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### HIGH COMMISSIONER SUMMONS JEWISH AGENCY LEADERS; ASKS THEM TO CHECK TERRORISTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion and Moshe Shertok, the principal leaders of the Jewish Agency executive, were summoned today to the headquarters of High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham and asked to appeal to the Jews of Palestine to end the terrorism which resulted in the death of twelve persons and the injury of many others during the bombing of police headquarters last night in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Jaffa.

The Agency leaders are reported to have declined to comply with the High Commissioner's request, stating that the organized Jewish community of Palestine had no hand in the outbreaks of last night and is not responsible for the Irgun Zvai Lomi, the clandestine extremist group to whom the attacks are attributed.

Disassociating themselves from the sabotage of last night, the Agency leaders expressed their abhorrence at the loss of life. At the same time, they reportedly added that they found, to their regret, that their capacity for cooperation in combatting these excesses has been rendered futile by the present policy of the British Government with regard to Palestine.

### Shertok Held Under Arrest All Night for Breaking Curfew

Ben-Gurion was summoned from his home in Tel Aviv this morning and brought to Jerusalem in a special car sent by the High Commissioner. Shertok, who proceeded from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem about midnight, was detained when entering Jerusalem on the charge of breaking the curfew. Together with other officials of the Jewish Agency who were detained with him, he was kept in custody all night, and released at dawn. However, he refused to leave unless those who had traveled in his car were also released.

The police officer rejected this demand, and Shertok remained under arrest until ten o'clock this morning, when his co-travelers, who included Eliczer Dobkin, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency, Joseph Gurion, head of the Agency's war veterans' department, and Yehudi Gollan, legal adviser of the Jewish Agency, were released.

### Intensive House-to-House Searches in Jerusalem; Telephones Suspended

Intensive house-to-house searches were going on all day today in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv where a curfew has been imposed until further notice. It is hoped that the curfew may be relaxed for a few hours tomorrow. In the meantime, unprecedented military measures have been taken, including the suspension of telephone services. Traffic between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv was also suspended.

With the complete stoppage of all but the most essential services, and with no newspapers being distributed, the entire country is now dependent on radio broad-

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casts for their information. The forced segregation is only adding to the anxiety prevailing among the population.

### Attack Carried Out by Jews in British Uniforms

British reinforcements in full battle equipment, composed chiefly of the Sixth Airborne Division, took over the curfew zone in the Jewish area of Jerusalem, which was held during the night by other military units, and in curfew-bound Tel Aviv, while Palestine policemen on traffic duty were protected by paratroops with Tommy-guns.

An official communique disclosed that 50 steel-helmeted Jews, wearing British battledress, carried out last night's attack on a British arms store at Tel Aviv. The communique said that at least 12 persons, including four Britons, were killed in the street battles in the three cities during the night. Twelve others were injured.

The Jewish section of Jerusalem showed no sign of life today. The number of arrests was believed large, but many were for curfew offenses only. No further incidents were reported today from any part of the country.

A Jewish Agency spokesman told press representatives that the attack on the police headquarters at Jerusalem was clearly not the work of the Haganah, the Jewish self-defense organization. He said that the attack followed the customary pattern of the extremist "Irgun Zvai Leumi," which concentrates on attacking police stations.

The Agency building was surrounded today by troops, although none entered. The work of the Agency and of the Jewish National Council, whose offices are in the same building, continued without interruption.

### Tel Aviv Is A Dead City; Reject Mayor's Appeal to Ease Curfew

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- This city was dead today, although it was the eve of the Sabbath, normally its business time. The streets were deserted except for frequent patrols of airborne troops with Tommy-guns. The people had been warned to keep away from windows and balconies and the troops were strictly enforcing this order.

The British military commander rejected an appeal from Mayor Israel Rokach, that the curfew be lifted briefly to enable the people to buy food.

### EIGHT HUNDRED IMMIGRANTS WERE BROUGHT INTO PALESTINE IN DECEMBER

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Eight-hundred "visaless" Jewish immigrants entered Palestine this month in three boatloads, the JTA was told today by a reliable source. Two of the landings were publicized, while one came off silently.

