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### ATTLEE'S STATEMENT ON PALESTINE EXPECTED TOMORROW; LABORITES SEEK TO EASE WHITE PAPER

LONDON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Although the majority of the British Labor Party favors the abolition of the White Paper and the immediate opening of Palestine to Jewish immigration, it was understood here today that Prime Minister Attlee is not prepared to go beyond slight modifications and that the White Paper, for the time being, will continue to remain the basis of British official policy with regard to Palestine.

The Palestine problem will come up for discussion tomorrow at a meeting of Labor members of Parliament. It was emphasized here today that despite Attlee's attitude, leading members of the Labor Party are doing their best to exert influence on the Labor Government in order to obtain maximum concessions for Jews in the statement which Attlee is expected to make on Thursday in the House of Commons.

### THIRTY-ONE CONGRESSMEN PROTEST IN HOUSE AGAINST PALESTINE POLICY OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Seventeen Democratic and Republican Congressmen joined in an hour's protest in the House of Representatives today against the British Government's refusal to date to accede to President Truman's request for admission of 100,000 Jewish refugees into Palestine, and simultaneously called for establishment of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

Fourteen additional Representatives, nine Democrats and five Republicans, who did not have time to speak, will have their remarks printed in the "Congressional Record."

Starting off the discussion, Representative John W. McCormack, Democrat of Massachusetts, majority leader of the House, warned the British Government that "they will make a great mistake if they do not appreciate the depth of American feeling" on abrogation of the White Paper and fulfillment of British pledges on Palestine. Describing the "intense, deep-rooted, widespread feeling which permeates all classes of our people," McCormack declared that "every effort should be made by our Government and other governments of good will to save the remnants of this historic people....their rehabilitation constitutes a challenge to mankind which should be met immediately."

The majority leader lauded President Truman's "splendid action" in asking for the prompt admission of 100,000 displaced Jews into Palestine, declaring that is the immediate objective, while "the long time objective is creation as contemplated of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth." He charged that Britain's "cruel policy" in Palestine was part of prevailing appeasement which prevented hundreds of thousands of homeless Jews from finding refuge.

Rep. Herman P. Eberharter, Democrat of Pennsylvania, who apportioned the time for the speakers, ridiculed the "Arab bogey" and the "Jewish bogey" invoked recently by the Prime Minister of Iraq. He declared that "a Jewish State in Palestine can be a

bridge between East and West and a fructifying influence for the whole of the backward and poverty-stricken Middle East."

Charging that the Arab League is British created and controlled, Rep. Hugh De Lacy, Democrat of Washington, declared "there will be no end to imperialism while powerful groups within the United States and Britain for the sake of oil concessions and commanding positions on trade routes, are permitted to play Arab against Jew and Jew against Arab in Palestine, making contradictory sets of promises to each and keeping neither."

### Urges Jews and Arabs to Join in Demanding End of Mandate

De Lacy urged Big Three action for an early solution of the Palestine issue, to bring "democratic government, cultural autonomy and suitable and equal economic opportunity to Jew and Arab alike in Palestine as a means of satisfying the legitimate dreams of two peoples and stabilizing an important area of the world." He proposed that Jewish and Arab peoples demand the end of Britain's mandate, and the convening of a congress to frame a democratic constitution ensuring free elections, representation and cultural autonomy for all.

Rep. Charles A. Halleck of Indiana, Republican minority leader, asserted that a resolution on Palestine which was approved by the House Foreign Affairs Committee last December, was never reported out of the Rules Committee because of Administration opposition.

Rep. Chase Going Woodhouse, Democrat of Connecticut, urged that Congress immediately pass a resolution declaring that the United States use its good offices toward opening of Palestine for free entry of Jews and looking toward establishment of a free and democratic Commonwealth. She declared that despite pledges by both political parties and a majority of Congress, the State Department "answers inquiries to the effect that it has received no instructions from the White House as to U.S. policy in regard to Palestine." She said that the American people favor opening Palestine to Jewish refugees in Europe. "We should ask that our Government officials charged with administering our foreign affairs be instructed as to this feeling," Mrs. Woodhouse stated.

