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## ARABS WARNED THAT BRITAIN AND UNITED STATES INTEND TO BACK JEWISH NATIONAL HOME

LONDON, Feb. 1. (JTA)-- The Arab world was told today by the London Times that "the welfare of the Jewish National Home in Palestine is a matter of deep concern to Britain and the United States and constitutes a moral obligation from which no British Government could divest itself."

The warning was sounded by the most influential newspaper in Britain as an indication to the Arabs that in preparing a post-war program, they must take a realistic attitude towards Jewish claims on Palestine.

"It may be assumed," the Times says, "that the process of formulating the Arab claims for presentation after the war has already begun. Though the details of the Arab peace aims cannot be foreseen, the general character of the claims is already clear."

The article then reveals that the two major demands with which the Arabs will come to the peace conference are: 1. A reduction of European influence in Arab countries, including the Zionist influence in Palestine; 2. The establishment of a closer association among the Arab countries themselves.

Among the details under consideration, the Times continues, there are controversial issues not yet settled between the British and the Arab peoples. The main issue is that of Palestine. Pointing out that the welfare of the Jewish National Home is a matter of deep concern to Britain and the United States, the paper makes it clear that the British Government is under moral obligation to safeguard it.

"If Arab statesmen fit this inescapable reality into their calculations, British statesmen will then not allow it to deflect them from building a stable relationship for the Arab world," the article says. "There is good hope that their mutual relations will not be shipwrecked over it."

The article concludes by emphasizing that the Arabs, in their desire to share in the economic benefits of the Atlantic Charter, are automatically involving themselves in certain political obligations.

## NAZIS RETURN LETTERS WITH STAMP "DIED DURING LIQUIDATION OF JEWISH PROBLEM"

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 1. (JTA)-- A special official stamp stating "Died in the course of the liquidation of the Jewish problem" is being used by the German postal authorities in Poland and the Baltic States when returning letters addressed to Jews who were victims of the mass executions. A letter bearing such a stamp has just been received here.

The Moscow radio today reported that German war prisoners testified that in Vilna they witnessed the massacre of twenty members of the Hakoah sport organization which was declared illegal by the Nazis immediately after their occupation of the city.

JEWS FROM VILNA AND KAUNAS . FIND WELCOME IN UZBEKISTAN; MAJORITY LIVE IN KOKAND

KUIBYSHEV, Feb. 1.(JTA)-- Jews evacuated by the Russian authorities from Vilna and Kaunas prior to the Nazi occupation of those cities have found new homes and occupations in Uzbekistan, the majority of them in the city of Kokand, it was reported here today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee which will open its annual conference in Moscow on February 14, with delegates from all parts of the U.S.S.R. participating.

"The Jewish language," the report says, "can now be heard spoken by refugees from Lithuania on the streets of Kokand as well as in factories and offices there. The evacuated Lithuanian Jews have established an excellent reputation among the local population and the local authorities. Jewish doctors from Vilna and Kaunas are working in the Kokand hospital and have gained the respect and admiration of all patients. Jewish artisans have established an unusually high record of production in the factories where they have been given employment. Evacuated members of the staff of the Yiddish Scientific Institute are now teaching in Kokand schools and Jewish children from Lithuania are continuing their education. All hope to see their native towns in Lithuania liberated soon so that they can return and rebuild their homes which the Nazis have ruined."

PROFESSOR OUALID, NOTED JEWISH LEADER IN FRANCE, REPORTED DEAD

LONDON, Feb. 1.(JTA)-- News has been received here of the death in France of Prof. William Oualid, internationally known jurist and economist, who for many years was one of the outstanding leaders of French Jewry.

Born in 1880 in Algiers, Prof. Oualid was educated at Aix and Paris Universities and held the chair for Political Economy at the Sorbonne until the anti-Jewish legislation was passed by the Vichy Government. He also lectured on Labor Legislation at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales. During the last war he was Deputy Chief of Cabinet of the Ministry of Munitions and chief of the Employment Office at the Ministry of Labor in 1919. In 1921 he represented France at the International Labor Office.

After the death of Dr. Arnold Motter, he was elected vice-president of the Alliance Israelite Universelle. For some time he was also president of the Union of Jewish Organizations in Paris, and was very closely connected with the work of the Hias-Toa Emigration Association. He had also been president of the Central Board of the World ORT Union since 1934.

RECORD OF JEWISH REFUGEES IN CANADA WILL HELP POST-WAR JEWISH IMMIGRATION

MONTREAL, Feb. 1.(JTA)-- The fine record of Jewish refugees now in Canada in contributing to war industry will help to open the gates of the Dominion to refugees after the war, Saul Hayes, director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, declared at the post-war planning discussion of the annual conference of the Canadian Jewish Congress here yesterday. Samuel Bronfman, national president, stated that Canadian Jews are doing double duty in war time, as Jews and as Canadians. Their loyalty is certain to evoke support of all men of goodwill in post-war planning, he stated.

POLISH JEWS IN AMERICA DEMAND RESIGNATION OF GEN. SIKORSKI'S AIDE

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.(JTA)-- The American Representation of Polish Jewry and the American Federation of Polish Jews today issued strong protests against an anti-Semitic statement made to the press in Mexico by Dr. Josef Retinger, private secretary of General Sikorski, the Polish Premier.

