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### TRUMAN DENIES BRITAIN HAS ASKED U.S. TO SEND TROOPS TO PALESTINE, OR SHARE RESPONSIBILITY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- President Truman today categorically denied that the British Government has requested the United States to send troops to Palestine, or that any request has come from Britain asking the United States to assume partial or joint responsibility for Palestine.

Queried at his press conference about the reply from Prime Minister Attlee to his request for the admission of 100,000 Jews from Europe to Palestine, the President said that he would confer with Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, en route here from London, before commenting on that question.

Earlier in the day, Charles Ross, the White House press secretary, said that President Truman received a cable from Attlee last night, but that its contents will not be revealed at present, because the whole matter is still under discussion. He emphasized that the Palestine issue is in the diplomatic stage, and that there is nothing he can or should talk about.

(Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, of Colorado, said last night that Attlee's telegram was a rejection of President Truman's request for the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine. He did not reveal the source of his information, but declared that the British Government will announce next week a plan to admit 1,500 Jews a month.)

### BRITISH NAVAL AND MILITARY FORCES FOUR INTO PALESTINE; TROOPS BEING RUSHED FROM ENGLAND

JERUSALEM, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Two British submarines arrived in Palestine late yesterday, and anchored off-shore between Tel Aviv and Jaffa, adding under-seas craft to the imposing array of British naval and military might which has been pouring into this country within the past week.

Reports from London indicate that further contingents from the Navy, Army and R.A.F. are being rushed here. One report says that men of a parachute battalion stationed in Wiltshire were suddenly recalled from their leaves and are now en route to an embarkation point.

Meanwhile, the tenseness on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border, which had resulted in both Arabs and Jews fleeing into the centers of their respective cities, has been lessened as a result of publication by the Tel Aviv municipality of police assurances that there was no reason to fear outbreaks.

However, Tewfik Hussieni, acting chairman of the Palestine Arab Party, issued a statement today declaring that if Jewish immigration and land purchases are not immediately suspended, the tranquility of the Arab countries will be imperiled. Yesterday, the vice-president of the party cabled to Mohammed Ali Jinnah, head of the Indian

Moslem League, urging his support of the Palestine Arabs, and to Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey, Secretary General of the Arab League, asserting that Jews are threatening to take over the country and urging that the Palestine issue not be postponed.

The appeal to the Arab League secretary followed a statement by Azzam Bey in London, in which he declared that the League would like to see the Palestine question shelved for a year.

Mussa el Alami, the unofficial Palestine delegate to the Arab League, is reported today to be planning to leave for Bagdad to confer with Iraqi leaders. It is understood that he will confer with Palestine High Commissioner Lord Gort before his departure for the Iraq capital.

A French Telegraph Service dispatch from Beirut today says that Lebanese Premier Al Sulh told Parliament that the Lebanese Government is hostile to the idea of Jewish immigration to Palestine or Lebanon. At the same time, Foreign Minister Frangieh said that the Lebanese minister in Washington has been instructed to inform the White House that Lebanon disapproves American "encouragement" of Zionism.

#### DELEGATION OF ARAB DIPLOMATS VISITS STATE DEPARTMENT; DISCUSSES PALESTINE ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3. (JTA) — A delegation of diplomatic representatives of Egypt, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, headed by Mahmud Hassan Pasha, Egyptian Minister in the United States, today called on the State Department and conferred with Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Loy Henderson, head of the Middle East Division of the department.

At a press conference arranged for the representatives of the four Arab countries at the Egyptian Legation, Hassan said that the delegation called on the State Department as representatives of the Arab League. He revealed that they discussed, among other things, the question of Palestine, but denied that there had been any discussion of President Truman's letter to Prime Minister Attlee asking for the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine.

The Egyptian Minister told the press conference that the Arab League was perturbed by the recent suggestions of a change in the status of Palestine. Asked whether the league would oppose the recent proposal of admitting 1,500 Jews monthly, Hassan said questions of detail had not been discussed and that they had not been asked any detailed questions by Acheson. He said they might call at the State Department again in a few days.

The league has opened an "Arab Office" in Washington to campaign in the U.S. against the Zionist movement. In its first statement today, it sharply attacked proposals for opening Palestine's gates. The statement said that "the Arab world insists on the immediate establishment of a democratic Arab state based on the will of all the inhabitants of Palestine."