Rep. Chet Holifield, Democrat of California, declared that Arab hostility to Jewish expansion in Palestine is "greatly over-emphasized." He expressed the opinion that "reactionary leaders among both the original Jewish inhabitants and Arab fanatics," with the acquiescence of the British, have encouraged the existing hostility. He said that a Jewish Palestine is "right policy" not only because it was promised to the Jews and as reward for their sufferings, but "because such a policy seems to me to be most in accord with American interests."

### Says Oil Interests Responsible for "Shameful Hypocrisy" on Palestine

Rep. Thomas Lane, Democrat of Massachusetts, declared that "active interest in oil lines" in Arab countries neighboring Palestine is largely responsible for the "shameful hypocrisy" toward that problem. "We have the right to demand that Britain work with us for a solution and not an evasion of this problem," Lane said.

Rep. Goodwin, Republican of Massachusetts, said Britain has the duty to repudiate the White Paper and the U.S. has a duty to act "vigorously" for that end, while helping to bring about a Jewish Homeland in Palestine.

Rep. John Coffee, Democrat of Washington, favored establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Rep. Philbin, Democrat of Massachusetts, urged that the President and State Department intensify efforts toward opening the doors of Palestine for

Jewish settlement. Rep. Lewis, Republican of Ohio, declared that Palestine is "the natural and logical place for the displaced Jews of Europe."

Republican Representatives Bender of Ohio and Dirksen of Illinois and Democratic Representative O'Toole of New York also participated in the discussion.

Concluding the hour, Rep. Emanuel Celler, Democrat of New York, thanked his colleagues for their "impassioned" pleas and called upon British Ambassador Lord Halifax and Lord Keynes, now in this country as head of an economic mission, not to seek aid from this Government before redeeming their pledges on Palestine.

Representatives whose remarks will appear in the "Congressional Record" include Democrats Douglas, Cutland and Sheppard of California, Lynch and Tolcan of New York, Neely of West Virginia, Feighan and Huber of Ohio and Kefauver of Tennessee. Republican Congressmen include Welch of California, Cunningham and Gwynne of Iowa, Keefe of Wisconsin and Auchincloss of New Jersey.

#### TERMS RANGING FROM THREE TO SEVEN YEARS IMPOSED UPON 20 PALESTINE JEWS BY BRITISH COURT

HAIFA, Oct. 16, (JTA) -- Sentences ranging from three to seven years imprisonment were imposed today upon twenty Jewish youths who were convicted last week by a British military court of illegal possession of arms.

Three of the youths, including the two girl defendants, received three year terms; twelve were sentenced to seven years; one to six years; three to five years; and one to four years.

After the announcement of the sentences the twenty accused stood to attention and sang "Hatikva." Relatives who crowded the courtroom joined in the singing with tears streaming down their faces.

A bold attempt to hold up a military truck carrying a large pay roll was frustrated this afternoon when three British soldiers, commanded by a Jewish major, beat off a group of unknown assailants. The attackers threw bombs and stones in an attempt to halt the truck at a rail crossing in the Hatikvah section of Tel Aviv, but the driver ran his vehicle through lowered crossing gates and shots from the escorting soldiers scattered the gunmen, one of whom is believed to have been wounded.

#### THREE-DAY CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIAN MINISTERS APPEALS TO ATTLEE FOR A JEWISH PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Oct. 16, (JTA) -- The American Christian Palestine Committee, at a dinner tonight concluding its three-day conference on Palestine, addressed an appeal to Prime Minister Attlee emphasizing that the difficulties in carrying out the Labor Party's pledges on Palestine, as well as the establishment of a self-governing Jewish Commonwealth there, can be overcome "if your government and ours act jointly, and with the backing of all the United Nations, to create an international trusteeship which will ensure the free passage and settlement of all Jews who might wish to go to Palestine in the expectation of finding permanent security under a government of their own choosing."

The appeal emphasized that the organization speaks for "more than 2,000 Christian ministers and more than 250 members of Congress."

The conference also sent a message to President Truman thanking him for his request that Britain admit 100,000 Jews to Palestine and asking that "the United States take all action required to convince all parties that it is determined to see a Jewish Commonwealth established in Palestine as a permanent home for the Jewish people."

