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### UNRRA TO TAKE OVER ALL CAMPS FOR DISPLACED PERSONS IN BRITISH ZONE IN GERMANY

LONDON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- British military authorities today signed an agreement with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration which provides that all the camps for displaced persons in the British zone will be turned over to UNRRA.

The camps will be taken over gradually in view of the fact that UNRRA faces a shortage of personnel. The first phase is expected to be completed by Dec. 31 and the final process will be completed by February. The British army will continue to be responsible for supplying food, fuel, clothing and accommodation for the camps.

The Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine will retain overall supervision in all matters affecting the displaced persons. Their actual return to their native lands will remain the responsibility of the military authorities, but UNRRA is to make recommendations for repatriation.

Acting on the advice of Judge Simon Rifkind, named by President Truman to study the position of displaced Jews in Germany, the representatives of the American Jewish Conference, American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Labor Committee who are now in Germany investigating the situation of the Jews in the camps, agreed not to make individual reports of their findings. They will confer with Judge Rifkind before making their reports public, it was indicated.

### JEWISH DELEGATION PROTESTS TO ARGENTINE MINISTER AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES OF POLICE

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- A delegation of Jewish leaders today called upon Gen. Felipe Urdapilleta, Minister of the Interior, and protested to him against the recurrent anti-Jewish disturbances here.

The delegation complained that twenty policemen broke into the Y.M.H.A. premises on Nov. 24, and arrested several people there. The Jewish leaders requested that the Minister institute an investigation in order to establish the responsibility of the police so that the guilty may be punished.

General Urdapilleta told the delegation that he recognizes that anti-Jewish agitation exists in Buenos Aires and promised energetic measures. The Jews in Argentina, he said, deserve the same consideration as all other inhabitants of the country.

### SESSION PREVAILS IN TRIPOLI; BRITISH LAND MORE TROOPS TO PREVENT NEW OUTBREAKS

TRIPOLI, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- In an effort to forestall further anti-Jewish disturbances in Tripolitania, British military authorities today reinforced their units here with a battalion of the Gordon Highlanders, which disembarked in Tripoli. The situation here is quiet, but tension has not abated. Sir Bernard Paget, British Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, left for Cairo today after conferring here with local authorities.

BITTERNESS BETWEEN BRITISH SOLDIERS AND JEWS IN PALESTINE GROWING

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Bitterness between British soldiers stationed in Palestine and the Jews is developing so fast that it is reported to be reaching "dangerous proportions."

The soldiers are inclined to blame the Jews for their extended stay in the country now that the war is over. The Jews, on the other hand, appreciate that the soldier is merely carrying out orders, but they also realize that he represents a power which will be used in an attempt to force acceptance by the Jews of a policy they consider unacceptable.

A Jewish ex-serviceman who fought in the British army during the war was placed on trial today before a military court here on charges of printing and distributing a leaflet among British soldiers without the permission of the authorities.

The leaflet was in the form of an open letter addressed to British soldiers "somewhere in Palestine." This lone Jewish veteran had been handing it to British soldiers as they walked through the streets. The letter read as follows:

"Dear Friend: I have seen you in the street and felt like having a talk with you. I wondered whether you realized why you had been sent here. When soldiers are sent overseas, they naturally presume that it is to fight an enemy. It has occurred to me that someone maybe tried to tell you that I am your enemy. You must not believe it."

Briefly the writer sketched the fate of Jews in Hitler's Europe and the Jewish position on the White Paper and concluded: "We are not your enemies. We are only stretching forth our hands to give refuge to the starving survivors of our people. Will you come between us?"

JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL DENIES JEWS FIRED UPON BRITISH SOLDIERS IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council of Palestine today took direct issue with the new Palestine High Commissioner, Sir Alan Cunningham, who yesterday announced that British troops were fired upon last Monday in the Jewish settlement of Givat Hayim before they opened fire, killing six Jews and wounding many others.

A statement issued by the Council flatly denies the charge. The statement emphasizes that the Jews who tried to break through a cordon to Givat Hayim were "entirely unarmed. It reads:

"After careful and minute investigation of the events which occurred in or near Givat Hayim on Nov. 25, the National Council is satisfied beyond any possible doubts that the party of some fifty Jews who tried to break through to Givat Hayim were entirely unarmed, inasmuch as sticks were being carried by them. None of the members of Givat Hayim or the settlers who assembled there had firearms or any other weapons, nor were any arms discovered among them."

