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### TURKEY WILL NO LONGER ISSUE TRANSIT VISAS TO JEWISH EMIGRANTS EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE

BUCHAREST, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The Turkish Government today asked the Rumanian Foreign Office to prevent the emigration of Jews from Rumania to Palestine via Turkey and said that Turkish transit visas will not be issued to such emigrants.

In making this request, the Turkish Government emphasized that it is no longer able to issue transit visas to Jews in view of the fact that the Palestine Government is restricting Jewish immigration into Palestine. The Foreign Office has notified the Zionist leaders in Bucharest of the Turkish request.

Jewish leaders today reported that plans have been completed for immediate aid to Rumanian Jews repatriated from Transnistria and those liberated from concentration camps. Each family will be given 75,000 lei (approximately \$525). It is estimated that a million lei will be needed to finance such assistance, which aims at restoring the repatriated Jews to a normal economic status. The funds are expected to come from the Joint Distribution Committee.

### GERMANY STARTS NEW YEAR WITH INTENSIFIED ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA TO STIFFEN RESISTANCE

BERN, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Taking its lead from Hitler's New Year's address, in which he repeated his usual wild attacks on Jews, the press in Germany today opened up a renewed anti-Jewish campaign, aimed at stiffening the resistance of the Germans by warning them that they will be annihilated by "vengeful Jews" should Germany be defeated.

Leading the new anti-Jewish drive is Goering's newspaper, Essener National Zeitung. It devotes a long article to the "criminal activities" of Jews in Rumania, Bulgaria and the Russian-liberated part of Hungary, stating that the Jews in these territories "revenged themselves" by denouncing many Axis adherents and by participating in the "purifying apparatus" which the Russian Army established in these countries for the purpose of preventing pro-Nazi fifth-column activities.

"As soon as the Soviet armies marched into southern Europe," the paper writes, "it became clear that the Jews played a considerable role in the fight behind the front." The article then pictures the Jewish guerrilla fighters as "Jewish criminals" who are not only anxious to help the Allied armies against the Germans, but who are out to kill Germans wherever they can.

The paper is especially incensed over the role which Jewish partisans played in Tito's forces in Yugoslavia. "As an expression of gratitude for the aid of Jewish units, a new synagogue is now being constructed in Belgrade," the article reports. Other German newspapers publish similar articles about the "Jewish avengers."

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SOVIET JEWISH PRESS AGENCY DENIES JEWS BEING TRANSFERRED FROM FREED AREAS TO SIBERIA

MOSCOW, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- An official denial of reports that Russian authorities in Bessarabia and Bukovina are transferring Jews from those areas to the Urals and Siberia was issued here today by the Soviet Jewish Press Agency.

Replying to a request by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency for information concerning the reports, which were published last month in the Palestine Hebrew press, the Jewish Press Agency stated:

"Rumors spread by the Palestine press regarding the deportation of Bukovinian and Bessarabian Jews to Siberia and the Urals are merely one more anti-Soviet canard. In connection with the military situation some people are drafted for the labor front. Among the draftees are Russians, Ukrainians, Byelorussians and others. Jews form no exception."

JEWISH AND EGYPTIAN LAWYERS ADDED TO DEFENSE STAFF OF LORD MOYNE ASSASSINS

CAIRO, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The two Palestine terrorists who are charged with assassinating Lord Moyne have abandoned their plans to present no defense when their trial opens next week and have engaged the services of one of the most eminent Egyptian jurists, Abdel Fattah el Sayed Bey, and also appointed Charles Golding, a British lawyer, to their defense staff, it was announced today.

Last week, the Egyptian Government, acting upon the statement by the two accused, Eliahu Chakim and Ephraim Ben-Zuri, that they would present no formal defense, appointed two attorneys to protect their rights in court. Today's announcement indicates that Chakim and Ben-Zuri plan to put up a stiff legal fight to save themselves from the death penalty, which will be demanded by the prosecution.

2,500 PACKAGES OF MATZOHS TO BE SENT FROM PALESTINE TO REFUGEE RABBIS IN RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government has granted permission for the shipment of 2,500 two-kilogram packages of matzohe to refugee rabbis in Russia, it was announced today by the Committee to Aid Refugee Rabbis, which is headed by Chief Rabbi Herzog. The matzohe are intended for use on Passover.

Two-hundred and thirty-one immigrants arrived in Palestine during the week-end. Of them, 203 were from Yemen.

DRIVES FOR JEWISH WELFARE FUNDS SHOW AVERAGE INCREASE OF 22 PERCENT, COUNCIL REPORTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds today reported that first returns indicate that Fall drives for Jewish welfare funds are continuing the unprecedented gains experienced by the Spring campaigns. "With a number of drives still incomplete, these funds have shown a 22 percent average increase over the amount raised last year," the report said.

Boston has exceeded its \$2,250,000 goal, and its gain over 1943 is over 40 percent. Other outstanding increases include Norfolk 69 percent and Camden 50 percent. "Goals for 48 campaigns show an average increase of 35 percent over the amount pledged last year. Indications are that these goals will generally be reached or surpassed," the report added.

