

### MOSCOW WILL NOT OPPOSE A JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE; CHURCHILL-WEIZMANN TALK EXPECTED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- The Moscow Government will not oppose the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine if the governments of the United States and Britain decide in favor of the formation of such a state, it was stated today by David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Ben-Gurion, speaking at a conference of the Mapai, Palestine Jewish Labor Party, in Tel Aviv, emphasized that he made this prediction on the basis of information received by him. He also said that while not opposing the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, the Russian government will not permit Russian Jews to emigrate to Palestine.

Palestine Hebrew newspapers today report that Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who was due to arrive here any day from London, has postponed his trip for two weeks because of an invitation from Prime Minister Churchill to meet with him prior to his departure for Palestine. The newspapers also report that Ben-Gurion will soon proceed to Rumania for the purpose of contacting Russian authorities there in connection with the Zionist demand for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth.

More than 1,000 Jewish immigrants are due to arrive here within the next three days, including 541 who sailed from Rumania aboard the Turkish ship Salahdin chartered by the Jewish Agency, and 434 from Portugal and Spain aboard the SS Guine. Others include Bukahrian Jews who are travelling by rail.

### Britain to Announce Partition Plan for Palestine on Nov. 16, London Hears

LONDON, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- The Colonial Office today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it has no comment to make on an announcement made here last night that a provisional partition plan for Palestine, establishing separate Jewish and Arab states, will be made public by the British Government on November 16.

The announcement was made by Abraham Abrahams, a leader of the New Zionist Organization, who stated that his disclosure was based on "very reliable information." Speaking at a press conference, he said that the proposed Jewish State will occupy the area allotted to Jews by the partition plan of 1937, with the exception that a larger part of Galilee will be included in the Jewish section. (The 1937 plan provided for a Jewish state occupying roughly the northern one-third of the region between the River Jordan and the Mediterranean, with a narrow extension southwards along the coast, taking in about three-fourths of the country's seaboard. The entire area would have been about seven times as large as New York City.)

Under the new proposal, the NZO leader asserted, Haifa remains under British control, Jerusalem under an international trusteeship, with the remaining area of Palestine plus Transjordan becoming an Arab state eventually.

Abrahams charged that spokesmen for the Jewish Agency have given the British authorities the impression that partition would be acceptable, although under protest,

on condition that a Jewish Commonwealth was established. He urged that all Jewish groups, including the Agudas Israel, the Anglo-Jewish Association, the regular Zionist organizations, the NZO, and others, issue a joint statement protesting the partition scheme.

#### Jewish Agency Watches Situation; Definitely Opposed to Partition

A spokesman for the Jewish Agency, commenting on the report of a new partition plan, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "the situation is being carefully watched." He emphasized that the Jewish Agency is definitely against any partition of Palestine.

"Rumors regarding a forthcoming partition scheme for Palestine have been circulated for some time," he declared. "The opposition of the Jewish Agency to partition has been expressed repeatedly and conveyed to the British Government. The situation is being carefully watched. Any allegation that the Jewish Agency, or any of its leaders, explicitly or implicitly assented to partition is a malicious invention."

The Zionist Review, official organ of the British Zionist Federation, tomorrow will carry an editorial warning against the danger of partition and stressing that the Jewish Agency has officially informed the Government that it opposes partition. The editorial will emphasize that the Agency told the British authorities that the Biltmore Declaration, to which it adheres, calls for a Jewish Commonwealth in an undivided Palestine. "Zionists may be sure that the Agency is standing guard and is watching the interests of the Jewish people in accordance with the decisions of the highest bodies of the movement," says the Review.

#### SEVERAL THOUSAND JEWS REPORTED MURDERED IN BUDAPEST POGROM; JEWISH HOMES LOOTED

ZURICH, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Several thousand corpses of murdered Jews were carted out of Budapest in motor trucks following a pogrom by anti-Jewish terrorists on October 15, according to a reliable report received here today.

The report says that all Jewish houses - which are marked by a yellow Star of David - were attacked by fascist hoodlums. Shots were fired through windows, and residents were maltreated by gangs who broke into the premises and looted all valuables they could carry away.

#### REICH CONSIDERING FORMATION OF "ARAB BRIGADE" TO COUNTER JEWISH UNIT, GERMANS REPORT

ZURICH, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- German military authorities are considering the formation of an "Arab Brigade" as a result of "demands by numerous Arabs" that such a unit be established to counter the formation by Britain of the Jewish brigade group, it was reported today by DNB, the official German news agency.

Many Moslems, DNB asserts, have requested that the Reich Government establish an independent Arab fighting force and "large numbers in Germany and German-allied countries have already volunteered to join."

German newspapers reaching here today carry a report alleging that American military authorities in the occupied German city of Aachen ordered its German inhabitants to wear yellow armbands. "This was meant to be an ironical imitation of the yellow badges which Jews must wear in Germany," the Koelnische Zeitung writes.

FEW GERMANS CONDEMN HITLER'S PERSECUTION OF JEWS ON MORAL GROUNDS, U.S. ARMY FINDS

NEW YORK, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- United States Army interrogators interviewing a cross section of Germans in the small town of Roetgen established that a very small percentage of the German population condemn the persecution of the Jews on moral grounds, a New York Times war correspondent, Clifton Daniel, reported today from the headquarters of the U. S. First Army.

