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### Jews in Italy Resent Elimination from Armed Forces; Official Statement Explains Action

ROME, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Resentment resulting from the fact that Italian Jews in the military classes of 1920 to 1924 have been excluded from the order calling up those classes today brought a statement by Mario Palermo, Under-Secretary of War, given to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, explaining the action.

Emphasizing that for military reasons the authorities have called up so far only men who had previous military service, the Under-Secretary of War said, "Under Mussolini's foolish racial policy of 1938 no Jews born in 1920 and after were taken into the army. Therefore, we have been compelled to delay the induction of untrained Jews in five classes until we begin the general drafting of raw recruits. On February 10, however, we will begin calling the class of 1925, and along with them will be summoned Jews in the classes of 1920 to 1924 who have been passed over."

The JTA correspondent asked a young Italian Jew today what was his reaction to this policy. He replied, "I understand the policy because I insisted on finding out why I wasn't called, but most people don't and think it is the same old story of making special rules for Jews. Instead of simply calling up all who have had previous military service, the Government revives interest in the old fascist law. It is just another case of insensitivity and bureaucracy."

### Chief Rabbi of Rome Resigning; Rabbinical College Reopening This Week

Prof. Israel Zolli is resigning this week as Chief Rabbi of Rome, it was learned today by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He has filled that post since 1936, shortly before the introduction of anti-Jewish laws in Italy. During the German occupation he was forced to go into hiding in order to escape deportation. It is understood that he is resigning because of poor health.

Prof. Zolli will become the director of the Rabbinical College which is reopening this week. The institution was closed down by the Mussolini Government. Meanwhile, leaders of the Jewish community are going ahead with plans to establish a seminary to train teachers for Jewish schools.

### EMIGRATION OF RUMANIAN JEWS TO PALESTINE DISCONTINUED FOR A MONTH; QUOTA EXHAUSTED

BUCHAREST, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- No Jews will be able to leave Rumania for Palestine until the end of February in view of the fact that the quota of Rumanian emigrants for Palestine is exhausted, it was reported here today.

INTERNATIONAL LOAN TO FINANCE IMMIGRATION OF 1,000,000 FROM EUROPE ASKED BY BENGURION

TEL AVIV, Jan. 30. (JTA) — An international loan to finance the immigration into Palestine of 1,000,000 Jews from Europe, irrespective of whether or not they are Zionists, was demanded today by David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive committee of the Jewish Agency, addressing the Histadruth conference meeting here. He suggested that a "United Halutz Organization" be established in Europe to organize the mass emigration.

Discussing the internal situation in the Histadruth, Ben-Gurion called for the establishment of country-wide trade unions affiliated with the Histadruth, which would become a central coordinating body. He also urged that elections of the labor federation's officers be on an individual rather than a party basis in the future, and stressed that the Histadruth must embrace all workers, regardless of party affiliation. The creation of national unions was attacked by a spokesman for the opposition which favors retention of the present organizational set-up.

Reporting on the Histadruth's achievements in the past three years, David Benez, secretary of the federation, said that it has established 51 agricultural settlements, contributed thirty-five percent of the War Needs Fund, and sent 18,000 members into the armed forces. During that period the number of industrial workers enrolled in the Histadruth rose from 25,000 to 50,000.

BRITAIN TRANSFERS PALESTINE JEWISH DEPORTEES FROM ERITREA TO CAMPS IN SUDAN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 30. (JTA) — The 279 Jewish terrorist suspects who have been confined in an internment camp in Eritrea have been moved to Carthage in the Sudan, where they are living in a former RAF camp, it was announced here today.

The announcement also disclosed that a committee consisting of Major J.J. Evers, director of Army Welfare; Dr. W.K. Bigger, deputy chief of the Medical Services; J.S. Bentwich, Assistant Director of Education; and J.A. Briance, Assistant Director of Police, will shortly visit the Sudan camp to check on the living conditions of the deportees and the educational and occupational facilities afforded them.

