranks are psychological rather than ideological. The Jewish Labor Party has faced crises on such issues as the agreement with Jabotinsky, the plan to have Palestine partitioned, the White Paper and other similar important questions, but always succeeded in coming out unscathed. Let us hope that a miracle will save our party now."

Main Issues of the Fight; Moderates Try to Effect Reconciliation

The main issues in the fight within the ranks of the Labor group are certain agreements reached with the Revisionists with regard to security problems as well as the attitude which the party has taken towards the anti-strike law promulgated by the Palestine Government. Other issues are also involved. The strongest group within the opposition-- the Kibutz Hamouhad - is opposed to the attitude taken by the executive of the Jewish Agency on certain problems and charges the Laborite members of the Jewish Agency with an "opportunistic approach" to those problems and with "an inconsistent and weak defense of the labor interests."

Leaders of the Kibutz Hamouhad are Isaac Tobenkin and Aaron Zisling. The struggle which they are waging is directed chiefly against the group within the Labor Party led by David Ben-Gurion, David Remez, Moshe Shertok and Berl Katznelson. This internal strife has been going on for some time but was kept hidden. It broke into the open recently at a Laborite meeting in the township of Nahalal leading to a demand by Ben-Gurion that the party either be reorganized or dissolved.

Members of a third, moderate group within the Jewish Labor Party are now making all possible efforts to bring about a reconciliation between the two other factions in order to avoid a split which would be harmful to the interests of Jewish development in Palestine. It is believed that the prospects for such a reconciliation have greatly improved during the last few days.

CONFERENCE OF JEWISH WELFARE LEADERS DISCUSSES JEWISH WAR-TIME PROBLEMS

PEORIA, Ill., Oct. 26, (JTA)-- A resolution expressing encouragement and support of the efforts of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to bring about the creation of a single, central organization to direct and operate civic protective activities in the United States, was adopted here at the ninth annual conference of the West Central States Region of the Council which concluded its two-day session yesterday at the Hotel Marquette. Delegates from 17 Jewish communities in the region attended the conference.

Another resolution adopted calls for "unstinting and enthusiastic support to war chests" and urges local Jewish federations and welfare funds to give "favorable consideration to welfare fund affiliation with war chests under conditions consistent with the best interests of the respective communities."

The delegates voiced their determination to adapt their social welfare programs to the new wartime emergency obligations and called for national unity to strengthen the "home front." Confidence that American Jewish communities will successfully meet the challenge of total war was expressed by Philip M. Klutznik, Omaha Jewish welfare leader. The local Jewish federation, the unifying and planning agency of Jewish communities, has demonstrated its indispensability in the past, Mr. Klutznik said, and "will and must go on to a newer and bigger role in post-war planning."

Isidoro Soboleff, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit and chairman of the Council's Committee on Fund Raising Policies, reviewed the implications of the war chest movement to Jewish federations and community agencies throughout the country. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, discussed the role of the American Jewish community in the immense overseas relief and reconstruction program. He reported that the Vichy Government in unoccupied France had granted permission for the evacuation of several thousand refugee children to the American continent. H. L. Lurie, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, cited the two-day conference as further evidence of the growing strength of Jewish community organizations in adjusting themselves to changing local and national emergency problems. The war program of the Jewish Welfare Board was described by Louis Kraft, director of JWB. Frank N. Trager, secretary of the Public Relations Committee of the American Jewish Committee, reported that the Jewish defense agencies adopted a new and more positive approach to inter-community relations after Pearl Harbor.

A session on the problems of Jewish education in war-time was led by Dr. Leo L. Honor of Chicago and Dr. Joseph Diamond of Minneapolis. The main objective of Jewish education in war-time is to prepare students for a normal and wholesome life and to train them as valuable and active citizens for the country and the Jewish community, they said. A seminary of professional executives of Jewish community agencies, held to review changing trends in vocational, family welfare and other functional programs, preceded the regional conference.

Clarence A. Ullman of Peoria was elected president of the Region. Other officers elected included Louis S. Myers of Kansas City, first vice-president; E. N. Grucakia of Sioux City, second vice-president; Aaron Scheinfeld of Milwaukee, third vice-president; and Sidney Cahn of Chicago, secretary.

NOVEMBER PROCLAIMED AS "ANNIVERSARY MONTH OF BALFOUR DECLARATION"

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.(JTA)-- Proclaiming the month of November as a "Balfour Declaration Month," the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs today issued a call to all Jews in the United States to observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, which will be marked in New York at a mass meeting at Carnegie Hall on November 1.

A statement prepared by the Zionist Emergency Committee expressed the hope that "Jewish communities throughout the world, in the present hour that is so tragically dark for many of them, will find in the observance of the anniversary of the Balfour Declaration an augury of the brighter future that will come."

"The last twenty-five years have seen the Balfour Declaration buffeted about in the storm of political rivalries, chicaneries and racial animosities," the statement reads. The Declaration has suffered particularly rough handling in the treacherous currents of appeasement. So true is all this that its original intent has been almost blotted out by a series of interpretations, and the last of them, the notorious White Paper of 1939, has to all intents and purposes abrogated it. The question may well be asked: Is it proper, in view of the vicissitudes that have befallen this document, to celebrate its birth?

"Our answer to that question is an emphatic 'Yes!' In spite of everything, the Balfour Declaration remains a historic document of the first order. It marked the official recognition by a great power of 'the historic connection of the Jewish people with Palestine and the reasons of reconstituting' the Jewish National Home. It rallied to the support of the great project the other civilized nations of the world, among them the United States of America. What is equally important, it relied to its support a new stream of the energy, idealism, and the resources of the Jewish people. It brought wave after wave of Jewish immigration into Palestine, led by a vanguard of pioneers whose record would shine brightly in the history of any people. It served, and it still serves, as the most important point of reference in the claims of the Jewish people to the recognition by the world of its right to a national home of its own in the land that is identified with its pristine greatness."

ALLIED GOVERNMENTS ASKED TO RECOGNIZE JEWS AS "ONE OF THE ALLIED NATIONS"

LONDON, Oct. 26.(JTA)-- The governments of Britain, the United States and the other Allied countries were asked to recognize the Jewish people "as one of the Allied nations," in a resolution adopted here last night by the first war-time conference of the Jewish State Party. Establishment of a Jewish Army in Palestine was also requested of the United Nations at the conference, which demanded a reorganization of the Zionist Executive. The conference was attended by 60 delegates.

JNF CONFERENCE VOTES TO ESTABLISH "CALIFORNIA DISTRICT" IN PALESTINE

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 26.(JTA)-- A campaign to raise funds to redeem 10,000 dunams of land in Palestine, to be established as a "California District," was launched here last night at the first meeting of the Jewish National Fund's Western State Conference. The conference also voted to participate in the \$2,500,000 loan which the JNF is raising in America.

SHEMAYA GORELIK, ESSAYIST AND CRITIC, DIES IN TEL AVIV AT 65

TEL AVIV, Oct. 26.(JTA)-- Shemaya Gorelik, 65, Jewish essayist and critic, died here last night. Gorelik, who was born in Russia, lived in Germany from 1919 until 1933, when the rise of Nazism forced him to flee to Palestine. He was active in Zionist affairs from the time he joined the movement in Russia in 1905.