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BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE NO STATEMENT ON PALESTINE, PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES

LONDON, Aug. 21. (JTA) — Prime Minister Attlee today told the new Commons that the British Government does not intend to make any statement at present with regard to Palestine.

The Labor Premier made his announcement following the first debate on Palestine in the House of Commons, yesterday, during which two Labor members split sharply on the issue, while an Independent demanded the immediate creation of a Jewish state and a Conservative supported Arab claims, but urged that the conflicting interests be reconciled. Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin who reported on the foreign policy of the new government did not refer to the Palestine issue.

During the debate yesterday, Barnett Janner, vice-president of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain, and a Labor member of Parliament, said that the Jewish population of Palestine had fulfilled the tasks placed before it by the Balfour Declaration and should be granted statehood. He urged that the scattered Jews of Europe be sent to Palestine and appealed to the Commons to "do something to restore the dignity and self-respect of the survivors."

Laborite Says Dropping White Paper Will Bring Serious Arab Opposition

R. R. Stokes, also a Laborite, said, however, that any serious attempt to deviate from the White Paper would arouse serious opposition among the Palestine Arabs. He declared that the Balfour Declaration did not envision the handing over of all of Palestine to the Jews and suggested that a national home for the Jews be established elsewhere in the British Empire.

Loading the attack on the present British policy in Palestine was Eleanor Rathbone, Independent, who stated that she was a wholehearted supporter of Zionist claims and pleaded with the government to open Palestine to the remnants of European Jewry. She said that a Jewish state could be established in Palestine with full justice and equal rights for the Arabs who would benefit from Jewish development of the country.

Sir George Jeffreys, Conservative, advocated strong measures to crush terrorism in Palestine and steps to bring Arab and Jewish leaders together. He added, however, that there was not room in the country for unlimited immigration and "moreover, politically and historically the predominance of the Arab claims is uncontestable. We should not allow sympathy for the injustice done the Jews to cause us to do less than justice to the Arabs," he concluded.

RETURNING JEWISH DEPORTEES IN FRANCE COMMIT SUICIDE BECAUSE OF OVERWHELMING DIFFICULTIES

LONDON, Aug. 21. (JTA) — Several Jews who have returned to Paris from camps in Germany have committed suicide as a result of the overwhelming difficulties facing returning deportees, according to a telegram from the Union of Jewish Displaced Persons in France received here today by Marc Jarblum, one of the French delegates to the conference of the World Jewish Congress.

FIFTY ARRESTED IN CRACOW FOR ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS; TWO JEWS KILLED, MANY INJURED

LONDON, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Fifty persons were arrested in Cracow for participating in anti-Jewish riots during which two Jews were killed, many injured, and a synagogue set afire, it was reported today by Marek Bitter, vice-president of the Central Committee of the Jews in Poland, who arrived here last night from Poland as a delegate to the conference of the World Jewish Congress.

The Jewish leader, who witnessed the Cracow riots, gave the Jewish Telegraphic Agency a first-hand report of the events which, he said, provoked a wave of protests all over Poland. The outbreaks, he related, started on the morning of August 11. The first disturbances broke out in front of a synagogue on Miodowa Street, Polish traders in second-hand goods whose shops are in the vicinity spread a rumor that the Jews had seized Polish children and were hiding them in the synagogue.

As a result, a group of about sixty hooligans began an attack on the synagogue in which services were being held. The worshippers resisted the rioters, but the latter succeeded in pushing into the synagogue where a hand-to-hand fight raged until police arrived and restored order.

After being ousted from the synagogue, the gang began attacking Jews on the streets. Some of them invaded Jewish houses and started looting. In the ensuing struggle one Jewish man and one Jewish woman were killed and several injured.

On the same evening the anti-Jewish disturbances were renewed when another group broke into the synagogue and set the building afire. Some of them dragged prayer books out of the synagogue building and burned them in a bonfire in the street.

Authorities Alarmed; Outlawing of Anti-Semitism Demanded

The authorities, aware of the fact that the anti-Jewish outbreaks were instigated by fascist elements who oppose the present regime, became very much disturbed. The governor of Cracow, Adam Ostrowski, called a conference the next day of representatives of the four Polish political parties. The conference resulted in a joint declaration strongly condemning the outrages. Resolutions condemning the riots were also adopted at public meetings held in factories and in workshops.

The Polish National Council, at a session held after the Cracow riots, adopted a resolution asking the Polish Government to prepare a decree making the dissemination of racial hatred a penal offense. The resolution was introduced by the Democratic Party and action on it is already being taken. The decree, it is understood, will soon be published.

Those arrested are being held for interrogation by the security authorities, Mr. Bitter reported. Among them are several Germans who previously had participated in anti-Jewish disturbances.