Peter Bergson, of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, today made public the text of a letter to the Earl of Halifax, British Ambassador in Washington, charging that a campaign of incitement has begun in Palestine similar to those which preceded the bloody disturbances of 1929 and 1936. He charged that the campaign was being instigated by agents provocateurs, and that among the handful of Arab extremists who are adherents of the Mufti the feeling prevails "that attacks on Hebrews will have official sanction."

CZECHOSLOVAK CABINET SCORES ANTI-JEWISH DISTURBANCES; JEWISH COMMUNITY PROPERTY RETURNED

PRAGUE, Oct. 3. (JTA) — The Czechoslovak cabinet has adopted a resolution condemning the recent anti-Jewish riots in Slovakia, and has urged the Slovak National Council to investigate the disturbances and compensate the victims, it was announced here today.

The cabinet's action came after a meeting yesterday at which Vice Premier Vilem Siroky reported on the riot, last week, in the central Slovakian town of Topolcany in which 68 Jews were injured.

Warning that such violence was "apt to severely damage the Republic's honor," the resolution stated: "The Government is determined to prevent by every means the spreading of racial hatred by Hlinka (pro-Nazi, anti-Semitic storm troop organization) fascist elements. Such things are characteristic of Hitlerite barbarity and must not occur in a democratic republic whose relations with its Jewish citizens have traditionally be on a high standard. The Government is bound to consider attempts to spread anti-Semitism as fascist attacks upon the new state and its democratic constitution, and will, therefore, defend the republic with utmost determination against such attempts."

Meanwhile, a sub-committee of the Ministry of Labor and the Prague Jewish community council have reached an agreement concerning some of the Jewish property which is under national administration. Under a plan approved this week, property which belonged to the "Aeltestenrat der Juden," an organization set up by the Nazis to handle Jewish affairs, will be made available to the community council. This is mainly property which belonged to the community before the war.

The rest of the Jewish property, however, will remain under state administration, and may possibly be used for paying compensation for war damages to Jews, and perhaps, non-Jews, also.

J.D.C. TO OPEN OFFICES IN BERLIN; BERLIN RADIO INTERVIEWS JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS

PARIS, Oct. 3. (JTA) — An office of the Joint Distribution Committee will be established shortly in Berlin, it was announced today by J.D.C. headquarters here. Philip Skorneck is proceeding to Berlin to remain there as permanent J.D.C. representative, the announcement said.

Leaders of the Jewish community in Berlin, interviewed today over the Berlin radio on the situation of the Jews in the city, stated that there are at present about 6,000 Jews in Berlin, of whom 1,200 have returned from concentration camps, 1,500 lived in hiding before the capture of the city, and the remainder are either children of mixed marriages or Jews married to non-Jews.

The former offices of the Berlin Jewish community on Oranienburger Street have been converted into a hostel for Jewish refugees, and four places of worship have been opened for the Jews in Berlin, they said.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EXPECT PLEASANTINE CAN ABSORB ALL EUROPEAN JEWISH SURVIVORS

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) — Every single Jewish survivor in Europe who wishes to find a home in Palestine can be readily and satisfactorily absorbed, it was asserted today by Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, Assistant Chief of the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, addressing a luncheon conference of business leaders in New York City under the auspices of the United Palestine Appeal.

U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITIES REPATRIATE 25,000 TRANSYLVANIAN JEWS DEPORTED TO GERMANY

BUCHAREST, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Twenty-five thousand Jews who were deported to Germany and Austria from the part of Transylvania held during the war by Hungary are being repatriated by American military authorities to Budapest, from where they will be transported to their home towns, which are now a part of Rumania, it was announced here today.

The Rumanian Government is sending special trains to Budapest to bring home these repatriates, the announcement said. The Joint Distribution Committee will provide food and medicaments for them and will take care of their other needs.

MORRIS D. WALDMAN RETIRES FROM AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, LAUDED BY PROSKAUER AND BLAUSTEIN

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- After seventeen years of service, Morris D. Waldman, vice-chairman of the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee, has, at his request, been granted retirement as of October 1, 1945, it was announced today by Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, committee president, and Jacob Blaustein, chairman of the executive committee. Mr. Waldman, who is sixty-six, will henceforth be relieved of all professional duties and responsibilities, but will continue his association with the committee as a lay member of the organization's executive committee.

In making this announcement, Judge Proskauer and Mr. Blaustein declared: "Morris Waldman has made a great contribution to the success of the American Jewish Committee and to the cause of Jewry all over the world. Speaking not only for ourselves, but in behalf of the entire membership of the American Jewish Committee, we hope that we may have the benefit of his wisdom and counsel for many years to come."