ARAB LEAGUE DRAFTS REPLY TO BEVIN'S STATEMENT; WILL SEND IT TO LONDON AND WASHINGTON

CAIRO, Nov. 30 (JTA) -- The council of the Arab League tonight formulated a reply to the statement on Palestine by Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Minister, which will be forwarded to London and Washington this week-end. No statement on the terms of the document will be made until London and Washington know its contents.

ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED ROCKET BOMB KILLS ONE, INJURES TWO IN PALESTINE VILLAGE

**JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) --** A rocket bomb accidentally discharged from a RAF plane berthed at an airdrome near Petaach Tikvah, last night destroyed a house in the nearby settlement of Kfar Sirkin, killing 84-year-old Nahum Katzman and seriously injuring two others.

After an investigation at the village by RAF officers, British Air Headquarters in the Levant issued a statement here regretting the incident, and announcing that an inquiry had been launched.

ARMED ARAB EXTREMIST LEADER RELEASED FROM BRITISH DETENTION IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA

**LONDON, Nov. 30. (JTA) --** Jamal Hussein, who was jailed by the Palestine Government in 1933 and 1934 for instigating anti-Jewish riots, and who was charged with being one of the ring leaders responsible for the massacres of Jews in Palestine in 1936-37, will be released from internment in Rhodesia where he has been confined by the British since 1942, Reuters reports today.

The high court at Salisbury, capital of Southern Rhodesia, ruled favorably yesterday on an appeal by Hussein, and three of his confederates, after the Attorney General told the court that information had been received that their detention was no longer required, though their arrest had been necessary for efficient prosecution of the war.

Hussein, who is a nephew of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, was captured by the British in 1941 during their drive into Iraq and Syria, to where he had fled in 1937 when his arrest was ordered by the Palestine Government. Under an order gazetted in Oct. 1937, he is barred from returning to Palestine.

In Feb. 1939, while resident in Syria, he was one of the Palestine Arab delegation to London and in May of that year went to Berlin to confer with the Nazi Government. In June he headed an Arab delegation to Geneva where the League of Nations Mandate Commission was considering the British White Paper, which had been issued the previous month.

Hussein was president of the Palestine Arab Party, the party of the ex-Mufti, before he fled Palestine, and was again elected president in 1943, while he was in internment.

MIRACHI WORLD ORGANIZATION DECIDES ON NON-COOPERATION WITH ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMISSION

**JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) --** The executive council of the World Mirachi Organization today unanimously decided on a policy of non-cooperation with the Anglo-American inquiry commission on Palestine.

The council also decided to demand that Dr. Chaim Weizmann resign as head of the Jewish Agency in protest against the new British policy in Palestine.

AMERICAN ZIONISTS PROTEST TO TRUMAN AGAINST BRITISH BRUTALITIES IN PALESTINE

**NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) --** The American Zionist Emergency Council today announced that it has wired President Truman protesting brutalities by British troops against undefended Jewish settlements in Palestine.

The wire also charged that these activities in Palestine and similar brutalities reported against Jews at the British-controlled displaced persons camp in Bergen-Belsen were part of a plan to "coerce Jews into fear and silence in anticipation of the inquiry to be made by the recently announced Anglo-American committee of inquiry."

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RIBBENTROP URGED KILLING OF ALL JEWS IN POLAND, GERMAN GENERAL TESTIFIES

MUNICH, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The killing of all Jews in Poland was urged by former Nazi Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop soon after the German invasion of that country, it was revealed here today at the trial of the top leaders of the Nazi regime.

The disclosure was made by Maj. Gen. Erwin Lahousen, who was one of the ranking officers of German military intelligence. Appearing as a surprise witness, he testified that at a meeting in Hitler's private train on Sept. 12, 1939, Ribbentrop suggested to Hitler and to leading German generals that "all Jews be killed and all Polish farms be burned to the ground" as the invasion into Poland developed.

U.S. BOEHR BRINGS CANDLES AND MEMORANDS TO JEWS IN GERMANY FOR CHANUKAH

FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- More than 48,000 candles and 400 memoranda, flown here from Palestine in an American bomber, augmented the local supply of candles to help the Jews of Germany celebrate Chanukah for the first time in ten years. Arrangements for the flight were made with the U.S. Army by the Joint Distribution Committee.

These Chanukah lights, which he said would shine from the windows of thousands of Jewish homes in Germany, were hailed by Rabbi Alexander S. Rosenberg, director of religious activities for the JDC, as symbols of "a new message of hope to our brethren here."

