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### EMIGRATION OF YOUNG JEWS FROM BULGARIA TO PALESTINE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED, PREMIER SAYS

SOFIA, July 5. (JTA) -- The Bulgarian Government is in sympathy with Zionist aspirations for the creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine, but considerations of "general state policy" preclude the emigration of young, able-bodied Jews, Premier Kimon Gheorghieff said today.

In a lengthy statement on government policy towards the Jewish citizens of Bulgaria, issued in reply to a request by Zionist and non-Zionist leaders, the premier expressed regret at the mistreatment of Jews by the pro-German regimes and pointed out that his government abolished all anti-Jewish restrictions immediately after taking office.

He stressed that laws providing for the return of confiscated Jewish property have been promulgated and added that "our program provides for full religious liberty and equal treatment for all citizens regardless of sex, religion or nationality." Mr. Gheorghieff expressed the hope that Bulgarian Jews will succeed, together with the whole Bulgarian people, in building peace and prosperity for the benefit of all citizens.

Discussing "certain controversies and divergences among Jews, whose echoes sometimes reach us," the Premier said that "we regret them sincerely and hope that they will be overcome as soon as possible, in order that the energy of all citizens may be applied to the economic and cultural development of our country, enabling the state to more easily play its role as protector of everybody."

"In principle," he continued, "we have nothing against the aspirations of the Jewish people to ensure themselves a free national home, and furthermore this aspiration has found approval in many international circles, as, for instance, the recent trade union congress in London. We do have certain reservations regarding the emigration of Jews who are Bulgarian citizens, such as the young and able-bodied. These reservations are imposed by considerations of general state policy."

"In conclusion," Premier Gheorghieff said, "I want to reiterate that the present government, which expresses the sincere attitude of the Bulgarian people towards national and religious minorities, treats Bulgarian citizens of Jewish origin as it does all other citizens of free Bulgaria, with equal sympathy, attention and confidence."

### 1,300 LIBERATED JEWISH CHILDREN DUE IN ENGLAND FROM THERESIENSTADT

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- The Central British Fund, a Jewish relief organization, today announced that 1,300 Jewish orphans from Theresienstadt will arrive in England soon. The children will remain here "until new homes are found for them," the announcement said. They will be placed in the custody of Jewish organizations and will be maintained by the Fund.

RABBI BAECK ARRIVES IN PARIS FROM THERESIENSTADT; SAYS JEWS REFUSE TO RETURN TO GERMANY

PARIS, July 5. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Leo Baeck of Berlin arrived here today en route to London from Theresienstadt, where he had been confined since being deported from Germany in 1943. Although Theresienstadt was liberated by the Russians several weeks ago, Rabbi Baeck refused to leave until liquidation of the camp had begun.

Suffering from the effects of his internment, during which he lost 60 pounds, the 72-year-old Jewish leader, nevertheless, displayed great dignity and composure during an exclusive interview with a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent. He was eager for Jewish news, and repeatedly praised the Joint Distribution Committee and the International Red Cross for the food and medical supplies which, he said, reached Theresienstadt until the last weeks of the war.

It was this assistance which enabled the internees to survive, Rabbi Baeck said. "The help and great sympathy given us by American Jewry in this darkest period is a noble chapter in Jewish history, and was the greatest comfort of all during our living death," he declared.

Practically all of the 5,000 half and quarter Jews in Theresienstadt want to return to Germany, the aged rabbi said, and many have already been repatriated in cars sent by the authorities in their home towns. He stressed, however, that none of the full Jews desire to return to Germany, but want to go to Palestine, the United States and other countries.

Theresienstadt was "better" than most camps, he said ironically, in that instead of being killed quickly the internees were allowed to die slowly. He described the harsh treatment, the lack of food, and how he slept on the bare floor, but told with pride of the valiant efforts made to maintain spiritual life. Clandestine weekly sermons were delivered in a dark attic, he revealed, to an ever-changing congregation, since transports were always leaving for Polish death camps, and new victims were constantly arriving.

Although it was forbidden to teach Jewish children, secret classes were held until "the day came when there was not a single child who could not read or write," Rabbi Baeck said.

30,000 JEWS IN GERMANY ARE UNDER BRITISH-AMERICAN CARE; 50,000 OF THEM ARE POLISH

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- There are about 130,000 Jews in the zones in Germany held by British and American troops, of whom at least 50,000 are from Poland, it was estimated here today by Rabbi Klepfish, Jewish chaplain with the Polish armed forces, upon his arrival from Germany.

Jewish soldiers of all the Allied forces are doing their utmost to help the liberated Jews who are still in the camps, the chaplain reported. The situation of these Jews is tragic, he said. They are still suffering from starvation, and mortality among them from malnutrition is high. They also lack clothing.

The majority of the liberated Jews are between 20 and 40 years old, Rabbi Klepfish estimated. He said that more than 1,000 Polish Jews are still in Dachau; 1,000 of them, including eight thousand women, are still in Bergen-Belsen; more than 1,000 women are in Salzwedel; 3,000 in Celle and more than 1,000 - mostly women - are in Diepholz, near Osnabrueck. There are also about 1,000 scattered in villages around Brunswick and Bremen.