Polish Prime Minister Says Government Determined To End Excesses

Prime Minister Edward Osuska-Morawski, addressing a press conference in Warsaw, expressed his condemnation of the Cracow riots. The government, he said is determined to put an end to such excesses. The entire Polish press carried front-page appeals urging the Polish population not to be influenced by anti-Jewish propaganda of reactionary elements.

The Central Committee of Jews in Poland received many telegrams from various Polish organizations expressing their sympathy with the Jewish victims and

protesting against the anti-Semitic outrages, Mr. Bitter reported. He revealed that anti-Jewish riots also took place recently in the town of Rzeszow, though on a smaller scale than in Cracow.

### Polish Prime Minister Asked To Take Measures To Curb Anti-Jewish Terror in Poland

NEW YORK, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- An appeal to Polish Prime Minister Edward Gubien-Morawski, asking him to act so that the massacres of Jews in liberated Poland may "be stopped at once," was cabled today by the Federation of Polish Jews in America following the reports of various anti-Jewish outbreaks in Cracow and the vicinity.

"Deeply shocked by pogroms in Cracow following systematic murder of Jews by anti-Semitic bands in Poland," says the cable signed by Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the Federation. "I urge your government to take stern measures to punish perpetrators of crimes against Jews and stop further pogroms against remaining Jews. Conscious of the fact that these acts of barbarism are instigated by fascist and reactionary elements within and outside Poland in order to embarrass your government it is absolutely necessary for the good name of Poland for future relations of the world to Poland that these massacres be stopped at once. Hitlerism must die with Hitler and a revival of fascism cannot be permitted in a free Poland. As in the past the World Federation of Polish Jews will do its utmost to fight fascism and we have confidence in the new government that it will not neglect anything in its power to stop this most vicious form of fascism in the free land of Poland."

Dr. Tenenbaum also sent an appeal to British Ambassador Lord Halifax in Washington asking him to call the attention of the British Government to the fact that "the systematic murder now going on in Poland is an indirect result of the closing of the doors of Palestine and thus compelling Jews to return to Poland where anti-Semitic reactionary forces are waiting to destroy them. Hundreds of displaced Jews returning from concentration camps have thus perished and the newest pogroms in Cracow with the police looking on is but a culmination of a chain of events for which the British Government must indirectly bear its share. These pogroms are being encouraged by the reactionary elements of the former government-in-exile in order to embarrass the new provisional government in Poland. A direct communication was traced between the army maintained by your government under the generalship of that arch anti-Semite Wladyslaw Anders and the underground anti-Semitic movement within Poland. The disbandment of this army and severance of any connections with the reactionary government-in-exile will be an important milestone to peaceful solution within Poland."

### GRAVE OF THEODOR HERZL IN VIENNESE CEMETERY BEING REPAIRED BY JEWISH SURVIVORS

LONDON, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The long-neglected grave of Theodor Herzl in a Viennese cemetery is being tidied up by a group of ragged Jewish survivors led by a non-commissioner officer of the Jewish Brigade, the Vienna correspondent of the London Daily Herald reports today.

He discloses that the Nazis on several occasions demanded that the entire Jewish section of the cemetery in which Herzl rests be dug up and the remains flung into the Danube, but the cemetery administration succeeded in forestalling the Germans.

The sexton revealed that even during the occupation small groups of Jews, but never more than a dozen, would assemble at the grave on the anniversary of the death of the father of political Zionism.

UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION MAY LIST EX-MUFTI AS WAR CRIMINAL

LONDON, August 21. (JTA) -- The ex-Mufti of Palestine may be placed by the United Nations War Crimes Commission on its lists of war criminals next week, if the commission complies with a request made by the Yugoslav Government, it was learned here today.

It is the intention of the Yugoslav Government to ask the ex-Mufti's extradition from France to Yugoslavia for trial there, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told. A representative of the Yugoslav Government in London will submit to the commission a file of documents which will leave little doubt in the minds of its members that the listing of the ex-Mufti as a war criminal is long overdue.

The Yugoslav case against the ex-Mufti is entirely constructed on evidence collected inside Yugoslavia and is not concerned with his past or his activities elsewhere. It reveals the aid which the ex-Mufti gave Hitler by recruiting Moslems in Yugoslavia to fight against the Allied armies and "to avenge themselves against the Christian population in Serbia."

The ex-Mufti, who is now living in luxury in a Paris villa, seems to entertain the hope that he will manage to be forgotten until one day when his star may shine again. A recent informal suggestion by the British that the French Government surrender him to Britain elicited an evasive answer from France. At the same time, British authorities seem eager to have as little trouble with the ex-Mufti as possible. Some persons in London argue that he is not a war criminal and can be accused merely of conducting "subversive activities."

