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### U.S. DELEGATES AT SAN FRANCISCO WILL DEMAND RIGHTS OF PALESTINE JEWS BE SAFEGUARDED

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9. (JTA) — Members of the United States delegation to the United Nations Conference on International Organization said today that the U. S. delegates will insist that the rights of the Jews in Palestine under the present mandate be safeguarded if, and when, Palestine is placed under a "trusteeship" system.

At the same time, they indicated that League of Nations mandates, such as Palestine, will be the first dealt with after the war is over, and that the present holders of mandates will be consulted before any change in the mandated area's status is effected.

The American delegation, it was learned authoritatively, is pressing for the rights of the inhabitants in any territory placed under trusteeship to submit petitions to the trusteeship council and is also asking that provision be made for investigation by the new world organization of any complaints by such inhabitants. It was stressed, however, that only moral force could be used to compel the trustee to carry out its obligations under the trusteeship.

Members of the Mandates Commission of the League of Nations are being consulted, meanwhile, by the American delegates with regard to provisions of the League's mandate system which might profitably be applied to the new system that will be set up.

### Labor Members of Many Delegations Pledge Support of Jewish Rights

Labor members of the delegations from various countries attending the UNCIO tonight pledged themselves to support a thirteen-point program submitted by the Jewish Labor Committee and presented to the UNCIO Secretariate by Adolph Held, chairman and Joseph Baskin, secretary.

The program, which demands adoption by the UNCIO of decisions assuring the rapid reconstruction of Jewish life in devastated Europe and the outlawing of anti-Semitism, as well as unrestricted Jewish immigration to Palestine, was made public at a dinner tendered tonight at the Mark Hopkins Hotel to labor members of the various delegations.

Among those attending were delegates from Britain, Canada, Australia, Norway, China and other countries; also William Green of the A. F. L. and United States government officials including Daniel Tracy, Assistant Secretary of Labor and Otis Mulliken head of the labor division of the State Department.

Addressing the dinner, Mr. Held reviewed the position of the Jews created by the war and read a summary of the memorandum submitted by him to the UNCIO, copies of which were sent to Secretary of State Stettinius and to the A. F. L. and CIO consultants to the United States delegation. He also announced that the Jewish Labor Committee representatives have supported the request of the American Jewish Conference

that the UNCTIO make it clear that no action of the conference would tend to prejudice the existing rights of Jews in respect to Palestine or to immigrate into Palestine.

### American Jewish Committee's Role in Securing Human Rights Commission Outlined

The role played by the American Jewish Committee consultants here in leading the fight for the establishment of a Commission on Human Rights by the conference was revealed at a press conference yesterday addressed by Jacob Blaustein and Judge Joseph L. Froskauer.

Pointing out the importance of the fact that the four sponsoring powers of the conference jointly introduced an amendment to the Dumbarton Oaks proposals requesting the General Assembly "to assist in the realization of human rights and basic freedoms for all without distinction as to race, language, religion or sex" and to implement this by creating a Commission on Human Rights, Mr. Blaustein said: "The importance of these additions for the future welfare of the Jews of the world cannot be overemphasized. They take a long step forward toward the realization of our objective."

Mr. Blaustein disclosed that "at one stage of the conference, last week, it developed that there was a grave question as to whether our own United States delegation would sponsor such a measure. A group of interested consultants was then called together and a short brief was prepared and signed by the majority of the consultants and presented to Secretary Stettinius with the urgent plea that the United States sponsor, whatever the difficulties might be, the recognition of the protection of human rights.

"We are happy to state that we were successful and that the United States delegation enthusiastically supported the plea of the consultants. As a result the four sponsoring powers have included the consultants' proposals in their joint amendments to Dumbarton Oaks," Mr. Blaustein declared. He emphasized that one of the objectives for which the consultant and associate consultants of the American Jewish Committee came to San Francisco was to secure the adoption by the United Nations of the committee's proposal to have a Commission on Human Rights within the framework of the international organization to be created by the security conference.

Judge Froskauer told the press conference how helpful Mr. Stettinius was in securing the joint amendments and of the tribute Mr. Stettinius paid to the consultants for their assistance and advice. "In the great mass of publicity which has attended the deliberations of the conference in this critical week, the basic importance and significance of this particular development for the Jews of the whole world must not be overlooked but should be stressed," Judge Froskauer said. "We are confident that the other nations will follow the lead of the four great powers and that the ultimate charter of the international organization will recognize the protection of human rights as one of its main objectives and will set up a commission guaranteeing the effective protection of those rights."

### NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN PALESTINE PARDONED ON OCCASION OF V-E DAY

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- On the occasion of the final victory over the Germans, High Commissioner Lord Gort announced today that a number of persons who are imprisoned for offenses "having a political background" will be pardoned.

Those released will receive a personal message from Lord Gort expressing the hope that the liberty which they are gaining will always be associated in their minds with those who fought to achieve the peace, and that they will demonstrate their gratitude by assuming the responsibilities of Palestinian citizens.

ARAB LEAGUE ASKS CHURCHILL, TRUMAN TO TRANSFER PALESTINE MANDATE TO ARAB STATE

CAIRO, May 9. (JTA) -- The transfer of the Palestine mandate to an Arab state and an immediate stoppage of Jewish immigration is demanded in a petition of the recently formed League of Arab Nations which has just been delivered to President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill by the Egyptian ministers in Washington and London, Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey, secretary of the league, said today.

