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TRUMAN WITHDRAWS HIS SUPPORT FROM WAGNER-TAFT RESOLUTION ON JEWISH COMMONWEALTH

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- President Truman, at his press conference today, stated that he no longer favors the Wagner-Taft resolution on Palestine which he had supported when Vice-President. The resolution calls for unlimited Jewish immigration and settlement in Palestine and the establishment there by Jews of a "democratic commonwealth." The situation has changed, he said, because if the resolution were passed now, there would be no need for an Anglo-American inquiry commission.

Questioned about appointments to the commission, the President said that he was not ready to announce them. He also revealed that no agreement has been reached as the number of persons to be appointed, but he hoped it would be reached today.

The State Department late this afternoon denied any knowledge of a report in the press that the commission will consist of ten members, and that the British have already named several members of Parliament to the body.

Truman, Byrnes Approved Resolution Only a Month Ago, Neumann Charges

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, acting president of the Zionist Organization of America, today revealed that only a month ago President Truman and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes had approved the Wagner-Taft resolution. He emphasized that this resolution was introduced after Senator Wagner consulted the President on its text.

"We have no illusions any more as to the attitude of the present administration toward the Zionist demands for Palestine," Dr. Neumann stated, addressing a group of editors. "We consider President Truman's and Secretary Byrnes' attitude to be definitely hostile." He indicated the American Zionist movement intends to fight for Jewish rights in Palestine even more vigorously than heretofore.

POPE RECEIVES DELEGATION OF 100 DISPLACED JEWS; FAVORS JEWISH EMIGRATION TO PALESTINE

VATICAN CITY, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Pope Pius is reported to have told a delegation of Jewish refugees this morning that he favors the emigration to Palestine of displaced Jews, and would so inform his bishops.

The delegation, consisting of 100 refugees who are attending a meeting at the villa of representatives of displaced Jews in Italy, said that the Pope did not make any mention of a Jewish state. The group was led by an Italian-speaking Yugoslav Jew, Elio Grani.

Grani told Pope Pius that 15,000 Jews from Europe fled to Italy because all European Jewry knew of the generous record of the Italian people in protecting the Jews against anti-Semitic laws during Fascism, and against the Nazis during the occupation. They also came here, he said, because they knew of the Vatican's humanitarian protection of Jews during the years of war and Nazi Fascist persecution.

## ARAB AND JEWS MEET IN TRIPOLI TODAY; JEWS INSIST ON FULL REPARATIONS FOR POGROM

TRIPOLI, Libya, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- On the eve of the first formal meeting since the Nov. 5 pogrom between Arab and Jewish leaders in Tripoli, which is scheduled for tomorrow, Arab spokesmen today said they were deeply mindful of the "irreparable damage" done to their hopes of independence by the attacks on Jews.

In compensation, they offered to make a public apology and to make "some material reparation." Jewish leaders were prompt to reject that offer, deeming it inadequate to compensation for the deaths of at least 170 Jews and damage to Jewish property assessed by the owners at fully \$4,000,000.

Jewish spokesmen are demanding full reparations from the British occupying authorities whom they deem in part responsible for the massacres. The Arabs, for their part, are refusing payment of reparations by means of any special tax on them, but suggest that some compensation might be given the Jews through voluntary contributions. The Arabs are also demanding the suppression of the Zionist movement in Tripolitania.

The British continue to reserve decision in the dispute and in consequence, the meeting tomorrow is not expected to go beyond attempted settlement of immediate differences and measures to guard against a repetition of the wholesale murders.

## THE NATURE OF JEWS IN CAMPS SHOWN IN FILMS AT NUREMBERG TRIAL; MORE EVIDENCE PLANNED

NUREMBERG, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Films showing how the Nazis tortured Jewish and other inmates in the Belsen, Dachau, Buchenwald and other camps were run off today in the court-room where the international war crimes trial are being held.

The presentation of further documentary evidence concerning Nazi crimes against Jews which was scheduled for today has been postponed for ten days by the prosecution since more time will be needed for preparation than originally planned.

Hans Frank, former governor of Poland during the Nazi occupation and one of the twenty defendants, was seen to be near collapse when the films were shown. Hjalmar Schacht, former Reichsbank president, turned his face away from the screen and never once looked at the pictures. The other leaders of the Nazi regime, including Goering, Hess and Ribbentrop watched the films attentively.

## AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR ASKS ATTLEE TO HALT DESTRUCTION OF JEWS IN PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, today cabled a strong appeal to Prime Minister Attlee to "immediately stop" the "policy of death and destruction of Jewish people in Palestine" by British troops. Green said he had been shocked by reports on treatment of Jewish civilians in Palestine which he received from the Histadruth.

Green's telegram to Attlee said: "It seems inconceivable that Jewish people who migrated to Palestine in order to save themselves from utter destruction in certain totalitarian nations in Europe would be killed and injured by armed forces of Great Britain whose obligation and duty it was to save their lives and protect them against those forces which sought their utter annihilation."

"I appeal to you in the name of seven million members of American Federation of Labor to immediately stop this policy of death and destruction of Jewish people in Palestine; to save Jewish life rather than destroy it; to make Palestine what people of the world have always understood to be - a place of refuge for persecuted Jewish people."

### JERUSALEM JEWISH ASSEMBLY REJECTS BEVIN STATEMENT; SAYS JEWISH COMMUNITY WILL FIGHT IT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Assembly of Palestine, by standing vote last night of its 500 members, unanimously rejected the statement of British policy on Palestine made in the House of Commons on Nov. 13 by Foreign Minister Bevin, and adopted a resolution stating that "the Yishuv will combat this policy and the Jewish nation will oppose it."

The resolution asserted that the Bevin statement confirms the White Paper, converts the Jews' right to their homeland into a favor dependent on others, "thus leaving the way to the remnants of European Jewry and leaving racial land restrictions in force," and converts the Jewish nation into a "Jewish community" and the Jewish national home into a "Jewish home."

The Assembly also approved a declaration by the Chief Rabbinate condemning the Bevin statement and stating that "we hereby declare in the face of Great Britain and all the nations, that our right to Palestine, which is based upon the Eternal Book, is valid in the fullest cogency and force in the present day."

### BRITISH SOLDIERS SEIZE EXPLOSIVES NEAR TEL-AVIV; HIGH COMMISSIONER LAUDS TROOPS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- British soldiers have seized a cache of explosives at a Jewish settlement a few miles from Tel Aviv, it was announced here today.

High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham, in a statement last night, said he was satisfied that British troops acted with both restraint and discipline during the disturbances in the Sharon coastal area of Palestine in the early part of the week.

General Cunningham said that the Government had every right to conduct a search among Palestinian settlements.

It was disclosed today that the commutation yesterday by Palestine commander Gen. John Darcy of the sentences imposed upon 20 Jewish youths by a military court in Haifa provide that two boys of 15 and 16 who were sentenced to four and three years, respectively, will be released immediately, while sentences of three to seven years on 17 others have been reduced to between one and two years. Only one sentence--of seven years--was confirmed.

### 50 ZIONIST YOUTHS PICKET BRITISH CONSULATE IN NEW YORK TO PROTEST PALESTINE POLICY

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Over 500 members of Zionist youth groups, led by a contingent of service men and women, today picketed the British consulate here, protesting against British policy in Palestine.

The pickets carried placards reading: "British Betrayal Begins Where Hitler Left Off." "Java, China, Palestine - One Front." "No American Aid for British Betrayal." "Stench of Oil in Holy Land."

A delegation of the demonstrators attempted to see the Consul-General, but he sent out word that he was too busy. A detachment of police observed the picket line, but did not molest the marchers.

### SOFIA JEWISH COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTING WINTER NECESSITIES TO NEEDY JEWS

SOFIA, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- With winter rapidly approaching, the Jewish Community Council of Sofia today started distribution of stoves and beds for needy Jews.

### HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT MEMBERS PROMISE TO UNITE DEPORTED JEWS WITH THEIR FAMILIES

BUDAPEST, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Members of the new Hungarian Government assured Jewish leaders that special efforts will be made to reunite Jewish families, members of which were deported, and to help repatriated deportees re-establish themselves upon their return home, it was announced here today by Lewis Stockler, president of the Budapest Jewish community.

Addressing a meeting of families of deported Jews, Mr. Stockler said that Minister of State Szekasits had promised the speedy return of the deportees, adding that they would all take part in the nations reconstruction program. Similarly, Alexander Millock, Commissioner of Displaced Hungarians, pledged that everything possible would be done to hasten the return of the deportees. He explained the difficulties with which the government is confronted.

The announcement that a list of displaced persons in the American, British, and French zones would soon be available was greeted with sobs by families attending the meeting.

