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PALESTINE'S FUTURE HINGES ON ATTLEE-TRUMAN TALKS; PARTITION MAY BE PROPOSED

LONDON, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The future of the Jews in Palestine will be fully considered at Washington during the talks between Prime Minister Attlee and President Truman, when Attlee visits the U.S. capital, it was reported here today by the Reuters agency. (The White House announced today that Attlee is expected to come to Washington around November 10.)

Speaking in the House of Commons today, Attlee said that he was not able to say when he would make a statement on Palestine, but he assured a questioner that the statement will be made as soon as possible. Meanwhile, it was learned that the question of Attlee's statement was discussed today during a long meeting of the Cabinet.

According to Reuters, there is a growing belief in London that Attlee will propose to Truman the partitioning of Palestine as an ultimate solution of the entire problem. The Reuter report emphasizes that though the broad outline of the British Government's policy for Palestine seems to be settled, the plan has yet to receive its final shape and the approval of the Cabinet. "This may now be delayed until the Prime Minister has had an opportunity to discuss it with President Truman," the report added.

Referring to the immediate recommendations which Attlee will make to President Truman, the Reuter report says: "The general expectation is that a quota to allow into Palestine 2,000 Jews monthly has been fixed and it is believed that Azzam Bey, secretary of the Arab League, agreed to this figure during his recent stay in London. In return for this acceptance he is reported to have asked that the British Government publicly state its adherence to the White Paper and continue to consult the Arabs on all matters of Palestine policy."

A spokesman of the Jewish Agency today said that Palestine Jewry would resist this solution as utterly inadequate and that under these conditions a large stepping-up of "unauthorized" immigration would have to be counted on. Jewish circles say that they are fully aware that there are four full British divisions now in Palestine and that the Navy has made Haifa and not Cyprus its base. Nevertheless, they believe that the Jews in Palestine will be able to ensure the safe landing of Jewish refugees from Europe.

BRITISH TROOPS IN PALESTINE ORDERED NOT TO FRATERNIZE WITH JEWS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Troops of the British Sixth Airborne Division, who have been spread through Palestine to reinforce police posts, have received unofficial instructions not to fraternize with Jews, it was learned today. They have been "advised" to abstain from any contact with Jews.

A British military court this morning sentenced Itzhak Zigelbaum, 31, to seven years imprisonment for possession of two hundred detonators. His one-day trial con-

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last night, after the court refused the defendant's request that he be allowed to have counsel and prepare a defense.

Protesting the tribunal's ruling, Zigelbaum refused to testify in his own defense, declaring that "the murderer of millions, Joseph Kramer, the 'Beast of Belsen,' was given an opportunity to prepare a defense and the authorities even invited Major Rosen (who described the Oswiecim victims as "dregs of the ghetto") to defend him. A Jew in his own land is refused that right."

Police announced today that a triple-barrelled mortar, which was aimed at a police station two hundred yards away, was discovered yesterday in an orange grove on the Jerusalem-Jaffa road. The police alleged that the mortar was of a type used by the terrorist "Irgun Zvai Leumi."

#### JEWISH RELIEF UNIT IN AUSTRALIA PERMITTED TO WORK AMONG REFUGEES IN SHANGHAI

SYDNEY, Australia, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The headquarters of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in the South-West Pacific area today announced that permission has been granted to a Jewish relief unit to proceed from Australia to Shanghai to conduct relief activities among the Jewish refugees there.

The Jewish unit will consist of doctors, nurses and social workers. In connection with the UNRRA announcement, it was pointed out here that Sydney will become the center for Jewish relief activities in the Far East.

#### DR. RIFKIND CONFERS WITH MILITARY AUTHORITIES ON CONDITIONS IN JEWISH D.P. CAMPS

MUNICH, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Judge Simon H. Rifkind, who is here as a special adviser on Jewish affairs to General Eisenhower, is leaving shortly for a tour of the camps where Jews are quartered, following discussions with military authorities.

David Ben Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, addressing a Jewish meeting here, declared that the demand for the opening of Palestine to Jews must be presented to the world in an even more emphatic manner than heretofore. Ben Gurion discussed problems of emigration today with local Jewish leaders.

#### CELLER CRITICIZES GOVERNMENT FOR GRANTING LEND-LEASE TO ARAB COUNTRIES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York, in a nationwide radio address tonight, charged that the lend-lease administration was guilty of violating the law and disregarding the intent of Congress in granting approximately \$14,000,000 worth of lend-lease aid to Saudi Arabia and Iraq, despite their obstruction of the Allies during the war. He cited as evidence the presence in the United States of two thousand Moslem and Arabian prisoners of war at Camp Opelika in Alabama.

The Congressman condemned the British Government for failure to place the ex-Emir of Jerusalem on the war criminals list, and to ask for his extradition from France where he is now residing. Celler asserted that the British undoubtedly want to use the ex-Emir "to lead the intransigent Moslem forces in the Near East to stir up discontent."

#### JEWISH BRIGADE MEMBERS WILL BE DEMOBILIZED IN COUNTRIES WHERE THEY ENLISTED

LONDON, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The Jewish Brigade will be demobilized "the same as all other soldiers," War Minister Jack Lawson told Commons today. Members of the Brigade who enlisted in Britain will be returned here for demobilization, while those who volunteered in the Middle East will be "dealt with under local arrangements," he said.