ARAB PRESS IN AMERICA LAUDS STATE DEPARTMENT FOR SHELIVING OF PALESTINE RESOLUTION

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Reporting that "Zionism has suffered a grave blow in Washington," the Arab press in the United States expresses gratification at the fact that the State Department prevented passage of the Palestine Resolution by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Meraat-ul-Gharb, a New York Arab paper, attributes the shelving of the resolution to protests from Arabs throughout the country "who are exerting every pressure to defeat Zionism and its evil machinery."

The Al-Bayan, a Washington paper, criticizes the House Foreign Affairs Committee for passing the Palestine Resolution. "This is not the first time such a resolution has been put through by Rep. Sol Bloom and his colleague, Emanuel Celler," the paper writes. "Luckily, they have been stopped by logic and reason - and this time by the State Department which has ordered the resolution shelved."

Adding that the Zionists will probably not be discouraged and will continue their propaganda in the United States, the paper says: "They picture themselves as the only ones who supported Allied war efforts, saying that the Arabs were on the side of the Axis at the beginning of the war, and further, that if they are with the Allies now, it is only because they have no alternative. Using the force of the Allied armies, they try to push the Arabs out of their own land, Palestine. Their greed knows no limit. They are determined to get all of Palestine, not satisfied that it gives refuge to more than half a million of their Jewish refugees coming from all over the world."

The paper appeals to the Arab world to continue Arab pressure upon the Allies. "We must tell the world that Palestine will be strongly defended now and in the future by Arabs all over the world as it has been in the past," it emphasizes.

JEWISH OFFICIALS DISMISSED BY VICHY RESTORED TO HIGH GOVERNMENT POSTS

PARIS, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- M. Paul Grunebaum-Ballin, intimate collaborator of the late French Foreign Minister Aristide Briand, who was dismissed from his post as president of section of the French Council of State on July 17, 1940, has been restored to his position as of that date and retired because of the age limit as of March 27, last year, with pension and the rank of honorary president, it was learned here today.

M. Ballin-Grunebaum was one of the first public officials to be dismissed from his post under the Vichy racial legislation. Special decrees restoring him to his position as of the date of his ouster and reinstating in their former posts in the Council of State a number of other victims of the Vichy racial laws have been issued by the Ministry of Justice under the recent ordinance on the reintegration of government officials penalized by Vichy discriminatory legislation.

M. Georges Cahen-Salvador, who was removed as president of section of the French Council of State on Nov. 23, 1940, was restored to that position. M. Cahen-Salvador, an economic authority, served on Premier Edouard Herriot's special economic council in 1932. M. Pierre Seligmann, a member of the Central Jewish Consistory of France and, under Vichy a member of the administration of the General Union of Jews of France (UGIF), was restored to his position of Councillor of State, from which he had been dismissed by Vichy on Nov. 23, 1940.

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JUSTICE MURPHY CALLS FOR 100,000,000 VOLUNTEERS TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Warning that spreaders of race hatred in America have met with much success, Associate Justice Frank Murphy of the U. S. Supreme Court, writing in the current issue of Liberty Magazine, calls for "100,000,000 volunteers" to fight racial propaganda, and especially anti-Semitism, "in every American home, farm, factory, union, church and school, in the press and on the air."

Justice Murphy points out that anti-Semitism as a means of disrupting the unity of a democratic people is a Nazi invention which is aimed not only at Jews, but at democracy and Christianity. If it is allowed to get out of hand, he says, "the seeds of Nazism and anti-Semitism which he (Hitler) has sown will rise to plague us long after the German High Command has been forced to surrender."

"Now is the time to stamp out all the traces of this Nazi-inspired bigotry, before it has a chance to get out of hand," he continues. "The existence of anti-Semitism challenges every man and woman in the United States. Not only is American democracy threatened; Christianity is also threatened, and so I believe we Christians have a special mission to perform."

Stressing the divisive effects of anti-Semitism, Justice Murphy states that "it is true that the first victims of anti-Semitism would be the Jews, but the course of history has shown unmistakably that one form of hatred breeds another. Hate-maddened people would turn on a second minority and then on a third. Each of us in America is a member of a minority in some way or other. Thus we would see our country turn into a multitude of warring groups."

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE REACHES NEW AGREEMENT WITH NAVY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- A new and strengthened agreement between the Navy Department and the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice was announced today by Malcolm Ross, FEPC Chairman.

The new procedure for case handling covers not only civilian employees of naval establishments, but also discharged employees and applicants for civilian positions as well. The agreement provides that FEPC representatives may discuss complaints of discrimination with employees and may accompany the employee in the later stages of the grievance procedure. The agreement points out that FEPC representatives appear "primarily as representatives of another Government agency concerned with the effectuation of the national policy of non-discrimination rather than on behalf of the employees."

DR. I. H. KOERNER, VETERAN AUSTRIAN ZIONIST AND SPORTS LEADER, DIES IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Dr. I. H. Koerner, veteran Austrian Zionist and founder of the famous Hakoah sports club, has died in Palestine, according to information received here. He was 68. Dr. Koerner was active in the Zionist movement from its inception and was a delegate to many world Zionist congresses. He was a member of the Jewish community council of Vienna, on which he remained for a short period after the German occupation of Austria.