It is estimated that these passengers cost \$250,000, which does not take into account the costs of maintaining constant vigilance by both sides: the police and the Haganah. Police, military services, patrol planes, destroyers, scout boats, search lights and other personnel and equipment have been marshalled to prevent the immigrants from landing, while the Haganah also maintains large forces.

The landings from the Chana Szenos on Tuesday night were an example of the hardships and danger endured by the desperate and determined fugitives from Europe. Three hundred persons were jammed into a small boat for nine days, during the last two of which they had no water. They were unable to attempt to land because they had been spotted by a British patrol plane.

Half of the passengers were women, and practically all of them were veterans of concentration camps. Some had walked half-way across Europe to contact the Jewish underground which could get them to Palestine.

## BRITAIN WILL ADMIT JEWS TO PALESTINE DESPITE ARAB OPPOSITION, OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Official British quarters today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the British Government will not make its future actions with regard to admission of Jewish immigrants to Palestine dependent on whether the Arabs in Palestine agree.

Foreign Secretary Bevin, these quarters explained, did not make Jewish immigration dependent upon Arab consent, but upon previous consultation with the Arabs. Such consultation, they revealed, is still going on. While the Government would welcome Arab agreement, it will act even if no agreement is reached, they said.

Pointing out that Jewish immigration to Palestine has never ceased, the official quarters claimed that Jews are still entering Palestine at the rate of 1,500 a month, under the White Paper quota. About 400 Jews entered the country during November, while the figures for December are not yet available, they stated, adding that those entering the country "illegally" are deducted from the quota.

## BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT WILL REFUND FINES PAID BY JEWS UNDER NUREMBERG LAWS

MUNICH, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Persons in Bavaria who were fined by the Nazi administration under the Nuremberg laws will have the money refunded by the Bavarian Ministry of Finance, it was announced here today.

The announcement said that the Ministry of Finance has granted 500,000 marks to Dr. Herman Aumer, head of the Department on Jewish Affairs, for long-term loans to Jews who resided in Bavaria before March 1933, when the Nazis came to power, and who wish to resettle here.

It is understood that Dr. Aumer suggested to the Bavarian Government that it issue a law providing reparations for Jews who lost their property under the Nazi regime. The suggestion may be presented by American authorities in the U.S. zone to the Allied Control Commission in Berlin, it was indicated.

Meanwhile, Bavarian Premier Wilhelm Hoegner and Aumer discussed the housing problems of Jews released from camps with a delegation of liberated Jews. A settlement accommodating 300 persons has already been turned over to the Central Committee of Jews in Bavaria, and efforts are being made to find further accommodations in the Munich district, particularly in the homes of former Nazis.

A Yeshiva and rabbinical seminary will be established in Bavaria shortly, it was announced today. The authorities have given permission to Ezekiel Ruttmer, a well known rabbi, to organize the school and 300 applications for enrollment have already been received. Kosher food for the faculty and student body will be supplied by UNRRA.

## Displaced Jews in American Zone of Germany Will Have Kosher Meat

FRANKFORT, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Displaced Jews in the American zone will be able to secure kosher food, if they so desire, it was announced today by Rabbi Alexander Rosenberg, JDC director of religious activities in Germany.

Following a conference with Gen. Walter Beddel Smith, chief of staff to the U.S. commander-in-chief, Rabbi Rosenberg disclosed that the army will provide cattle from local sources, and ritual slaughtering will be supervised by local rabbis under the direction of Rabbi Rosenberg. Supplementary supplies of canned kosher meat will be provided by the JDC.

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DISPLACED JEWS IN U.S. ZONE WILL HOLD CONFERENCE IN MUNICH; CAMPS ELECT DELEGATES

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Delegates from all camps for displaced Jews in the U.S. zone in Germany will gather in Munich on January 20 to confer on problems of emigration and improvement of living conditions. The conference will also discuss the question of reparations to the surviving Jews for property destroyed or confiscated by the Germans.

The Central Committee of Liberated Jews in Southern Germany has sent a memorandum to the U.S. headquarters in Frankfurt asking for support in training liberated Jews for future occupations the B.B.C. reports. The memorandum also asks for the creation of 30 to 40 training farms, as well as schools for other occupations, so that Jews intending to emigrate can leave with the knowledge of a trade.