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GEN. EISENHOWER REPORTS TO TRUMAN ON IMPROVEMENT IN TREATMENT OF DISPLACED JEWS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- General Dwight D. Eisenhower, in a 2,000-word reply to President Truman's letter of August 31, transmitting the Harrison report on conditions among displaced persons, particularly Jews, in Germany and Austria, has assured the President that "real and honest efforts" have been made to improve the living standards of these people.

In his letter, dated Oct. 8, and released today by the White House, Gen. Eisenhower points out the difficult housing problems faced in the U.S. zone and states that housing "is on a reasonable basis," and that minimum daily calories "for racial, religious and political persecutees" have been raised to 2,500. Adequate and suitable clothing and shoes have been made available, according to the General, and "uniformly excellent medical attention is available to all Jewish people in our centers where they have generally adequate sanitary facilities."

Stating that army surveillance had been perhaps "overzealous," Eisenhower quoted from a letter he has sent to subordinate commanders, directing that volunteer unarmed displaced persons should themselves do the necessary guarding. "Everything should be done to encourage the displaced persons to understand that they have been freed from tyranny," directed Eisenhower, "and that the supervision exercised over them is merely that necessary for their own protection and well-being, and to facilitate essential maintenance." Eisenhower further has instructed that military supervisors may be employed but are to be used as sentries only in emergency.

Says Army Working With Expert Advice of UNRRA and Jewish Agencies

Gen. Eisenhower acknowledged that "in certain instances we have fallen below standard," but pointed to the intricate problems of readjustment from "combat to mass repatriation and then to the present static phase with its unique welfare problems." He said that the Army was conscious of these problems and working on them with the "expert advice of UNRRA, Jewish agencies and our chaplains."

In freely admitting need for improvement, Eisenhower called attention to need for more books in the schools, for further development of leisure time and welfare activities, fostering of paid employment outside the centers, obtaining of additional quantities of furniture, bedding and fuel. He said progress had been made in reuniting families but that postal communications between displaced persons and their relatives and friends cannot yet be inaugurated.

"You can expect our continued activity to meet the needs of persecuted people," Gen. Eisenhower wrote the President. "Perfection never will be attained, Mr. President, but real and honest efforts are being made to provide suitable living conditions for these persecuted people until they can be permanently resettled in other areas."

The letter informed the President that special centers have been established for Jewish displaced persons, under the supervision of the Joint Distribution Committee. "Those Jews who are without nationality or those not Soviet citizens who do not desire to return to their country of origin," are installed in these centers.

Asserting that it has "always been our practice, not just our policy" to remove Jewish and other victims "with utmost speed from concentration camps," Eisenhower said there were "perhaps 1,000 Jews still in their former concentration camps at the time of Mr. Harrison's report," because they were too sick to be moved then. The letter categorically states that "no Jewish or other displaced persons have been housed in these places longer than was absolutely necessary for medical quarantine and recovery from acute illness."

PLIGHT OF VIENNESE JEWS DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE WITH U.S. ARMY REPRESENTATIVES

VIENNA, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Discrimination against Jews in the allocation of apartments, business licenses and food rations was discussed today with American military representatives here by a delegation of the Vienna Jewish community.

Acting upon an invitation from Gen. Mark Clark, American representative on the Allied Control Commission for Austria, the delegation, which was headed by David Brill, chairman of the Jewish community council, presented written and verbal evidence of the plight of the Viennese Jews.

Brig. Gen. Lester D. Flory, who received the Jewish group in the absence of Gen. Clark, who is in the United States, suggested that detailed proposals for remedying the situation be prepared and presented to Gen. Clark upon his return. At the same time, Gen. Flory emphasized that the matter would have to be discussed with the other three powers on the control commission, and that any action would have to come from the Austrian Government.

500 JEWS FROM POLAND AND HUNGARY ARRIVING WEEKLY IN BRITISH ZONE IN AUSTRIA

LONDON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Jews from Poland and Hungary attempting to reach Palestine are arriving at the rate of 500 weekly in the British zone in Austria, a Vienna dispatch to the Manchester Guardian reports. It adds that the arrivals report that 100,000 are en route. A conference of the four Allied powers is to be held in Vienna this week to discuss the problem.

