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STETTINIUS SAYS HUMAN RIGHTS SAFEGUARDS REQUIRED BECAUSE OF FASCIST RACIAL PROPAGANDA

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15. (JTA) — Secretary of State Stettinius, speaking at a press conference today, concerning the provision on human rights proposed by the four sponsoring governments of the UNCIO for inclusion in the charter of the international organization, said that this provision was partially necessitated by "racial tensions that have been built up since the rise of Nazism and Fascism by systematic campaigns of hatred and prejudice."

He emphasized that the provision "is a far reaching step because it would pledge the members of the world organization to cooperate effectively in promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms for all individuals and peoples regardless of race, language, religion or sex."

The United States Government, Mr. Stettinius said, will work "actively and tirelessly" towards the protection and promotion of these rights and freedoms. "We must be eternally vigilant against assaults upon them," he added. "We must also act affirmatively to enlarge the scope of their protection and to nourish their growth. As long as rights and freedoms are denied to some, the rights and freedoms of all are in danger. Everything possible must be done to bring effective life to the Commission on Human Rights."

Says Member Governments Of World Organization Must Implement Rights

Mr. Stettinius pointed out that the provisions on human rights proposed for the charter will not assure, by themselves, the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms to all people. "The provisions are not made enforceable by any international machinery," he emphasized. "The responsibility rests with the member governments to carry them out. We can here make only a beginning, but I believe it is a good and substantial beginning," he said. The Secretary of State pointed out that whether the opportunity for the promotion of human rights is used effectively or not, will depend upon the governments of the member nations, and upon the peoples who elect these governments to office.

The four sponsoring governments, he revealed, have agreed that an enumeration of individual and collective human rights and fundamental freedoms in the charter could not be attempted at this conference.

"I believe," he said, "that when the international organization is established, the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission on Human Rights, should promptly undertake to prepare an international bill of rights which can be accepted by all the member nations as an integral part of their own system of law, just as our Bill of Rights has been an integral part of our system of laws."

He added that the amendments on human rights are closely linked with the amendments establishing equal rights and self-determination of peoples as one of the fundamental purposes of the international organization.

CHURCHILL REJECTS DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE REPATRIATION OF JEWISH REFUGEES IN BRITAIN

LONDON, May 15. (JTA) — Prime Minister Churchill today rejected a demand that Jewish refugees now in Britain be immediately repatriated. Replying to a statement by Austin Hopkinson, a "Nationalist" member, Mr. Churchill said that, aside from all other considerations, there are marked practical difficulties in the way of returning refugees to their homelands.

Although confirming that the government's policy, in principle, was to secure rapid repatriation of refugees, the Prime Minister expressed agreement with a statement by Samuel S. Silverman, Laborite, who said that it would be inconceivably cruel to forcibly return people who had lost homes, relatives and children, to the scene of these crimes.

Mr. Churchill told Commons that the government did not plan to differentiate between Jews and non-Jews in deciding the cases of refugees because that might create anti-Semitism, but added that "having regard for the altogether exceptional brutality and horrible inflictions imposed upon the Jewish people, I would not go so far as to say that special efforts will not be made to meet hard cases."

LEAGUE CONFERENCE RECOGNITION OF PALESTINE AS ARAB STATE THROUGH APPROVAL OF PAN-ARAB LEAGUE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15. (JTA) — The first official step by Arab delegations here to proclaim Palestine as an Arab state was made today when the delegations of Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Lebanon submitted to the conference's Commission on the Security Council and to its Sub-Committee on Regional Arrangements the pact of the League of Arab Nations with its appendix which seeks to classify Palestine as one of the Arab countries participating in the league.

The step was made in connection with efforts of the Arab delegations to secure the UNCTO's recognition of the Pan-Arab League as the regional power in the Middle East. In this connection, the Arab delegations, led by Egypt, are closely watching the campaign of the Latin American bloc to secure approval of regional arrangements. A joint dinner for the Arab and Latin American delegations was tendered here last night by a group calling itself "Races of America United."

Jewish leaders here take the attitude that by seeking to classify Palestine as an Arab state the charter of the League of Arab Nations ignores the special position of Palestine under the League of Nations mandate and the international covenant providing for establishment there of a Jewish national home. They also point out that it is significant that one of the first public acts of the Arab League has been to send a communication to President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill demanding termination of the Palestine mandate and establishment of Palestine as an Arab state.