In the Schongau district, a Jewish farm school, with a capacity of 500 students, is already in operation. The pupils learn breeding and raising of cattle and general farm work.

WASHINGTON HEARINGS OF ANGLO-AMERICAN INQUIRY COMMITTEE EXPECTED TO BE PARTLY PUBLIC

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was today informed by the State Department that some of the hearings of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee on Palestine, which will start here on Jan. 7, may be open and some closed.

A final decision on the matter will be reached only after the British members of the committee arrive. They are expected to leave Britain today and are scheduled to reach New York on Jan. 2. A list of the organizations invited to testify at the hearings will not be issued before the arrival of the British members.

STATE DEPARTMENT ACCUSED OF DEMANDING "WHITE AND GENTILE" EMPLOYEES ONLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The State Department is refusing to hire other than "white and Gentile" workers, it was disclosed today in the New York Post, which says that OPA Administrator Chester Bowles made those charges in a letter to President Truman. Bowles also implicated other government agencies, including the Weather Bureau, the Department of Commerce, and the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Bowles' protest, which was also sent to the U.S. Civil Service Commission, formed the basis for President Truman's Dec. 20 charges that "loyal and qualified employees" have been refused transfer and re-employment "solely because of race and creed," the Post reported. The President implemented his accusation by directing the Fair Employment Practices Committee to report to him on all cases of discrimination during reconversion.

FIRST JEWISH BOOK SINCE WAR PUBLISHED IN POLAND; THIRD YIDDISH NEWSPAPER MAKES APPEARANCE

WARSAW, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The first Jewish book published in Poland since the ouster of the Nazis came off the press today. It is a volume of poems in Yiddish by a young poet M. Man, entitled "Di Shtilkeit Mont" ("Silence Demands").

Simultaneously, a third Yiddish newspaper made its appearance today in Poland. Entitled the Arbeiter Zeitung, it is the organ of the Left Poale Zion party.

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UNITY REACHED AMONG JEWS IN ARGENTINA; DAIA PRESIDENT GETS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Differences of opinion within the ranks of the DAIA, central representative body of the Jews of Argentina, were settled this week, when 52 members of the organization voted complete confidence in Dr. Moises Goldmann, president of the DAIA. Two members abstained from voting.

Dr. Goldmann announced that the DAIA will introduce changes in its relief activities for European Jews in order to satisfy some of the demands advanced by the opposition. He also said that he will do everything possible to transform the DAIA into "a direct and democratic representation" of the Jewish community in the country.

A dinner tendered to Dr. Goldmann was attended by about 1,000 leading Jews in Buenos Aires. Speakers included Dr. Moises Cadoche, former DAIA president, Alberto Gerschunoff, noted author and leading political commentator in the Argentine press, and Isaac Arcavi, president of the Zionist Youth Federation.

ZIONIST LEADERS APPEAL TO TRUMAN AGAINST BRITAIN'S STOPPAGE OF PALESTINE IMMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Asserting that the British Government is shutting off all Jewish immigration to Palestine, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, joint chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, today sent a telegram to President Truman asking him "to take the necessary steps to disassociate the American Government from all participation in this latest of a succession of injustice and iniquities."

The Zionist leaders pointed out in their telegram that the British move comes after Great Britain has obtained American consent to participate in the joint Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine. "We hope that you will not countenance that the joint committee procedure, to which you were induced to give your consent, should be used to prolong the agony of homeless Jewish refugees refused admission into their National Home," the telegram said.

ACTION TO SPEED IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE OF CZECH JEWS IS URGED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- An appeal for action to accelerate the immigration to Palestine of Czech Jews was voiced here today by B.Z. Gotlieb of Prague, addressing the opening conference of the Association of Czechoslovakian Settlers in Palestine.

The conference was told that only 90 of the Czech Jews here have expressed a desire to return to their homeland, while Jews who enlisted in the Czech Army are demanding that they be returned to Palestine instead of being demobilized in Czechoslovakia.

DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN, FORMER Z.O.A. PRESIDENT, RECOVERING FROM OPERATION

CHICAGO, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Solomon Goldman, former president of the Zionist Organization of America is now convalescing in the South, following a successful operation, it was announced today by the Anshe Emet Synagogue of which the Zionist leader is the rabbi.

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