The newcomers present themselves to the British authorities with a request that they be housed in displaced persons camp until they can proceed to Palestine via Italy, the dispatch says. It points out that there is evidence of organization behind the infiltration, since groups are apparently guided across the frontier, some arrive with knowledge of the camp names and the names of the commanders and many have a definite idea as to just where they want to go.

British authorities have been placed in a difficult position by the wave of migrants, the correspondent says, because there is not sufficient room in the camps for all of them, and, technically, the arrivals are not displaced persons, although since they refuse to return from whence they came some arrangements have to be made for them. At present about 3,000 are quartered in camps at Judenburg and Trofaiach.

POLISH PRESS ATTACKS BRITISH OFFICER WHO DESCRIBED OSWIECIM VICTIMS AS "DREGS OF GHETTO"

WARSAW, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The entire Polish press sharply attacks Major Claude Winwood, one of the British defense counsel in the Luensburg trial of 45 guards at Oswiecim and Belsen, for his reference to the Nazis' victims as "dregs of the ghetto." Excerpts from their editorials were broadcast in Yiddish over the Warsaw radio.

The newspaper Zysie Warszcawy writes that "it is now proved that the horror camps were useful humanitarian institutions. At long last the mass exterminations have been justified." The paper adds that "Winwood's place is in the dock alongside his colleagues, the Belsen assassins."

At the same time, the press reports that there has just been discovered in the Jewish cemetery at Wroclaw (formerly Breslau) mass graves in which uncounted thousands of Jews from Italy, France, Belgium and Holland are buried. They were deported from various concentration camps to Breslau and murdered. The cemetery also contains a mass grave of 2,000 Polish Jews.

THREE-DAY CONFERENCE ON JUDAISM MARKS 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- A three-day conference on "Judaism and American Democracy" opened here today marking the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Hebrew Union College. Leading representatives of every section of the American Jewish community are attending the gathering, which is the first in a series of special events to be held throughout the current academic year in connection with the College's anniversary.

Addressing the opening session, Rabbi Samuel Wohl, chairman of the conference planning committee, indicated that on the basis of the discussions which will take place at the conference a positive program will be formulated "to chart the course of future Jewish participation in the fulfillment of the American democratic ideal."

Outlining the scope of the conference, Rabbi Wohl said: "Judaism today points to American democracy as the one method of salvation for mankind. It is necessary now to forge the weapons for peace, to mobilize the energies of men for justice. It is our task at this historic moment to contribute the best that is within us toward the creation of a brotherhood of man in a united world."

The opening session of the conference was presided over by Mr. Lester A. Jaffe of Cincinnati. The afternoon session, devoted to a discussion of democratic principles in Judaism from biblical days to the present, was addressed by Prof. Salo Baron, Dr. Jacob Marcus and Dr. Bernard Bamberger.

EXIT MOVE REGARDING FUTURE OF ONTARIO REFUGEES UP TO PRESIDENT, SAYS DICKSTEIN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Any further action on the future of the over 900 refugees living at Fort Ontario must come from President Truman, Rep. Samuel Dickstein, chairman of the House Immigration Committee, said yesterday after a conference with the President.

Dickstein suggested that the simplest solution of the problem would be to transport all the refugees to Canada and then allow them to re-enter the United States as legal immigrants, which, he said, most of them wish to do.

NEW CHICAGO MASS MEETING CALLS ON BRITAIN TO OPEN DOORS OF PALESTINE

CHICAGO, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- A huge mass meeting last night, which filled Chicago Stadium, heard Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky denounce Britain's "closed-door" policy in Palestine and stress that "the plight of the Jews cries out for the opening of Palestine's doors."

The gathering approved resolutions directed to Prime Minister Attlee demanding that England "redeem her pledge given to the Jewish people" and thousands of individuals also signed prepared postcards addressed to President Truman, urging him to continue his efforts in behalf of European Jews.

"When President Truman asked the British Prime Minister to let 100,000 Jews move into Palestine, he meant exactly what he said," Sen. Barkley said. "With the support of the American people, I believe the President will be able to persuade the British Government to permit the movement."

Speakers included Mayor Edward Kelly of Chicago, and Max Silberman, president of the Zionist Organization of Chicago.