A congress of the league will be called by the premier of Egypt shortly after the conclusion of the San Francisco conference, it was disclosed by Azzam Bey, who is Minister for Arab Affairs in the Egyptian Government. He also revealed that the question of land purchases in Palestine will probably be discussed by the league's financial and economic committee which will meet soon.

Y-DAY CELEBRATED IN CZECH SYNAGOGUE BY AMERICAN JEWISH SOLDIERS AND TOWN'S SOLE JEW

WITH THE U.S. 4TH ARMORED DIVISION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, May 9. (JTA) -- Y-Day services were held today in one of the few remaining synagogues in Europe, in the town of Horasdovice, by Capt. Emanuel Schenk of New York. Rabbi Schenk, who holds a Bronze Star for gallantry, found in the rear of an obscure courtyard an undamaged, attractive synagogue which once served the fifty Jewish families who lived here.

Of these fifty families, one survivor remains, Jacob Levy, a former butcher who has three children living in Chicago. Levy once owned a prosperous business, but he lost it in 1939. He was not deported during the German occupation because he was married to a non-Jew, and, because of his age, was unmolested when even the Jews married to non-Jews were deported recently, although his son was sent to a concentration camp.

Friendly Czechs volunteered to clean up the synagogue, which had been used as a veterinary storehouse by the Germans, and then watched quietly as Chaplain Schenk rededicated the edifice in the presence of a congregation consisting of American Jewish soldiers grouped around Horasdovice's last Jew.

FORMER CHIEF RABBI OF ROME EXPELLED BY MUSSOLINI RECALLED TO ITALIAN CAPITAL

CAIRO, May 9. (JTA) -- Dr. David Frato, former Chief Rabbi of Rome, from where he was expelled following the introduction of Mussolini's anti-Jewish laws, has been recalled to the Italian capital, it is learned here today.

Dr. Frato, who was also chief rabbi of Alexandria at one time, has been living in retirement in Tel Aviv. It is assumed that he will take over the post vacated by Israel Zolli, the former chief rabbi of Rome who became converted to Catholicism a few months ago.

56,000 JEWS OF BULGARIA STILL SUFFERING PRIVATION BUT HAVE RESUMED CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

MOSCOW, May 9. (JTA) -- The 56,000 Jews in Bulgaria are still suffering privations, but are beginning to build a new life, it was reported last night by M. S. Kaminky, a well known cantor who toured the Balkan countries as a member of a brigade of Soviet artists. Addressing a meeting of the presidium of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, Mr. Kaminky said that three Jewish newspapers are now being published in Sofia and cultural activities are being carried on by the "Jewish Peoples Home."

ALL SYNAGOGUES URGED TO HOLD SPECIAL THANKSGIVING SERVICES THIS SUNDAY

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) — All synagogues throughout the nation were called upon today to hold special thanksgiving services this Sunday, in accordance with the proclamation issued yesterday by President Truman. The call was issued in San Francisco by Rabbi Herbert Goldstein, president of the Synagogue Council of America, who is one of the Jewish consultants to the U. S. delegations there.

JEWS IN U. S., BRITISH, POLISH ARMIES HOLD IMPROVISED V-E DAY SERVICES IN LONDON STREET

LONDON, May 9. (JTA) — The fashionable West End section of London resounded to the chanting of traditional Jewish prayers today when an improvised V-E day service was held by American Jewish soldiers and recently released Polish Jewish war prisoners. The two groups met by chance outside the Red Cross Rainbow Club in Piccadilly and decided to mark the event by prayers. Passing British Jewish soldiers joined them.

In the heavily Jewish populated East End section Jewish flags were intermingled with Union Jacks today as the King and Queen toured the much-bombed section in their first public appearance of V-E day. Palestinian Jewish soldiers and other Jewish members of the armed forces were among the thousands of people who lined the streets to watch the royal family pass by.

NEW PANAMA CONSTITUTION EXPECTED TO EASE POSITION OF IMMIGRANTS, SAYS FOREIGN MINISTER

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9. (JTA) — Roberto Jimenez, Foreign Minister of Panama, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the new Panama constitution, which will be drawn up at a convention opening June 15, will guarantee the legal equality of aliens, but will reserve the right to impose restrictions on immigration and practice of professions.

He expressed the belief that the new constitution will ease the situation of the immigrants now in Panama. Liberalisation of the present constitution, Mr. Jimenez said, is assured as a result of the fact that the government party won four-fifths of the convention seats in the election held last Saturday.

Mexican Minister of Labor Pledges Continuance of Liberal Immigration Policies

New York, May 9. (JTA) — Praising the contribution of refugees to the Mexican economy, Trujillo Gurria, Minister of Labor for Mexico, in the course of an audience with Dr. Henry Shoskes, Latin-American representative of the HIAS, pledged that the present liberal immigration policies of Mexico will be continued, the HIAS office here reported today. "The new immigrants from Europe created new industries and new trades in Mexico," Mr. Gurria is reported to have said. "They have developed new labor opportunities which helped to develop the natural resources of this rich and virgin country."

TWO REPRESENTATIVES EN ROUTE TO EUROPE, JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) — Harry D. Biele and Saul Elgart, American social workers, are en route to overseas posts for the Joint Distribution Committee, it was announced today by Joseph C. Hyman, J.D.C. executive vice-chairman. Mr. Biele, who will be stationed in Lisbon, will serve in a liaison capacity between the committee's overseas staff and the home office. Mr. Elgart will be stationed in Paris. They are the most recent additions to the overseas staff of the J.D.C.