BRITISH APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF THREE JEWISH AID UNITS TO WORK WITH UNRRA IN GERMANY

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA) -- The British Government, according to reliable sources, has approved the assignment of three welfare units recruited by the relief agency of the Jewish National Council and the Jewish Agency to work with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration among displaced persons in Germany. The final decision on assignment of the units, it is understood, rests with SHAEF.

The last group of Yemnite Jews authorized to enter Palestine under the present immigration quota arrived here today. It consists of 145 men, women and children, including fifty orphans.

300 JEWISH INTERNEES WILL LEAVE SWITZERLAND FOR PALESTINE, JDC CHARTERS STEAMER

LISBON, July 5. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has chartered the Spanish steamer Idma to transport 300 former inmates of German concentration camps to Palestine, it was announced today.

The vessel, which is scheduled to leave here about August 2, will carry persons freed from the Terezin and Bergen-Belsen camps who are now in Switzerland.

SENATORS, CONGRESSMEN, MAYORS ASK PRESIDENT TRUMAN TO SECURE JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, July 5. (JTA) -- Twenty members of the Senate, eighty members of the House of Representatives, and 125 mayors of large cities today presented a joint petition to President Truman urging the government to take "the necessary steps that Palestine in its historic boundaries shall be proclaimed as a Jewish State."

The petition, submitted through the New Zionist Organization of America, also urged that the Jewish people "through a delegation of Palestine Jewry" be invited to participate in the councils of the United Nations.

Stating that "unless the Jewish problem is solved, it will constitute a permanent obstacle to the effectiveness of any post-war settlement and to the peace of the world," the declaration voices sharp criticism of the failure of the leaders of the United Nations to invite a Jewish delegation to San Francisco, declaring that this was "a gross injustice and an error."

The declaration describes the treatment of the international obligations made to the Jewish people as a "travesty of international law," and states: "It is imperative that when we set out to mend the fences of international morality and to lay new and stronger foundations for justice and peace, we make certain that the grave wrong done to the Jewish people be righted; that Palestine shall be restored to them and their nationhood recognized."

Jewish State Will Be Set Up With Or Without British Approval, Says Fishman

CHICAGO, July 5. (JTA) -- A Jewish state will be established in Palestine in the very near future "with or without the approval of England," Rabbi Judah L. Fishman, Hirsch leader and a member of the Jewish Agency, declared last night, addressing the 2nd national convention of the Hapoel Hamizrachi at the Hotel Morrison.

Rabbi Fishman, who arrived here from Palestine last month, warned that peace must be achieved within the American Zionist movement before the convening of the world Zionist conference in London, on July 30, "otherwise that conference will not accomplish its purpose."

MORGENTHAU RESIGNS AS SECRETARY OF TREASURY; PRESIDENT TRUMAN LAUDS HIS EFFORTS

WASHINGTON, July 5. (JTA) -- High tribute was paid today by President Truman to Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., following his announcement that Mr. Morgenthau had resigned from the office which he has held since 1934.

The President lauded Mr. Morgenthau's efforts for the nation both during the years of peace and war. No successor to Mr. Morgenthau will be appointed until the President returns from his conference with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin, it was announced.

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes today announced the appointment of Benjamin V. Cohen as one of his three special assistants. Mr. Cohen previously served as general counsel of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion when Mr. Byrnes was its director, and held many other government posts.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS ASKS CHRISTIANS TO RETURN CHILDREN THEY SHELTERED

CINCINNATI, July 5. (JTA) -- An appeal to Christians to return to Jewish communities the Jewish children they sheltered during the Nazi occupation was made public here today by the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The appeal, which was adopted at the recent meeting of the Conference in Atlantic City, reads as follows:

"We express our appreciation to tens of thousands of Christian families in occupied countries, who, at the risk of their lives, saved their Jewish neighbors and thus manifested the highest religious spirit. In order to save many Jewish children and to keep them out of the clutches of the Nazis, it was necessary to train them in another faith. Now that the Nazi terror has gone we trust that individuals and institutions who cared for such Jewish children will return them to their Jewish parents if alive or to Jewish communities and facilitate their return to the Jewish fold."

The Conference decided to send messages of appreciation through the American ambassadors to the people of France, of Holland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Yugoslavia, Greece and Norway, "who heroically stood by Jews and saved them from the Nazi cruelties."

OPPOSITION TO FEPC THWARTED IN HOUSE; MANY WAR AGENCIES STILL WITHOUT FUNDS

WASHINGTON, July 5. (JTA) -- Opponents of the FEPC in the House failed today to push through amendments to the War Agencies Appropriation bill minus funds for the anti-discrimination agency.

In the latest of an involved series of parliamentary maneuvers which have marked the passage of the measure from the House to the Senate and back to the House, Reps. Celler and Sarantonic raised points of order which prevented amendments which would have provided for war agencies that have been operating without them since the FEPC was created. No funds were granted any to the FEPC. The bill was adopted without amendments.

The House Appropriations Committee, which is more favorably disposed to the FEPC, has a majority number in the House. If the Senate group, including the FEPC, the measure will go to the Senate. Progressive Senators to table the bill and allow the House Rules Committee allows the House as a whole to pass the bill, an opportunity which has been denied