The protests quote Dr. Retinger as having stated to Mexico's daily newspaper "Excelsior" that a delegation of Polish Jews in Mexico visited Gen. Sikorski "who indicated to the members of the delegation that he had received information as to the behavior of some of the Polish Jews." Dr. Retinger then went on to tell the Mexican newspaper that the Polish Premier "emphatically told the Jewish delegation that their behavior was deplorable because the Polish Jews are guests of a country which received them in a most friendly manner."

In protesting Dr. Retinger's statement, the American Representation of Polish Jewry declares that the interview "is nothing more than anti-Semitic propaganda disseminated on the soil of a foreign land." Polish-Jewish leaders in America have cabled to the Jewish members of the Polish National Council in London urging them to demand Dr. Retinger's resignation as "a high representative of the Polish Government who is harming the interests of Poland and is smearing the good reputation of Polish Jewry."

ROOSEVELT SPEAKS OF "IDEAL AND PRACTICAL SERVICES OF THE ORT" IN MESSAGE TO LEHMAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.(JTA)-- "The ideal and practical services" of the ORT, Organization for Jewish Rehabilitation through Training, were emphasized last night in a message from President Roosevelt sent to former Governor Herbert H. Lehman on the occasion of the dinner tendered to Mr. Lehman by the American ORT Federation. More than 2,000 labor leaders attended the function.

"It is most fitting," the President said in his message, "that the labor division of the American ORT Federation should pay tribute to former Governor Lehman. Not the least of his activities have been concerned through many years with the exemplification of the ideal of practical service which actuates ORT. It is indeed fortunate that one with Herbert Lehman's humanitarian instincts and varied experience in administrative work is now in association with our Department of State, further serving his fellow-men as Director of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation. It is a pleasure to be associated with those who are honoring Herbert Lehman. Please extend my hearty greetings to them and to him."

Other messages of greeting to Mr. Lehman came from Vice President Henry A. Wallace, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins and Governor Thomas E. Dewey, who in the name of all the people of the State wished Mr. Lehman "strength and success in the task now facing him."

BRITISH NOTABLES, SPEAKING AT OXFORD, ASK GOVERNMENT AID TO JEWS IN EUROPE

LONDON, Feb. 1.(JTA)-- A meeting of the Oxford Union today, presided over by Sir William Beveridge, author of the recently announced "Beveridge Plan" for social insurance, adopted a resolution urging the British Government to relax immigration regulations for both Britain and Palestine so as to facilitate the entry of Jewish refugees from Axis-controlled countries. It also suggested that Britain approach other governments on the subject of refugee aid. The meeting was addressed by the Bishop of Oxford, Lord Samuel, Prof. Brodetsky and other notables.

UNITED NATIONS URGED TO ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR NEAR EAST

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.(JTA)--- A demand that the United States in cooperation with other of the United Nations establish an international commission to aid in the development of the Near East, including Palestine, Transjordan, Syria and Lebanon, was voiced Saturday at a conference on the economic problems of the Near East, held at the Roosevelt Hotel here under the auspices of the Institute of World Economics.

Lieut. Edward A. Norman, addressing the conference reviewed the economic progress of Palestine since the last war emphasizing that Palestine, located in the center of the region known as the Near East, is the logical site for an industrial structure geared particularly to the needs of its own part of the world. "Palestine's development until now has been carried forward mainly by or through taxation at the ultimate expense of the immigrant element, but there is no doubt that it has brought great benefits to the people who already were dwelling there," he said. He urged the "acceleration of the modernization and development of Palestine, where such a strong foundation already has been laid, so that it can serve as that much needed leaven to lift up the whole of its own section of the surface of this earth."

Emanuel Neumann, former member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, in proposing that with America taking the initiative "the United Nations establish an international commission to aid in the economic development of the Near East," said, "the peoples of the Near East should be encouraged to establish an Economic Development Council as an instrument of unceasing cooperation in which all elements, races and faiths and all legitimate economic interests should be represented." Such a council, he declared, should be a non-political body having no legislative function and devoting itself exclusively to economic problems.

Dr. N. William Hazen of the Board of Economic Warfare, endorsed the proposal that the countries in the Near East adopt a plan of economic cooperation aimed at raising the standard of living of all of the fifty million inhabitants of the area and Dr. Philip K. Hitti, distinguished Orientalist and Professor of History at Princeton University, presented a picture of the historical background of the peoples in the Near East. Other speakers at the conference included Lawrence T. Beck, distinguished engineer, now associated with the Board of Economic Warfare; Prof. William F. Albright of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; Prof. S. Ralph Harlow of Smith College, Northampton, Mass.; Prof. William S. Haas and Prof. G.E. Von Grunbaum, both of the Iranian Institute and School for Asiatic Studies; and Dr. John Van Ess, who devoted forty years to educational activities in the Near East.

LABOR COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE SENDS \$50,000 TO HISTADRUTH FOR REFUGEE AID

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.(JTA)--- The national council of the National Labor Committee for Palestine, at its meeting today, voted to cable \$50,000 to the Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Labor, for aid to refugee children arriving in Palestine.

The council paid tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Arthur Ruppin, expert on Palestine colonization, who encouraged the formation of cooperative and collective farms by the young pioneers. Isaac Hamlin, national secretary, reported on the activities of the Histadruth councils throughout the United States and Canada, which hope to raise \$1,000,000 for the wartime program of the Palestine labor movement. Early returns indicate that the 1942 record of \$571,000 will be exceeded, he stated.