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### ARAB JEW RESUMED IN PALESTINE; POLICE AND TROOPS CHECK TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAYS

Jerusalem, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- After a lull of three weeks, the authorities in Palestine today resumed rounding up Jews, on the pretext of searching for 100 Jewish "illegal" immigrants who are alleged to have landed last night.

Police and British troops today lined all roads in Northern Palestine, stopping all vehicles, including buses, and checking on each Jewish passenger. Only Jews were requested to show identity documents; Arabs were not molested. A number of Jews were taken off several buses and transferred to a military camp near the Jewish settlement of Rosh-Finah.

Meanwhile, it was reported here today that the preparations which the Government is making for receiving the Anglo-American inquiry commission are in full swing. All government departments have been asked to speed collection of data which might be required by the members of the commission. A special questionnaire, prepared by the Government, was sent to them today.

The general tone of the questions seem to indicate that the Government wishes to impress upon the members of the commission the necessity to restrict Jewish immigration into the country.

Only very few items in the questionnaire deal with the Arabs. The questions which are considered by Jews as aimed at influencing the commission on the immigration problem are: How will immigration affect the Arabs? What medical and other care do arriving immigrants receive from the Jewish Agency? Are housing conditions adequate - does the quantity of building materials meet the demands for required housing, and how long will it take to import needed materials? What is the situation of Jewish industry - is it going to develop or shrink? What is the situation in the Jewish labor market - is unemployment expected and how soon?

### BRITISH MILITARY COURT JAILS DISPLACED JEWS FOR PRO-PALESTINE DEMONSTRATION

London, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Various terms of imprisonment were imposed today upon displaced Jews for participating in a demonstration in the city of Hanover against the Bevin statement on Palestine, according to a report by Reuters.

Marian Lipke, chairman of the committee of displaced Jews at Fimhorst, a section of Hanover, was sentenced to six months imprisonment. Others received milder sentences.

Speaking for the British Government, John Hyde, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, today told the House of Commons that press reports about the poor treatment of displaced Jews in the British zone in Germany are without foundation. He declared that Zionist activities are not being restricted and that no censorship of newspapers exists in the Bergen-Belsen camp.

## ANTI-JEWISH DEMONSTRATIONS HELD IN BUENOS AIRES AS MEETING CONDEMNS ANTI-SEMITISM

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- While anti-Semitism was being scored at a large mass meeting held here last night, nationalist students staged anti-Jewish demonstrations in the city. At the same time, Socialist women distributed leaflets calling for a fight against racism.

The public meeting was addressed largely by non-Jewish speakers who condemned the recent anti-Jewish outbreaks in Buenos Aires and the anti-Semitic activities of the followers of Col. Juan D. Peron. They emphasized that something more than mere protests are needed to check the anti-Jewish propaganda in Argentina and called for the defense of the constitutional rights of all inhabitants of the country.

## REX PROMISES JUST TREATMENT OF JEWS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA; JEWISH STATUS DISCUSSED

PRAGUE, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The political status of the Jews in Czechoslovakia and the question of restoration of confiscated Jewish property were discussed here today by President Eduard Benes and Prime Minister Zdenek Fierlinger, meeting with I. L. Easterman, representative of the World Jewish Congress.

Easterman stressed the need for exempting Nazi victims, irrespective of their nationality, from measures taken by the Czechoslovak Government against Germans industrialists. He also urged that the Government adopt a liberal attitude towards Jewish refugees and emigrants reaching Czechoslovakian soil. President Benes and Prime Minister Fierlinger assured him that no injustice would be inflicted upon victims of racial persecution.

## HUNGARIAN EX-MINISTER, ON TRIAL AS WAR CRIMINAL, PLEADS REGRET FOR DEPORTATION OF JEWS

BUDAPEST, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Deportation of over half-million Hungarian Jews to concentration camps was ordered by Admiral Horthy, former Regent, Laszlo Endre, at one time Hungarian Minister of State in the Ministry of the Interior, testified here today during the second day of his trial.

Endre and two other former government officials, Andor Jaross, ex-Minister of the Interior, and Laszlo Bakay, formerly Under-Secretary of the Interior, are being tried before a Peoples Court for directing the anti-Jewish persecutions in Hungary.

## REFUGEE RABBIS IN SHANGHAI WILL BE ADMITTED TO CANADA ON NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS

MONTREAL, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Canada will admit 51 refugee rabbis and their families who are now residing in Shanghai, it was announced today by the Canadian Jewish Congress, which was instrumental in securing permission for the group to enter.