### POLISH REPATRIATION COMMISSION IN RUSSIA WILL HAVE FIVE JEWISH REPRESENTATIVES

MOSCOW, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The committee arranging for the repatriation of Polish citizens in the Soviet Union will have on it five Jewish representatives to be appointed by the Jewish Organizational Committee of the Union of Polish Patriots in the USSR, it was decided here at the closing session of a conference of Polish Jews from all parts of the USSR.

The Jewish representatives will be charged with gathering data concerning the vocational and professional training of the Jews wishing to return to Poland, so that the repatriates may be reintegrated into the economic life of the country as soon after their return as possible.

The meeting also adopted resolutions thanking the Jews in the United States, Britain and Palestine for the assistance given Polish Jews in the Soviet Union and expressing appreciation of the interest taken by Russian Jewry in the restoration of Jewish life in Poland.

Leo Finkelstein, chairman of the conference, in a concluding address, thanked the Soviet Union "which gave the remnants of Polish Jews a possibility of surviving the war period," for facilitating their return to their homeland.

### ARAB LEAGUE WILL DISCUSS PLAN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ARAB UNIVERSITY IN JERUSALEM

CAIRO, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Plans for an Arab university in Jerusalem, similar in scope to the Hebrew University, have been added to the agenda of the Arab League, it was reported here today by reliable sources.

Meanwhile, a controversy has arisen as a result of a statement issued here by Chief Rabbi Haim Nahoum, thanking Police Chief Fitzpatrick Pasha for the protection given Jews during last month's riots. The opposition, headed by the nationalist newspaper Al Balagh, has protested this action, claiming that the rabbi ignored the Minister of the Interior and addressed a British subordinate. The pro-government paper Al Nisr calls this outburst, "misplaced nationalism" adding that the Rabbi had first conveyed his thanks to the proper authorities.

CONFERENCE OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN BRITISH EMPIRE AND FRANCE TO BE HELD IN LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Arrangements are being made for a meeting in London this February to coordinate the views of leading Jewish organizations in the British Empire and France, it was announced here today by Leonard Stein, chairman of the Anglo-Jewish Association, in his annual report to a general meeting of that group.

Invitations to the proposed meeting have been sent to the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Jewish National Council of Palestine, the Board of Deputies of South African Jews and the Jewish Consistory and Alliance Israelite of France. It has been suggested that invitations also be sent to Jewish communities in Europe wherever possible.

Mr. Stein remarked that the difficulties in Palestine must be given serious consideration, but should not be regarded as insurmountable. He said "the Bevin statement is a test of Jewish morale and a challenge to Jewish statesmanship. Jews may differ amongst themselves on their feelings towards Palestine, but no Jew would fail to regard it as a calamity if the work begun under the Balfour Declaration should be brought to naught."

ALLIED JEWISH SOLDIERS TO HOLD CHANUKAH PARTY FOR BRUSSELS CHILDREN

BRUSSELS, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Jewish children of Brussels will be the guests of Allied Jewish soldiers stationed here, at a Chanukah party to be held Sunday at the Allied Forces Club. The arrangements are being made by the Jewish Hospitality Committee.

Another party will be held at Malines where the Jewish Brigade, which is stationed there, will act as host to the children. The soldiers have been collecting chocolates and other sweets for weeks to serve as gifts.

Jewish workshops and factories were closed down for several hours this Monday as a protest against the Bevin statement on Palestine. Parents who had been asked not to send their children to school that day were provided with printed notes to the headmasters giving the reason for the children's absence. Demonstrations were held in various parts of the city.

BULGARIAN JEWS PROTEST TO TRUMAN, ATTLEE, STALIN ON WHITE PAPER

SOFIA, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Resolutions protesting against the maintenance of the White Paper policy in Palestine have been cabled to Prime Minister Attlee, President Truman and Premier Stalin, following an overflow meeting at the Central Synagogue here.

The meeting, which was called by the Jewish Consistory, held memorial services for the victims of Jewish persecution. It was addressed by leaders of the Consistory, the Zionist movement, and the Jewish section of the Fatherland Front. The resolution cabled to Truman expressed confidence that he would not permit any injustice to the Jews. Attlee was told that the White Paper policy would harm the prestige of the British Labor Party. The message to Stalin expressed the hope that the Soviet would intervene to secure abrogation of the White Paper.

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