The Arab campaign on regional arrangements is meeting with opposition from many quarters which argue that from the point of view of promoting regional security the machinery of the Arab League is entirely worthless. Moreover, the military weakness of the Arab states, whether individually or as a group, makes setting up of an Arab bloc as a separate security organization, isolated from world system, a factor of insecurity rather than security, and one likely to invite rather than deter aggression.

It is also pointed out that among the members of the Arab League are non-members of the United Nations such as Yemen and Trans-Jordan, and that while the purpose of the UNCTO is to create machinery for maintaining international peace and

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security, the irredentist aim of the Arab League is essentially disruptive and must inevitably lead to friction and conflict.

Prime Minister Peter Fraser of New Zealand, who heads the Trusteeship Committee, told a press conference yesterday that Palestine will not be discussed here since specific territories will not be dealt with. He gave assurances, however, that the status of Palestine, or any other mandate, would not be changed without consulting the territory's inhabitants. Zionist leaders, meanwhile, were given to understand that the trusteeship system will be formulated in such a way that Jewish rights in Palestine will not be prejudiced.

#### Arab Land Purchases In Palestine, Formation of Propaganda Bureau To Be Discussed

CAIRO, May 15. (JTA) — The question of Arab land purchases in Palestine will head the agenda of the meeting of the agricultural and economic commissions of the League of Arab Nations which is scheduled to be held here next month, Abdul Rahman Azam Bey, secretary general of the league and Minister for Arab Affairs in the Egyptian Government, said today.

Azam Bey stated that Moussa el Alami, who represents the Arabs of Palestine in the league, is coming to Cairo shortly to discuss the formation of an Arab propaganda bureau, which would be financed jointly by all the Arab countries. He also disclosed that Yemen has signed the charter of the league completing the membership of all independent states.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF "HEBREW STATE" IN PALESTINE URGED IN RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, May 15. (JTA) — A bi-partisan measure supporting establishment of a "free Hebrew state" in Palestine and its recognition by the United States was today introduced in the House by Representative Andrew Somers, Democrat, and Augustus Bennett, Republican, of New York. A similar resolution is expected to be introduced in the Senate in the near future.

The House resolution carries the support of thirty congressmen, a number of whom plan to introduce similar resolutions. These sponsors include Democratic Representatives Helen Gahagan Douglas of California, Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts, Pat Cannon of Florida, and Republican Representative Homer Angell of Oregon.

Support of the resolution was expressed by House majority leader John W. McCormack and minority leader Joseph Martin. "Permanent solution to this great challenge to humanity is through statehood," McCormack declared, adding "the sooner this is done, the quicker this great human problem will be solved." He said that establishment of "the Hebrew nation" in Palestine will aid world-wide peace and strengthen any international security organization.

Stating that he will continue his past support for establishment of a "Hebrew nation" in Palestine, Representative Martin said "I have always believed that the Hebrew people should be given an opportunity to found in Palestine a nation of their own where they can escape oppression and build a permanent home."

The Somers-Bennett resolution further provides that the United Nations create a special inter-governmental agency to effectuate repatriation of Hebrews in Europe to Palestine.

CONGRESSIONAL REPORT SAYS JEWS AMONG CHIEF VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES AT NAZI CAMPS

WASHINGTON, May 15. (JTA) — Jews, Russians and Poles were treated with greater severity than other nationalities in the concentration camps of Nazi Germany, according to "all the evidence available," Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky, majority leader of the Senate, told Congress today in presenting the report of the joint Senate and House committee which investigated Nazi atrocities at the request of General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In the hour-long report which he read to an engrossed Senate, Barkley declared "we are of the opinion that a colossal scheme of extermination was planned and put into effect against all those in occupied countries who refused to accept the principles of Nazism, or who opposed the saddling of the Nazi yoke on their countries." The report states that the intelligentsia, college professors, generals, business leaders and professional men of occupied countries were seized and placed in the "concentration camps" unless they agreed to spread the doctrines advocated by the Nazis.

The committee, consisting of six members of each house, visited three camps, Buchenwald, Nordhausen and Dachau, which they described as typical of the more than one hundred concentration camps in Germany, and furnished an "accurate cross-section of the entire German political prisoner camp system and policy." Various agencies, including the United States Army, are collecting evidence to be used in punishment of the war criminals, the report states.