In letters received here from the internees while they were in Eritrea they complained of conditions in the camp, charging that they were inadequately fed and housed and that sanitary facilities were lacking.

WEIZMANN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BRITISH ZIONIST FEDERATION

LONDON, Jan. 30. (JTA) — Dr. Chaim Weizmann was re-elected president of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain at the closing session of the organization's annual conference last night. Bennett Janner was chosen as chairman.

The session was addressed by three Histadruth delegates who have arrived here from Palestine to attend the forthcoming international labor conference called by the British Trade Unions Congress. They urged British Jewry to shoulder greater responsibilities since the bulk of European Jewry has been destroyed, removing the main source of Zionist forces.

BRODETSKY RETURNS TO ENGLAND; WILL REPORT ON CONFERENCES WITH U.S. JEWISH LEADERS

LONDON, Jan. 30. (JTA) — Prof. Selig Brodetsky, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, arrived here today from New York. He will report next week on the results of his deliberations with Jewish leaders in the United States, where he spent four weeks.

JEWISH AGENCY DOES NOT WANT DELEGATION OF AMERICAN ZIONISTS TO COME TO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 30. (JTA) — The executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine today indicated that it disagrees with a proposal made by Bernard Joseph, legal adviser of the Agency, for settling the rift within the Zionist movement in the United States by inviting Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Mrs. Rose Halperin and Rabbi Israel Goldstein to Palestine for conversations to determine a policy for the Zionist Organization of America.

The Agency executive feels that instead of inviting a Zionist delegation from the United States to come to Palestine, it is more desirable that Dr. Chaim Weizmann, David Ben-Gurion and the Mizrahi leader Jacob Fishman proceed to New York to straighten out the Wise-Silver controversy and to bring about unity in the ranks of the Zionist Organization of America.

MEMBERS OF UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION IN LONDON DISMAYED AT PELL'S OUSTER

LONDON, Jan. 30. (JTA) — The State Department's failure to return Herbert C. Pell to London as the American representative on the United Nations War Crimes Commission has caused dismay among the members of that body who favor harsh punishment of Axis leaders responsible for the murder of millions of civilians in Europe — including their own nationals.

One member expressed the belief that the British Foreign Office's reluctance to approve extension of the commission's scope to cover crimes by the enemy against its own nationals — especially Jews — and to support the creation of an international tribunal to try war criminals, and the U.S. failure to reappoint Pell are closely linked.

He voiced the opinion that the commission would probably have chosen Pell as chairman, to succeed Sir Cecil Hurst who resigned in disapproval of the Foreign Office stand, because they knew Pell favored tough treatment of war criminals.

BLOCKADE LIFTED TO PERMIT 10,000 POUNDS OF CLOTHING TO JEWS INTERNED IN GERMAN CAMP

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) — The Foreign Economic Administration has lifted its blockade of shipments to enemy territory in order to permit 10,000 pounds of clothing to reach 9,200 Jews interned in Bergen-Belsen, Germany, it was announced today by the World Jewish Congress.

This is the first time since the outbreak of the war that Jews in German concentration camps will be enabled to receive clothing from the United States. The clothing is part of the collection by the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress and is being shipped by the American Red Cross to Gothoborg, Sweden, and thence by the International Red Cross into Bergen-Belsen for distribution.

BELGIAN GOVERNMENT INVITES J.D.C. REPRESENTATIVE TO STUDY JEWISH NEEDS IN BELGIUM

PARIS, Jan. 30. (JTA) — In response to an invitation from the Belgian Government and from the mission of the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Belgium, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European Director of the Joint Distribution Committee, today left for Belgium to study Jewish relief needs there.

HAIFA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE MARKING TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY; HAS 659 GRADUATES

HAIFA, Jan. 30. (JTA) — Forty-five percent of Palestine's engineers are graduates of the Haifa Technical Institute, the school pointed out today, in an announcement that it will shortly celebrate its twentieth anniversary. It has graduated 658 men and 21 women in the past two decades.