The refugees, totalling 67, will be allowed to enter under a non-immigrant status for a one-year period, as students, after which their cases will be reviewed. Congress has guaranteed that they will not become public charges, Saul Hayes, executive director of the organization, said.

## EGYPTIAN KING ASSURES ARAB LEAGUE HIS COUNTRY WILL DO ITS SHARE FOR PALESTINE

CAIRO, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- King Farouk of Egypt today assured the Arab League that "Egypt will contribute its share of aid to Palestine and will come to Palestine's support."

"Egypt will do as much for Palestine as the other Arab countries," the king said, addressing a reception arranged by the council of the Arab League.

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# 600,000 JEWS SERVED IN U.S. ARMED FORCES DURING WAR; 18 WERE GENERALS AND ADMIRALS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Fifteen men of Jewish faith achieved the rank of General and three others saw service as Admirals or Commodores during the war, it was revealed here today by the National Jewish Welfare Board in a call to Jewish groups and individuals in the United States asking them to submit names of Jews who fought in World War II to their local Jewish War Records Committee.

Designating January as "War Records Month", the Jewish Welfare Board reported that incomplete data already collected indicates that some 600,000 Jewish men and women served in the armed forces. In addition to this number, which would be sufficient to man 40 divisions, more than fifty percent of the American rabbinate volunteered for the chaplaincy, with half of their number serving overseas. One third of the Jewish physicians of all ages were in uniform; 60 per cent of those under 45 were in the armed forces. Nearly 30 percent of the Jewish dentists in the metropolitan New York area saw military service.

Forty Jewish families throughout the United States lost two sons each in the service, while at least one family is known to have lost three sons in action. Total casualties among Jewish men and women numbered 22,042, while 29,004 awards were received by some 15,000 Jewish soldiers and sailors. One received the highest award of the nation, the Congressional Medal of Honor, and 76 earned the second highest award, the Army Distinguished Service Cross and the Navy Cross.

## AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE ASKS MORE FREEDOM FOR J.D.C. IN CAMPS FOR DISPLACED JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Greater freedom of action for the Joint Distribution Committee in camps for displaced Jews in the American zone in Germany was asked in a memorandum submitted by representatives of the American Jewish Conference to Judge Simon H. Rifkind, civilian adviser to the Commanding General of the United States Armed Forces in Europe, it was reported today by the Conference.

The memorandum, prepared by three representatives of the Conference after a six week's survey of camps and communities in Germany where the displaced Jews are housed, emphasized that J.D.C. relief in the camps is now being hampered by red tape. The three representatives are Major Alfred Fleishman of St. Louis, and Samuel Sar and Ben Lamm of New York.

Other recommendations made in the report to Judge Rifkind urge that Jewish committees democratically elected by the displaced Jews themselves be given official status by the American Military Government; that Jewish voluntary agencies be encouraged to bring in teachers and school supplies, since there are Jewish children in the camps who can neither read nor write; that farm land be acquired for agricultural training of the displaced Jews and in order to provide additional food for them, and that a simplified mail system be introduced, with mail censorship abolished, in order to enable the displaced Jews to communicate with their relatives abroad.

According to the findings of the conference team the majority of displaced Jews desire to go to Palestine, while some wish to enter the United States and other countries. Conditions in the camps were found to have improved generally as a result of official American action, but in recent weeks these improvements have been offset by absence of long-range, coordinated and effective planning, the conference representatives reported.

AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL THANKS CONGRESS FOR PASSING PALESTINE RESOLUTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Passage of the Palestine Resolution by Congress was today hailed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, joint chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, in a telegram to the President pro tempore of the Senate, Kenneth McKellar, and to Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn. The text of the message follows:

"On behalf of the entire Zionist movement of America, we wish to express to you, and through you, to the membership of the Senate and House of Representatives, the feeling of deep gratification shared by all of us at the passage by Congress of the Palestine resolution. Adopted with virtual unanimity after prolonged consideration and debate by both Houses of Congress, the resolution reaffirms in clear and unmistakable terms American support of the right of the Jewish people freely to enter Palestine, the Jewish National Home, and to reconstitute that country as a democratic commonwealth, all of whose inhabitants, regardless of race or creed, shall enjoy equal rights."

"The resolution comes at a crucial moment in the development of the Jewish National Home and has given new hope to the remnants of European Jewry who look to Palestine as their only salvation. It has served notice on those who would deliberately scrap the historical international pledge made by the nations of the world a quarter of a century ago, and who would stifle the cry of agony that comes to us from the ruins of Europe, that the American people continue to regard that pledge as morally and legally compulsive and will seek its fulfillment."