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JEWS IN HUNGARY ARRESTED FOR CONTACT WITH PRO-NAZIS; SAYS HE DID IT TO HELP JEWS

BUDAPEST, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Bela Berend, former rabbi of the southern Hungarian town of Szigetvar, has been arrested on the charge of having maintained close contact with the former pro-Nazi Hungarian government and of having caused the deportation of many Jews.

Interviewed in his cell by representatives of the press, the 35-year-old rabbi said that he was in touch with German and Hungarian fascist authorities only because he endeavored to obtain permission for training Hungarian Jewish youth for emigration to Palestine after the war. He emphasized that he was a "zealous Zionist" and stated that during the siege of Budapest he succeeded in smuggling food into the ghetto at the risk of his life.

FEARS OF JEWS IN BELGIUM TO SECURE RETURN OF PROPERTY IS AROUSING ANTAGONISM

LONDON, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The efforts of Belgian Jews to regain their apartments and businesses, which were confiscated by the Nazis, is arousing antagonism, even in left-wing circles, according to M. Zerubavel, Palestine labor leader, who has just returned here from Belgium.

Many Belgian Jews would emigrate to Palestine, if certificates were available, he said. Even if they cannot go at present, many would like to send their children for whom they see no future in Belgium.

ALL DISPLACED JEWS MUST BE TAKEN OUT OF GERMANY, ENVOY OF AMERICAN RABBIS REPORTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Though the situation of the displaced Jews in various camps in the Reich is gradually improving, everything must be done to take them out of Germany, Samuel Schmidt, editor and publisher of Every Friday of Cincinnati, declared at a press luncheon here today following his return from Europe where he went as a representative of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Schmidt visited some of the camps for displaced Jews where he organized, in cooperation with the military authorities, special facilities for orthodox Jews. He emphasized that the longer the Jews are held in camps, the more depressed they become, even though they are now provided with better dwellings and with more food. They feel like prisoners in "improved" internment centers. The majority of them want to emigrate to Palestine, while others are seeking contact with relatives in the United States and other countries, with the hope of emigrating there.

During his visit to the camps, Mr. Schmidt found that many Jews who were repatriated to Poland and Hungary preferred to return to the all-Jewish camps rather than remain in their native lands, where anti-Semitism is still rampant. Another reason for returning to the camps was the belief of many that all Jews living in the camps will eventually be sent to Palestine.

JEWISH COMMUNITY OF FRANKFURT BEGINS PUBLICATION OF WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

FRANKFURT, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- A weekly publication for the Jews of Frankfurt has been issued here by the Jewish community's welfare center. It is edited by Rabbi Leopold Neuhaus.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FREE IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Rep. Joseph Martin, Republican leader in the House of Representatives, yesterday introduced a resolution in the House calling for the Jewish immigration into Palestine and the establishment there by the Jews of a free and democratic commonwealth."

The resolution, which is identical with that introduced in the Senate last week by Senators Wagner and Taft, urges that "the United States shall use its good offices to the end that the doors of Palestine shall be opened for free entry of Jews into that country and that there shall be full opportunity for colonization so that they may re-constitute Palestine as a free and democratic commonwealth in which all men regardless of race or creed shall enjoy equal rights."

MEETING OF FIRST JEWISH SELF-DEFENSE GROUP IN PALESTINE HONORED BY ARABS AND JEWS

BETH SHEAN, Palestine. Oct. 30. (JTA) -- In the midst of reports of increasing tension between Jews and Arabs in Palestine, hundreds of both people gathered here today to celebrate the 75th birthday of Abraham Shapiro, one of the founders of this town and the man who established the first Jewish self-defense organization in Palestine.

Shapiro, who came to Palestine from Bessarabia when he was nine years old, is loved by Jews and Arabs alike. He gained fame in his youth when he broke up several bands of marauding Arabs who were terrorizing both Jews and Arabs, and frequently was called upon to act as an arbitrator between various Arab tribes and individuals. Some years ago he was adopted as a sheikh by one of the tribes.

Today's celebration began when a mixed group of Arab and Jewish horsemen accompanied Shapiro to the synagogue where prayers were recited for his continued good health. Later at a reception at his home prominent sheikhs from all parts of the country sat around sipping coffee and smoking. A luncheon attended by hundreds of guests heard Arab and Jewish spokesmen praise Shapiro for bettering relations between the two peoples and express the hope that they would continue to live together in peace.

The celebration concluded with a brilliant display of horsemanship by Jews and Arabs, who joined in dancing the "Fantasia," a traditional dance which is performed on horseback to the accompaniment of gunfire.

MEETING OF JEWS IN BULGARIA PROTESTS AGAINST CLOSING OF PALESTINE DOORS

SOFIA, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Thousands of men and women today crowded a Zionist meeting at Plovdiv called to protest against the White Paper and to demand unrestricted Jewish immigration to Palestine.

The meeting - the largest held since the liberation of the country - was addressed by Vitali Haimoff, president of the Zionist Organization of Bulgaria and by other prominent Jewish speakers. The gathering sent cables to the governments of Britain and the United States asking for free admission of Jews to Palestine.

The Bulgarian press has been devoting much space recently to the Palestine problem, reporting Jewish protests from all over the world against the British White Paper. Most of the papers predict that the Arab League will have to modify its opposition to the admission of Jews to Palestine.