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## FORMATION OF JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE BACKED BY COMMITTEE OF INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The World Organization Committee of the Inter-American Conference yesterday adopted a resolution condemning the inhuman treatment of the Jews by the Germans and urging that a Jewish State be established in Palestine as a haven for the Jews driven from their homes.

The resolution, which was introduced by the Cuban delegation, calls for the promulgation of an international bill of rights of the individual containing the following provisions:

- 1 - A guarantee by the belligerent and neutral nations of the basic principles of humanity and the dignity of all men.
- 2 - Repudiation of the inhuman treatment of Jews by the Nazis.
- 3 - Guarantee of a refuge for the thousands of Jews driven from their homes, with immediate free immigration into and colonization in Palestine.
- 4 - In accordance with the self-determination of nations traditionally proclaimed by the American republics and the United Nations, Palestine should become as soon as possible a free, sovereign and democratic Jewish state.

## J.D.C. GRANTS FIVE MILLION FRANCS FOR RE-OPENING OF SYNAGOGUES AND SCHOOLS IN FRANCE

PARIS, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The American Joint Distribution Committee announced today that it had made a grant of five million francs to the Jewish Consistory of France to help rebuild the religious and communal institutions of the Jews in this country.

This grant will be used for re-opening synagogues and elementary schools of Jewish education as well as for the training of rabbis and furnishing them to communities now deprived of spiritual leaders. At the present time, there are no Jewish schools functioning in France and the Consistory will have to arrange for their re-opening and for the training of teachers.

Total damage to Jewish religious and communal institutions in France as a result of the war and the Nazi occupation is estimated at about fifty million francs. Several synagogues were completely destroyed and many damaged by the Nazis and the Vichy militia. In Paris alone, five synagogues were damaged by bombs. Of the sixty rabbis of congregations in France at the time of the outbreak of the war, two were killed, four taken prisoner and seventeen deported.

The grant announced today, it was pointed out, is an emergency allocation in addition to the monthly grant the Joint Distribution Committee is making to the Consistory to cover its budgetary needs and, especially, the requirements of small communities now unable to cover their budgets for cultural and religious activities. This condition is felt to be temporary and in time, as the reconstruction of the French Jewish community progresses, it will again become self-supporting as it has always been in the past.

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ROMANIA, YIELDING TO PROTESTS, RESCINDS EXPROPRIATIONS OF JEWISH BUILDINGS

BUCHAREST, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Following strong protests by Jewish bodies and liberal groups, the Rumanian Government announced today that it has rescinded the decree providing for the expropriation of 500 Jewish-owned buildings for use by government agencies. The government has been under constant fire since it first announced the expropriations last week.

The newspaper Jurnalul, founded by Foreign Minister Constantin Vishoyanu, said that the decree was "obviously racial, and very surprising, considering that the armistice regulations provide for abolition of all racial laws." The paper demanded that the government issue a statement explaining how it reconciled the decree with the armistice terms.

The Union of Jewish Communities submitted a memorandum to the Ministry of Finance which pointed out that there were several disadvantages for the government in the expropriation, firstly, it did not at present have sufficient funds to pay for the expropriated buildings; and, secondly, some of the buildings belonged to Jewish communities which are helping to feed and clothe the destitute section of the Jewish population. The Jewish Party issued a statement declaring that the decree was discriminatory.

SYRIA WOULD FAVOR FEDERATION WITH PALESTINE AND TRANSJORDAN IF JEWISH SETTLEMENT RESERVE

LONDON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The present government of Syria would have no objection to the creation of a "Greater Syria," which would include Palestine and Transjordan, provided that Jews would be barred from the Syrian and Transjordan sections, according to a statement by Syrian President Shukri Bey al-Quwatli given to Richard Wyndham, special correspondent of the British weekly "News of the World," which appears in that publication today. The President also made the proviso that such a federated state would have to be a republic with the capital in Damascus.