GERMAN JEWS CELEBRATE FIRST PUBLIC CHANUKAH FESTIVAL SINCE 1933

VIENNA, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The first public Chanukah festival here since the Nazi invasion of Austria in 1938 was held today in the semi-destroyed Jewish Temple in the Seitenstetten Gasse, attended by five hundred members of this once proud Jewish community of 200,000. Many officers and enlisted men of the armies of occupation participated in the festivities.

Rabbi Isidor Oehler, who officiated, reminded the assembled celebrants of the years when Vienna Jewry, driven underground, celebrated this festival in the city's cellars. The first candle was then lit in the eight-branched silver menorah which had been buried during the Nazi rule.

REPRESENTATIVES OF DISPLACED JEWS ARRIVE IN LONDON TO ATTEND AGUDAH CONFERENCE

LONDON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- For the first time since their liberation, representatives from Jewish displaced persons camps in Germany arrived in London today. They came, with the permission of the War Office, to attend the world conference of the Agudas Israel which will open Sunday.

The delegates are Rabbi Meisels, acting Chief Rabbi of the British zone of occupation in Germany, and Rivka Horowitz, leader of the Beth Jacob girls' group there. Leaders from other parts of the world who have arrived include Dr. Solomon Ehrmann of Zurich, Rabbi Wolf Jacobson of Stockholm and Maitre Muller of Paris. A delegation from the United States is expected soon.

DEPARTMENT FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS ESTABLISHED AT BAVARIAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

MUNICH, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Premier Wilhelm Hoegner of Bavaria today visited the offices of the Jewish community here and announced the appointment of Dr. Herman Kanner, president of the community, as head of a department for Jewish Affairs to be established at the Bavarian Ministry of the Interior.

BRITAIN WANTS TO SECURE PALESTINE TRUSTEESHIP THROUGH UNITED NATIONS, BREWSTER TELLS SENATE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30, (JTA) -- Senator Owen Brewster, Republican of Maine, attacked the British Government in a speech in the Senate today for intending, through the Anglo-American commission on Palestine, "to saddle the American Government with the great responsibility for British policy without any intention of allowing the United States an effective voice in deciding Palestine's future."

The Senator declared that the British Government has never asked the use of American forces in Palestine, contrary to reports which he said the British have spread. The British argument of Arab violence, Brewster said, is merely being used as an excuse for not undertaking a policy which the British do not want to execute.

Assignment by the United Nations Organization of the Palestine trusteeship to Britain is the intention of the British, Brewster alleged. Under such an arrangement, he declared, Great Britain would be freer to pursue its own policy in Palestine than when acting as the mandatory of the League of Nations. He paid tribute to the "extraordinary progress accomplished through the consecrated labors of the Zionist organization" in Palestine throughout many years, declaring he could testify to these accomplishments from his visit to Palestine this year.

At the conclusion of his address, Brewster inserted in the Congressional Record a Jewish Telegraphic Agency story reporting the mistreatment of members of the Jewish committee at the British-operated Belsen camp, and another JTA dispatch concerning the arming and instigating of Palestine Arabs by the British.

INTOLERANCE AND PREJUDICE WILL BREED NEW WORLD WAR, SECRETARY OF WAR PATTERSON WARNS

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Intolerance and failure to recognize that all men are "of one blood" will promote another wave of "the brutal and degraded racism that inspired the Axis conspiracy, another World War whose outcomes may well be the end of civilization," Secretary of War Robert F. Patterson said last night, addressing a dinner in honor of Basil O'Connor, president of the American Red Cross.

On behalf of the National Conference of Jews and Christians, under whose auspices the dinner was held, Dr. Everett R. Clinchy and Roger W. Strauss presented Mr. O'Connor with a scroll "in grateful recognition of a life dedicated to the welfare of his fellows." In response, Mr. O'Connor called for leadership to effect world cooperation to aid the underfed, the underclothed and the undersheltered.

Elmo Roper, public opinion expert, told the annual meeting of the conference, which preceded the dinner, that racial prejudice appeared to be noisier, if not more widespread than it was six months ago. He said that every American should assume the responsibility of combatting it in order to defend democracy.

MORGENTHAU WILL ADDRESS 70th ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Henry Morgenthau, Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury, will be among the principal speakers at a dinner here marking the 70th anniversary of the Hebrew Union College, oldest rabbinical seminary in America, it was announced today. The dinner which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8, will also be addressed by Dr. Stephen S. Wise.