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### UNION TRUSTEESHIP COMMITTEE ADOPTS PLAN BARRING CHANGE IN PALESTINE MANDATE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25. (JTA) — The trusteeship committee of the United Nations Conference, after a bitter fight by members of Arab delegations, last night adopted a revised trusteeship plan proposed by the United States and supported by Britain, USSR, France and China, under the terms of which no changes will be made in the provisions of the Palestine mandate should it be transferred to the trusteeship system.

The attempt of the Arab delegations to frustrate adoption of the plan by the trusteeship committee came after they failed to secure a majority of votes in the committee on an amendment Egypt introduced several days ago, which provided that all territorial mandates be annulled and the territory transferred immediately to the new world security organization. Twenty-two members of the trusteeship committee voted against this amendment and only five supported it.

At last night's session, the Egyptian member again introduced a motion whose object was to curb Jewish rights in Palestine. The motion was defeated as a result of the opposition of Commander Harold E. Stassen, who represented the U. S. delegation to the committee, and who was supported by Prime Minister Peter Fraser of New Zealand, chairman of the committee. The representatives of Russia, Britain, France and Holland also supported Stassen who spoke several times against the Egyptian proposal.

Realizing that the Egyptian motion was doomed, the representative of Iraq moved to postpone the vote on the motion. This Arab maneuver was also opposed by Stassen, but, curiously enough, was supported this time by Russia, Haiti and Cuba. The Iraq motion was taken to a vote and was defeated 19 to 11. Further motions by Egypt, Syria and Lebanon were also defeated.

Jewish representatives today expressed satisfaction with the revised trusteeship plan as adopted. They were especially gratified by the uncompromising stand taken by Commander Stassen in leading the opposition against the Arab efforts. The plan stipulates that "except as may be agreed upon in individual trusteeship arrangements placing each territory under the trusteeship system, nothing in this chapter should be construed in and of itself to alter in any manner the rights of any state or any peoples in any territory, or the terms of the mandate." This stipulation guarantees that no changes can be made affecting Jewish rights under the provisions of the Palestine mandate.

The trusteeship plan makes it possible to declare the Haifa district a "strategic area" under the supervision of the Security Council of the new world organization. The remainder of Palestine would then fall under ordinary trusteeship which is to operate under the authority of a Trusteeship Council which will be empowered "to consider reports by the administering state, to accept petitions and examine them in consultation with the administering state, to make periodic visits to the respective territories at times agreed upon with the administering state, and to take other action in conformity with the trusteeship arrangements."

Under the terms of the plan, the trusteeship arrangement with regard to Palestine would have to be agreed upon by Britain which is now entrusted with the carrying out of the Palestine mandate.

## JEW LEADERS CONFER WITH GREEK GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES ON RESTORATION OF PROPERTY

ATHENS, May 25. (JTA) — Full restitution of property to the Jews of Greece who suffered systematic decimation during three years of Axis occupation has finally been pledged by representatives of the Greek Government at a conference with Israel Jacobson, representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, Miss May Zahl, representing the Jewish Relief Committee of Great Britain, and Daniel Alhanatis, vice-president of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Greece.

Speaking for the government, Michael Pesmasoglou, Vice-Minister of Finance, and Governor General Merenditis of Macedonia assured the Jewish representatives that a decree will shortly be promulgated abolishing the Nazi "Law No. 205," issued under the Quisling regime of Premier Rhallis, which stripped the Jews in Macedonia of all their wealth and instituted the Nuremberg laws there.

Pesmasoglou revealed that a decree rescinding this order has already been passed at a session of the cabinet and signed by the Regent, Archbishop Damaskinos. The Jewish representatives reminded Pesmasoglou that although it has been six months since Greece's liberation, only about one-half of the shops, offices and other business establishments requested by 180 surviving Jewish owners have been returned. The remainder of these properties, as well as Jewish properties unclaimed due to the disappearance of their owners, are being occupied by persons named by the Germans, or by selected merchants who rented these establishments from collaborationists.

### Unclaimed Property Will Be Turned Over to Jewish Community

Replying to these complaints, the Finance Vice-Minister explained that efficient administration in Greece is hampered because of physical ravages of the occupation period. He pledged that the Ministry of Justice would take prompt action to return all remaining business places and dwelling to persons able to establish legal claims.

"Where no heir can be found, the administration of the property will be supervised by a special commission until the proper claimant appears," Pesmasoglou said. "This commission will be composed of two representatives nominated by the Jewish community and two government officials, under the chairmanship of a Supreme Court Justice. It is hoped that, ultimately, all former Jewish properties which are unclaimed will be given to the Jewish community as symbolic partial recompense for the physical and spiritual losses during the war."

Governor General Merenditis told the Jewish representatives that Salonica's synagogues, Jewish hospitals, orphanages and homes for aged, as well as all other former Jewish social welfare institutions, will be restored to the Jewish community at once. The remaining Jewish communal buildings now occupied by non-Jewish refugees, British and Greek military and governmental services, will be required to pay rent to the Jewish community. These funds will be devoted to urgent community needs, principally relief and maintenance of destitute Jews.

### German and Italian Jews Will Also Get Property Back

German and Italian Jews, hitherto treated as enemy aliens, will likewise receive their properties and equal status with Greek nationals in respect to their legal rights, the Governor General added. Both government spokesmen expressed deep regret when informed by the Jewish representatives that the ancient historic tombstones

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plaged from the Jewish cemetery in Salonika by the Germans and carted away by Greek concessionaires had not yet been collected and replaced.