HEROISM OF JEWISH PARTISANS DESCRIBED AT EUROPEAN PARLEY OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

LONDON, August 21. (JTA) -- The exploits of Jewish partisans who, despite overwhelming odds, fought the Germans in Nazi-occupied Europe were described today at the European Conference of the World Jewish Congress by Jewish guerrillas from France, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Belgium and Greece.

Among the speakers was M. M. Meller, one of the delegates from Poland attending the conference, who holds the title of Hero of the Soviet Union for his participation in partisan activities against the Germans. Meller received an ovation when he said that all Jews hoped for the establishment of a free Jewish life in Palestine. Anatole Wertheim, who represents the Association of Jewish Partisans in Poland, told the gathering that the Jews must not forget that the past six years were not only years of martyrdom, but an era of struggle for national freedom and social justice.

The conference heard a report last night by A. Leon Koubovitzky, general secretary of the Congress, on the organization's activities since 1939. He warned that the "Jewish people must not again be found unprepared; existence of the Congress means that the Jewish people are prepared," he added.

Arish Tartakower, head of the rescue department of the organization, discussed relief and rehabilitation prospects for the Jews of Europe, pointing out that the chief tasks are to facilitate the emigration, especially to Palestine, of persons who wish to leave Europe, and to build a new life for those who remain.

3,000 JEWS BID FAREWELL TO FIRST GROUP OF BELGIAN YOUTHS LEAVING FOR PALESTINE

BRUSSELS, August 21. (JTA) -- A group of 180 Jewish youths, the first to emigrate from Belgium to Palestine since the liberation of the country, will leave this Sunday. A farewell meeting arranged for them last night was attended by more than 3,000 Jews, including some members of the Jewish Brigade.

JEWISH HEALTH SOCIETY IN POLAND RESUMES ITS ACTIVITIES; OPENS HEADQUARTERS IN LODZ

NEW YORK, August 21. (JTA) -- The Jewish health organization TOZ, established by the Joint Distribution Committee in Poland after World War I to provide child care, health and hygiene among Jews, has resumed its activities after a forced interruption of several years, it was reported here today in a cable received from Warsaw by the American OSE, a sister organization of the TOZ.

Dr. Leo Wulman, executive director of the American OSE, who is at present in the United States, was re-elected general secretary of the TOZ, an office which he held up to the Nazi invasion of Poland, the cable said. Other members of the new executive committee include some of the old leaders of the organization who survived Nazi extermination in Poland. The headquarters of the TOZ are now in Lodz, where the largest Jewish community in liberated Poland resides.

Stating that the TOZ organization has already worked out a comprehensive plan of activity, the cable appeals to American Jewry for immediate and prompt support and cooperation in order to render medical assistance to Jews in Poland who are urgently in need of help. The message also states that TOZ is carrying on its activities in cooperation with the newly reopened office of the JDC in Poland.

DELEGATION OF SENATORS, REPRESENTATIVES WILL GO TO LONDON ON PALESTINE ISSUE

NEW YORK, August 21. (JTA) -- A delegation composed of members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives will shortly leave for England where it will lay before the British Government a program for "a permanent and effective solution" of the Palestine problem, it was revealed here today by former Senator Guy M. Gillette, president of the American League for a Free Palestine, who will head the delegation.

Mr. Gillette told a press conference that the new Labor Government must immediately annul the "discriminatory laws" against Jews in Palestine. The delegation, which will represent the League, will demand that all Jews should be immediately released from camps, and those desiring to emigrate to Palestine should be enabled to do so, he said.

"Palestine constitutes an international problem," Mr. Gillette said. "The United States is one of the Allied and associated powers to whom Palestine was ceded after the last war. These powers turned this territory over to the League of Nations which, in turn, issued a mandate to Great Britain over this territory. But the United States has never abandoned its rights in Palestine nor its responsibility for the creation of an independent state there. Now we are faced with the dissolution of the League of Nations. Under international law, Palestine will cease to be a mandate of the British and will revert back to the Allied and associated powers. It will thus become a concern of the United States until the trusteeship machinery of the United Nations is established."

DR. LOUIS OUNGRE, JCA DIRECTOR, RETURNS TO EUROPE; WILL CONFER ON AID TO JEWS

NEW YORK, August 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Louis Oungre, managing director of the Jewish Colonization Association, who resided in New York for four years directing the activities of the J.C.A. in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Palestine, Turkey and other countries, left today for Europe.

Dr. Oungre will confer in London with Leonard Montefiore, president of the Jewish Colonization Association, and with the general council of the organization, concerning the activities of the J.C.A. with regard to aid for the Jews in various European countries.