Prior to assuming the position of executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, Mr. Waldman had spent over a quarter of a century in other fields of social work and community organization. From 1909 to 1917, he was managing director of the United Hebrew Charities of New York City, at that time the largest organization of its kind in the United States.

Mr. Waldman held the post of European director of the Medico-Sanitary and War Orphans Departments of the American Joint Distribution Committee during 1921-22 when he introduced innovations which substantially raised the level of Jewish health in Eastern Europe. With the growth of anti-Semitism in the United States, he organized in 1933 a comprehensive educational program aimed at familiarizing the American people with the general situation in Germany and the plight of the Jews. Under his leadership, a public relations department, originally called the "survey committee," was established within the American Jewish Committee.

In the later years of Mr. Waldman's administration, the American Jewish Committee established a Research Institute for Peace and Post-War Problems. Mr. Waldman strongly advocated the promulgation of an international bill of rights to safeguard minorities throughout the world. Appreciation for his contribution to the formulation of an international bill of rights was recently expressed in a letter from Edward R. Stettinius, former Secretary of State, who was chairman of the San Francisco conference.

BULGARIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO UNITED STATES PRAISES WAR RECORD OF JEWS

SOFIA, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- General Stoytcheff, former commander of the Bulgarian First Army, which fought with the Russians against the Nazis, who has just been appointed the Bulgarian representative in Washington, today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "every honest Bulgarian officer opposed the unjust measures taken by the former fascist government against the Jews." He paid tribute to the Jews who had served under him, declaring that they had been excellent soldiers.

## MORGENTHAU BRANDS AS "WHOLLY UNTRUE" ALLEGATION THAT JEWS AGITATED FOR PATTON'S REMOVAL

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Former Secretary of the Treasury Henry L. Morgenthau Jr. today branded as "wholly untrue" an allegation by John O'Donnell, Washington columnist for the New York Daily News and the Washington Times-Herald, that he was among several highly placed Jews who were behind a drive to disgrace and remove General George S. Patton Jr.

O'Donnell, in his column today, charges that Mr. Morgenthau, Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, White House administrative assistant David Niles and Sidney Hillman have been "out to get" Patton because the victim in the notorious face-slapping incident, when Patton struck a soldier suffering from battle fatigue, was a Jew. O'Donnell alleges that Patton referred in uncomplimentary terms to the soldier's Jewish ancestry when he rebuked him for being afraid to fight.

The removal of Patton from command of the Third Army, writes the News columnist, who was once presented with a Nazi Iron Cross by the late President Roosevelt, is an indication of the "secret and astoundingly effective might of this republic's foreign-born political leaders."

Justice Frankfurter, Mr. Hillman, who is now in Paris, and Mr. Niles were not available for comment.

## DR. FINKELSTEIN SAYS HE NEVER INTENDED TO CAST SLUR ON GERMAN JEWS IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, today issued a statement declaring that a phrase in a letter he sent to the New York Times to which German Jews in America took objection "has been widely misinterpreted, and is being quoted out of its context so as to make it appear that I cast some slur on the loyalty of many thousands of devoted Americans of German background."

"Of course nothing that I said in my letter was intended to carry this impression," Dr. Finkelstein says. "No one appreciates better than I the extent to which America is indebted to the men and women who have come to our shores because they could not tolerate spiritual and other conditions in the German Reich under Hitler. How can one think otherwise than with admiration and respect of a group which includes such eminent figures as Albert Einstein and Thomas Mann, not to speak of the many thousands less well known but no less stalwart in their faith in democracy."

"I did remark that people living in Germany, whether Jewish or Christian, could not under Hitler have known the facts concerning Nazi aggression. That was true, for the press was controlled in a manner hitherto unknown. But the very fact that they had tasted persecution and tyranny, made the men and women who came to America from Germany perhaps more sensitive than even our own people to the blessings of liberty. America has had no more devoted sons than these adopted children, many of whom have given their lives for her."

## JDC ASKS CONGREGATIONS FOR 500 HOLY SCROLLS FOR SHIPMENT TO JEWS OF EUROPE

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- An urgent appeal to American and Canadian synagogues to contribute 500 holy Scrolls of the Law for use in rededicated and rebuilt synagogues in all parts of Europe was made today by Rabbi Leo Jung, chairman, cultural-religious committee of the Joint Distribution Committee, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise. Already about 200 Sefer Torahs have been received by the J.D.C. all over the United States and Canada and 55 of them were shipped to Europe in time for the Rosh Hashanah services.

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