ROMANIA BEGINS TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS CHARGED WITH MURDER OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS

BUCHAREST, May 15. (JTA) — The trial of 26 war criminals, many of them charged with the deportation and murder of thousands of Jews, opened here yesterday before the Peoples Tribunal. Two public prosecutors are representing the state. The defendants face the death penalty.

Among those on trial are Colonel Yesipescu, who is charged with responsibility for the robbing and killing of more than 70,000 Jews who were deported to Transnistria, Generals Matshitah and Trestioream, who are accused of murdering 25,000 in Odessa, and General Calotescu who deported 80,000 Bukovina Jews to Transnistria where most of them died.

The Bucharest radio announced today that the Jews of northern Transylvania, which was recently returned to Rumania after having occupied by Hungary for several years, observed a day of mourning this week to mark the establishment of the first ghettos in Transylvania, and the beginning of the deportation of Jews. At ceremonies in the former ghetto districts, speakers praised the Groma government for having taken steps to eliminate racial hatred, the broadcast said.

AUSTRIAN GIRLS COMPELLED BY U.S. ARMY DOCTORS TO CARE FOR DYING JEWISH REFUGEES

LINZ, Austria, May 15. (JTA) — Well-fed, buxom Austrian girls are being used to care for the thousands of emaciated Jewish refugees who have flooded this city since last week. The girls, most of whom expressed a disinclination to wait on the Jews, were ordered into the hospital by surgeons of the U. S. 65th Division, who are running it.

Hundreds of the refugees are dying daily, despite desperate efforts by American doctors to save them. Six Hungarian Jewish refugee physicians have been enlisted to assist the army doctors. However, the local doctors are not being asked to help. "I don't think they understand our kind of medicine," Major Solomon Rosenfeld grimly told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent. When the refugees recover, they will be sent home.

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NEW YORK REFORM SYNAGOGUE TO MARK 100TH ANNIVERSARY, WILL RAISE \$50,000 EXPANSION FUND

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- The centenary of the West End Synagogue, Congregation Shearay Tefila, will be celebrated this year, it was announced today by Harry N. Kessel, president.

A commemorative program will be arranged during the balance of the year, which will include a series of special services, appropriate Sunday School programs, religious exhibits, the publication of a commemorative journal and the raising of a \$50,000 centenary fund for use in the expansion of the religious and civic services of the synagogue and its community house.

FRANCIS DONALD LINDHEIM, ONE-TIME BODYGUARD OF DR. WEIZMANN, KILLED IN GERMANY; WAS 30

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Francis Donald R. Lindheim, 30, who was a bodyguard of Dr. Chaim Weizmann during the Arab riots in Palestine, was killed in action in Germany on April 20, the War Department informed his family yesterday. A graduate of Cornell University, Mr. Lindheim lived in Palestine for some time, working on collective settlements. He was the son of Mrs. Irma L. Lindheim, a former president of Hadassah. He was studying for a doctorate at the University of California when he enlisted.

JDC REACHES AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH AFRICAN GROUP ON COORDINATION OF RELIEF ACTIVITIES

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- An agreement has been concluded here between the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish War Appeal of South Africa under which the JWA's relief and rehabilitation activities will be coordinated with the JDC, it was announced today.

The agreement, which was signed by Dr. Judah L. Magnus for the JDC and Leif Weitz for the JWA, allows the South African organization to designate specific activities for which the funds it raises are to be used, and provides that it will furnish relief within Palestine in cooperation with the Jewish Agency and other groups.

CHRISTIAN CLERGY TO HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR FIVE MILLION JEWISH DEAD OF EUROPE

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- More than 5,000 clergymen have responded to a call by the American Christian Palestine Committee to include in their churches special commemorative services and prayers on Memorial Sunday, May 27th, in behalf of the surviving Jews of Europe and the urgent need for opening the doors of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration, Senator Robert F. Wagner, chairman of the American Christian Palestine Committee, and Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, chairman of the Christian Council on Palestine, announced today.

Argentine Jews Throng Synagogues At Special Services Marking Victory

BUENOS AIRES, May 15. (Delayed) (JTA) -- Many Jews participated in special services today at all synagogues to mark the victory in Europe. Prayers were recited for the martyred Jews, those fallen in battle and the late President Roosevelt. Members of most congregations devoted their sermons to demanding justice for the Jewish people and the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

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