The Sunday Observer says today that there is little likelihood of an early announcement of any detailed proposal for solution of the Palestine problem. Although Jewish representatives were not called to the conferences held by Roosevelt and Churchill in Cairo, it is probable that the Palestine question was discussed there in principle, the paper's diplomatic correspondent writes. He asserts that while partition is opposed by extreme Zionists, it is favored by the moderates who feel that an independent state in part of the promised land would represent some gain.

WEIZMANN READY TO LEAVE PALESTINE AFTER COMPLETING DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- After completing important discussions with high officials of the Palestine Government with regard to basic Jewish problems in the country, Dr. Chaim Weizmann will take official leave of Palestine Jewry at a meeting of the Small Zionist Nations Committee called to give the head of the Jewish Agency a send-off prior to his departure for London and the United States.

It was learned here, meanwhile, that the Actions Committee will be asked to enlarge and strengthen its political departments in Jerusalem, London and Washington. The Mizrahi laborites are also submitting a demand to the committee asking it to bring about peace in the ranks of the Zionist Organization of America and to secure the return of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to leadership of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

BULGARIAN JEWRY ESTABLISHES CONTACT WITH JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN YUGOSLAVIA

SOFIA, Feb. 25 (JTA) — A delegation sent by the Sofia Jewish Community to Yugoslavia to ascertain the needs of the Jews there, today returned from Belgrade with a report that of the 10,000 Jews who lived in the Yugoslavian capital before the war only about 1,000 survive.

There are only forty-two Jewish children below the age of 15 in Belgrade, the delegation stated. The Yugoslav Government has restored to the Jews their houses and some of the belongings confiscated by the Germans during the occupation. A school has been organized for the surviving Jewish children, but there are no teachers available. The Sofia Jewish Community, acting on the advice of the delegation, will send a Jewish teacher from Bulgaria.

A two-day session of the supreme council of the Zionist Organization of Bulgaria opened here today to discuss problems connected with Zionist activities within Bulgaria. At the same time, the Jewish section of the Fatherland Front in Bulgaria opened a "Jewish Peoples University" with public lectures on Jewish history, literature and sociology.

In a radio broadcast from Tirana, capital of Albania, a Jewish engineer, Samoilho Mangri, paid tribute to the Albanian authorities for the hospitality given by them to Jewish refugees from Yugoslavia and emphasized that "anti-Semitism is unknown in Albania."

Jewish Field Relief Unit in France En Route to Yugoslavia

PARIS, Feb. 25 (JTA) — The first Jewish field relief team to be sent to liberated Europe is presently in Marseille awaiting transportation to Yugoslavia, Dr. Joseph Weill, of the central committee of the World OSE Union, announced here.

The team, which is a complete mobile health unit, consists of eleven persons headed by Prof. Skala, a Yugoslav. It carries its own supplies and equipment and its personnel includes doctors, nurses and technicians for medical and sanitation work.

The unit was organized in Switzerland by the OSE in conjunction with the Joint Distribution Committee and will work closely with the Yugoslav Red Cross. A second team is being assembled for service in Hungary and others will function in other East European countries. An effort is being made to include in each team nationals of the country in which it will work, Dr. Weill explained.

ERI JABOTINSKY, SON OF LATE REVISIONIST LEADER, DEPORTED FROM TURKEY TO PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (JTA) — Eri Jabotinsky, son of the late world leader of the New Zionist Organization, has been deported by the Turkish authorities from Istanbul to Palestine, according to advices received here today. His deportation followed the refusal of the U. S. State Department to grant him a re-entry permit to the United States, where his mother, wife and child have been residing for several years.

Jabotinsky left the United States several months ago, with the consent of the War Refugee Board, on a mission for the Hebrew Liberation Committee. His task was to facilitate, from Turkey, the emigration of Jews from the Balkan countries to Palestine. It was understood that he would be allowed to re-enter the United States upon the completion of his work in Istanbul. The news of the sudden refusal to grant him a re-entry permit to re-join his family in New York, and his deportation from Turkey, came as a severe shock to Jewish circles here.