The group questioned consisted of thirty men and women of all ages and income groups picked from the several thousand residents of Roetgen. Asked, among other things, about their attitude towards the Nazi policy of anti-Semitism, they invariably declared that Hitler's greatest mistake was the persecution of the Jews.

When asked why, the interrogators report, the Germans usually say that the Jews are a very powerful "nation" and that, with great financial and political influence, they are dangerous enemies. "Only five of all the people interviewed condemned the persecution of the Jews on moral grounds," the correspondent cabled. He added that "just as they disclaimed personal responsibility for the mistreatment of Jews, most of the people interviewed in Roetgen claimed to be utterly ignorant of the atrocities committed by German troops in foreign countries."

JEWS OFFICERS IN SOUTH AFRICAN UNITS MAY TRANSFER TO JEWISH BRIGADE

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Jewish officers of the South African army, up to the rank of major, will be permitted to apply for a transfer to the new Jewish Brigade, it was reported today by S. M. Kuper, chairman of the Board of Deputies of South African Jews.

Kuper reported to the Board that 9,770 Jews are now serving in the South African forces, of whom 126 have been decorated. To date, there have been 1,074 Jewish casualties, including 265 dead.

JEWS THANK MAYOR OF FRENCH BORDER TOWN FOR SAVING FORTY CHILDREN FROM GESTAPO

LYON, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- The Jewish Socialist Union today publicly thanked the mayor of the little border town of Annemasse for his efforts in saving the lives of forty Jewish children captured there by the Gestapo as they were about to be smuggled into Switzerland.

The incident took place last June when a twenty-two-year-old German Jewish refugee, Marian Kohn, was arrested with a party of forty Jewish children from the city of Grenoble, whom she was attempting to lead into Switzerland.

As a result of the mayor's intervention and the pleas of the Kohn girl, the Gestapo released all the children under sixteen but jailed the girl and twelve other children. Marion Kohn subsequently refused to utilize an opportunity to escape which her friends had arranged for her, saying that she would not leave the prison so long as one of the children remained there. She was subsequently executed and her mutilated body was identified by the mayor of the town after its liberation. The twelve children were released by the Maquis and sent back to Grenoble.

In a letter published today in the Socialist newspaper, Le Populaire du Rhone, the Jewish Socialist Union paid tribute to "this man heroically risking his life and those of his near ones, who went to humiliate himself before the Gestapo to save the lives of the forty Jewish children fallen into their clutches. Your action, M. le Maire," the letter continued, "will enter as a silent but glorious episode in the history of France, of that France which never wished to accept racial hatred."

NAZI ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS PICTURED AT UNITED NATIONS EXHIBIT IN LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- A graphic portrayal of the barbarities inflicted upon the Jews of Europe by the Nazis went on view here today as part of an exhibition organized by the United Nations Information Organization entitled "Germany - The Evidence."

Included are the pictures of the first anti-Jewish riots in Germany, pictures of the Majdanek extermination camp, and photographs of Nazis rounding up Jews in different parts of Europe. The section devoted to Jews is headed by a poster quoting the statement by the German Jew-baiter Julius Streicher that "what will be exterminated is all that is called Jewish." Also quoted is the statement by King Christian of Denmark, that if Jews are compelled to wear yellow badges, he and his family would also don them.

PROTESTANT MINISTERS LEARN TENETS OF JUDAISM AT GATHERING ADDRESSED BY RABBIS

NEW YORK, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Ninety leading Jewish and Protestant ministers attended this week a seminar held here to explain to the Christian clergy the history and religion of Judaism and to promote greater interfaith cooperation, it was announced today. The gathering was arranged by the Association of Reform Rabbis, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith and the Greater New York Federation of Churches.

The keynote was sounded by Rabbi Abram J. Feldman of Hartford, Conn., who told the assembled ministers; "This is not a missionary meeting. We merely want to tell you about our faith. We rejoice with you in the comfort and happiness that you have found in your faith. All we ask is that you respect and understand ours."

Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, president of the Union Theological Seminary and former Moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, opened the meeting by asking the Jewish rabbis to be "frank with us." Outlining the history of the Jew from ancient Roman times to the present, Prof. J. R. Marcus, head of the History Department of the Hebrew Union College, declared that the Jews here have completely adjusted themselves to the American way of life.

Following the prepared addresses, the meeting was thrown open to questions from the floor. The Protestant ministers, in an effort to obtain a clearer insight into the Jewish religion, raised numerous points about the teachings of Judaism. The conference was presided over by Rabbi William R. Rosenblum of Temple Israel who, following the meeting, led the ministers on a tour of his synagogue, showing them the Jewish altar and religious equipment.

ALBERT ROSENBLATT, HIAS LEADER FOR THIRTY YEARS, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Albert Rosenblatt, a leader in Jewish affairs, who died yesterday at his home here. He was 72. He was buried at the Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Flushing.

Mr. Rosenblatt was at one time president of the United Synagogues of America and served as vice-president of the Hias for sixteen years and as director of the same organization for about thirty years. The funeral services were held at the headquarters of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism of which he was a trustee. He came to the United States from Russia when he was sixteen years old.