These stones are still being used as building material, as paving blocks and main entrances to public lavatories. Similarly, Sefer Torahs and other sacred books main piled up in junk yards and are being sold for conversion into shoe linings and wrapping paper. The Governor General, who is returning to Salonika today, said he will issue immediate orders for the reclamation and restoration of all tombstones and religious objects wherever they can be found.

#### MUCH MAY TRY MUFTI FOR ANTI-FRENCH ACTIVITIES; BRITISH ASK HE BE DELIVERED TO THEM

PARIS, May 25, (JTA) -- The French Government is considering the possibility of prosecuting the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem for anti-French activity, according to well informed sources here.

These informants also revealed that the British, meanwhile, have asked that the French authorities surrender the Mufti to them. The pro-Axis Arab leader was arrested in France last week after an unsuccessful attempt to cross into Switzerland from Germany.

#### JEW LEADERS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOUND ALIVE, "STOLYNER REBBE" MURDERED BY NAZIS

LONDON, May 25, (JTA) -- Czechoslovak circles here report today that Dr. Eliezer Neuman, Czech Zionist leader who was believed dead, has just been released from Theresienstadt. Information reaching these Czech sources from Prague also reveals that among the surviving Jews in Slovakia are Dr. Winterstein of Banovce, leader of the Jewish Party, while Dr. Frantisek Friedman, representative of the Jewish Party in the Prague municipal council, has been found alive in the Czech capital, although in very poor health.

A letter received today by his daughter from Chief Rabbi Leo Baeck of Berlin, who is still at Theresienstadt, reveals that the rapid advance of the Allied troops prevented the deportation from the ghetto city of a group of prominent Jews. During his more than two years of internment, Dr. Baeck saw four sisters and other relatives at the camp die, while his brothers were deported to Poland. It is understood that efforts are being made to secure Dr. Baeck's release. Many of the Theresienstadt internees are still confined to the camp because of a typhus epidemic there.

Another report received here today discloses that Rabbi Elimelech Perley, the "Stolyner Rebbe," was killed by the Germans, after indescribable torture on Oct. 25, 1942. His wife, two sons and a son-in-law were killed three days earlier, and his daughter committed suicide.

#### LISTS OF JEWS LIBERATED FROM NAZI CAMPS OBTAINED BY JTA CORRESPONDENTS IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, May 25, (JTA) -- Lists containing the names of Jews found in the Buchenwald concentration camp, in the city of Frankfurt and at a slave labor camp liberated by the American armies have been received here from Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondents in Germany.

Copies of these names have been dispatched to local Jewish welfare federations in most large cities throughout the country, and to national Jewish relief organizations, to facilitate the reunion of families separated by the war. The lists, in most cases, include both the names of the refugees and those of relatives in the United States and other United Nations. Included are Jewish deportees from almost every country in Europe.

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FRENCH GOVT. WILL ADMIT 1,000 JEWISH ORPHANS FROM NAZI CAMPS; TO BE CARED FOR BY OSE

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) — One thousand Jewish orphans found at the Buchenwald and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps will be admitted to France and will be cared for by the French branch of the OSE, the Jewish health society, it was disclosed today by the American branch of the organization.

The children will be housed in homes and hospitals provided by the French Government, while the Joint Distribution Committee will finance their maintenance, equipment for the children's homes will be supplied by the OSE, which will also provide the administrative staff.

An appeal from Dr. Boris Tschlenoff, chairman of the OSE, received here today, urges the immediate shipment by the American OSE of blankets, bed linen, underwear and other articles of wearing apparel for the children, and also funds to help defray the costs of the necessary equipment.

LIBERATED PALESTINIAN PRISONERS OF WAR RECEIVED BY KING AND QUEEN AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

LONDON, May 25. (JTA) — A group of thirteen liberated Palestinian Jewish prisoners of war were among a group of released POW's received today at Buckingham Palace by King George and Queen Elizabeth. The Palestinian group was headed by Lieut. Simon Haschen, who also presented to the King a group of Arab and East African soldiers. The King showed great interest in the Jewish soldiers and chatted with Lieut. Haschen concerning his battle experiences.

One of the soldiers presented to King George was Pvt. Chaim Bravman, of Kiriat Anavim, who wore the green beret of the commando units. After fighting in Rhyssinia, Bravman was captured during the campaign in Greece. He escaped after four months and served with a mixed British Jewish commando unit in Yugoslavia.

J.D.C. SHIPPED \$5,000,000 WORTH OF SUPPLIES TO JEWS IN EUROPE, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN REPORTS

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) — The Joint Distribution Committee shipped more than \$5,000,000 worth of supplies to needy Jews in Europe during the past two and one-half years, in addition to its regular financial allocations, it was reported today by Rabbi Joseph B. Wise, national chairman of the J. D. C. campaign.

Rabbi Wise disclosed that "in the face of shortages of both materials and shipping space, through the cooperation of governments and other agencies, the J.D.C. was able to maintain a flow of desperately needed supplies from various points throughout the world to France, Poland, Russia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Italy and Belgium." J.D.C. representatives have been authorized to make a careful search for surplus supplies in ten countries. Outside of the United States and Canada, he added, extensive purchases were also made in Palestine, Switzerland, Portugal, Iran, Sweden, South America, India and Egypt.

WORLD CONFERENCE OF POLISH JEWS OPENS TODAY IN NEW YORK WITH DELEGATES FROM 15 COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) — Complete restoration of and indemnification for Jewish property destroyed by the Nazis in Poland will be demanded by the World Conference of Polish Jews which opens in New York Sunday, it was announced here today by Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the American Federation of Polish Jews.

The conference will be attended by delegates from 15 countries. In addition to American representatives, delegates from Great Britain, Canada, France, Argentina, Uruguay, Colombia, Palestine, Brazil and other Latin American countries will be in attendance.