"The action now taken by Congress reflects the determination of the American Government and people to maintain those principles of justice, of good faith and of humanity on which alone a peaceful and enduring international society can be founded."

New Zionist Organization Warns Against Loopholes

Congratulations on the passage of the resolution have been sent by the New Zionist Organization of America to Senators Wagner and Taft, who introduced the measure in the upper house. Thanking the Senators for their "foresight and courage in your struggle on behalf of the Palestine resolution," Colonel Morris J. Mendelsohn, president, and Major William R. Friedman, chairman of the NZO executive, warned against loopholes that exist in the resolution.

Their warning pointed out that "conditioning Jewish immigration to Palestine upon the economic absorptive capacity of the country may give British colonial administrators a false pretext for limiting Jewish entry and development." Another possible loophole indicated was the possibility of using sections of the resolution against the major aim of "creating a Jewish National Home and the establishment of a free and democratic country."

English Press in India Criticizes U.S. for Resolution on Palestine

BOMBAY, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The resolution passed by both houses of the United States Congress favoring unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine "may well prove the proverbial spark which may light a conflagration in the Middle and Near East", stated the nationalist "Bombay Chronicle" today.

The "Times of India" said: "Those genuinely concerned about the future of Palestine will unreservedly condemn the United States Senate's action. This decision, coming at a time when the Anglo-American committee is making an impartial enquiry into the complex Arab-Jewish problems is irresponsible in the extreme."

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FEPC BANS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN FEDERAL AGENCIES; ORDERS CONTINUATION OF FEPC

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- President Truman today issued an executive order continuing the work of the Fair Employment Practice Committee until June 30, 1946, in accordance with provisions of the National War Agencies Appropriation Act. The committee is instructed by the order "to investigate, make findings and recommendations, and report to the President, with respect to discrimination in industries engaged in work contributing to the production of military supplies or to the effective transition to a peace time economy."

The President simultaneously sent a directive to the heads of all government departments, agencies and independent establishments, calling for fair consideration of all qualified workers for employment without distinctions as to race, creed, color or national origin.

"It has come to my attention," the President wrote, "that a considerable number of loyal and qualified employees have been refused transfer and re-employment by employment agencies solely because of race and creed. This condition is a violation of civil service rules which have been issued by the President and in violation of existing law. I am writing to request that you make careful analysis of your personnel policies, procedures and practices in order that you can assure me that they are in accord with national law and policy and in order that all qualified workers in existing temporary war jobs will be considered fairly for appointments without distinction because of race, creed, color or national origin."

The full cooperation of all government agencies with FEPC "in all matters affecting the employment of minorities in government" was also requested by the President.

B'NAI B'RITH IS FIRST CIVILIAN ORGANIZATION TO RECEIVE NAVY AWARD FOR WARTIME SERVICE

BOSTON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith became the first civilian organization to receive a special Navy citation for service to the nation in the war effort when Rear Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, former chief of staff to Admiral Nimitz, as the official representative of the United States Navy Department, presented a certificate of achievement to Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith, "in recognition of exceptional accomplishment in behalf of the United States Navy and of meritorious contribution to the national war effort."

The citation was presented before more than 1,000 leaders of the Boston community at a dinner in honor of Mr. Monsky by the Greater Boston B'nai B'rith. In presenting the citation, Admiral Sherman said: "The Navy owes a debt of gratitude to the B'nai B'rith and is deeply appreciative of the unselfish service which it has rendered in this war. Particularly noteworthy has been the serve-a-ship program which was originated in Boston by Lt. Col. Niles and was first inaugurated on the USS Massachusetts. Starting with the battleship Massachusetts in the Spring of 1942, through your program more than 800 ships ranging from battleships and aircraft carriers to destroyers, submarines and larding craft have been provided with innumerable items which made life at sea less rigorous, and which, by improving conditions of our men, made them better fighting men."

LABOR UNIONS IN CANADA START DRIVE AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM; AIMED AT QUEBEC AREA

MONTREAL, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Leaders of the local A.F. of L. and C.I.O. unions have launched a campaign designed to fight anti-Semitic propaganda. The campaign is aimed particularly at the workers in the Quebec area, where anti-Semitism is especially strong. The chief aim of the campaign is "to fight against all forms of intolerance in order to provide security for the minorities."

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