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**KINGS OF EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA ISSUE STATEMENT ON PALESTINE; TERM IT "ARAB COUNTRY"**

CAIRO, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- King Farouk of Egypt and King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia today issued a joint statement emphasizing that they consider Palestine an "Arab land" and will support the Arabs in Palestine in their fight against the Jews.

The statement issued by the two Arab rulers is aimed at impressing the United Nations Organization now in session in London, as well as the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee which just concluded its hearings in Washington. The statement reads:

"We associate ourselves with all Moslem Arabs in their belief that Palestine is an Arab country and that it is the right of its people and the right of Moslem Arabs everywhere to preserve it as an Arab land. All the efforts made by the Arab kings, heads of governments and peoples in support of the Palestinian Arabs were done to maintain the principles of justice."

The statement, issued after a luncheon arranged by the Arab League for the visiting ruler of Saudi Arabia, also emphasized that the two kings "confirm the constitution of the Arab League" which provides, among other things, for the independence of every Arab country. The object of the Arab League, the statement said, was to create co-operation for the benefit of the Arab peoples.

**BEVIN TO RECOMMEND TRANSJORDAN'S INDEPENDENCE AT UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY TODAY**

LONDON, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The announcement that the British Government hopes that "Transjordan will be given complete independence soon" will be made by Foreign Secretary Bevin tomorrow, it was confirmed today by Reuters, a British news agency.

Emphasizing that "the first really big moment in the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization will come Thursday morning, when Secretary Bevin will tell the gathering of 51 nations that Britain is prepared to hand over most of her mandated territories to the management of the United Nations' Trusteeship Council," the Reuters report says:

"Bevin is expected to explain the British Government's reasons for not including Palestine and Transjordan in the transfer, which will affect chiefly the mandates in Africa. Palestine will be dealt with when the Anglo-American Commission has presented its report. As for Transjordan, there is every hope that it will be given complete independence soon."

"It is reliably learned that Emir Abdullah of Transjordan is expected in London before the end of the month when negotiations will begin with the British Government," the report continues. "Transjordan may even apply for membership in the UNO as an independent state before the end of this first assembly."

The British news agency also reports that the Arab delegates at the General Assembly are "doing their utmost" to push their viewpoint on Palestine, against those who advocate making Palestine a Jewish State. On the other hand, most of the other delegates display genuine concern in private conversations for the fate of the displaced Jews in Europe "for whom life is still hard and unfree," the report says.

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PROJECT TO SETTLE DISPLACED JEWS IN ALASKA WILL BE PRESENTED TO TRUMAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Projects for settling Jews from Europe and other displaced persons in Alaska and in other territories of the United States will be discussed early next week with President Truman, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

The proposals will be submitted to the President by Rep. John Losinski, newly appointed chairman of the House Immigration Committee. Such settlement would involve special legislation, it was pointed out here.

The State Department today confirmed that no directives have been sent as yet to the U.S. military authorities in Germany with regard to the policy to be pursued in the case of Jewish and other refugees from Eastern European countries pouring into the American zone of occupation in Germany.

Both, the State and the War Departments are now working on the problem and will eventually send directives, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told. It was admitted that the U.S. military authorities in Germany asked the State and War Departments for instructions several months ago.

(Reuters today reported from Berlin that "it has proved impossible to send any Polish Jews to the American zone of Germany since Dec. 6." The report added that Jews from Poland keep arriving in Berlin at the rate of 200 a day. At the same time, the British news agency revealed that while the American military recognizes Jews as a separate nationality and accepted them until Dec. 6, the British military authorities classed them as Polish citizens "and therefore not eligible for settlement in the British zone of occupation.")

117,000 DUTCH JEWS MURDERED IN OSWIECIM GAS CHAMBERS, NUREMBERG COURT HEARS

NUREMBERG, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Allied prosecutors charged today at the international war crimes trial here that of the 140,000 Dutch Jews deported while Arthur Seyss-Inquart was acting as German Commissioner in the Netherlands, 117,000 of the deportees died in the notorious Oswiecim gas chambers.

In presenting its case against Seyss-Inquart, the prosecution listed numerous anti-Jewish measures issued by the defendant in the Netherlands and in Poland, where he served as acting vice-governor. The prosecution quoted the defendant as telling a Dutch meeting: "We'll beat Jews wherever we meet them and those joining them must bear the consequences."

Another defendant, Baldur von Schirach, Nazi youth leader, was charged by the prosecution with responsibility of deporting 60,000 Vienna Jews to Poland upon the orders of Deputy Fuehrer Martin Bormann, who is being tried in absentia. Capt. Drexel Sprecher, American assistant prosecutor, read to the court von Schirach's own statement that as Nazi district leader he had driven "tens of thousands upon tens of thousands of Jews into the ghetto of the East."

The prosecution also introduced evidence of the numerous anti-Jewish measures drafted by Wilhelm Frick, another defendant. The evidence showed that during Frick's tenure in Prague many thousands of Czechoslovak Jews were deported to the Oswiecim gas chambers.

ROMANIAN NEWSPAPER SUSPENDED BY GOVERNMENT FOR PUBLISHING ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

BUCHAREST, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The newspaper "Ardealul," which is the semi-official organ of the Peasant leader, Julius Maniu, was today suspended for fifteen days for having "disseminated anti-Semitic propaganda."

JEWISH STORE BURNED IN ARGENTINA BY MOB; \$100,000 DAMAGE DONE; POLICE REFUSE PROTECTION

Buenos Aires, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Damage estimated at \$100,000 was caused in last night's attack and burning of a Jewish store in Mercedes, a town in the northern province of Corrientes. The liberal daily, "Lundo," today charges that the attack was not spontaneous, but carefully planned.

Shouting "death to the Jews," the mob broke into, robbed, and finally fired the largest store in town, owned by the firm of Punes and Esquenazi. Not a single one of the hundred hoodlums was arrested, although the commissioner of police had been appealed to for protection and had refused it.

PALESTINIAN JEWS SEARCHED AS POLICE HUNT \$140,000 ROBBED FROM TRAIN NEAR HADERA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Jewish passengers in buses and cars were searched today, in cities throughout Palestine, as strong police and military forces established cordons around bus stations and main road crossings.

All Jews were ordered to show their identification papers and their parcels were examined in the hunt for the \$140,000, robbed earlier in the week from a train near Hadera. No Arabs have been molested.

TRUMAN RECEIVES DELEGATION OF JEWISH WAR VETERANS; HEARS COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- President Truman, receiving a delegation of Jewish War Veterans, today expressed the hope that other countries might follow the lead of the United States in arranging for the admission of displaced persons under the existing immigration laws.

The delegation, led by Maxwell Cohen, national commander of the J.W.V., requested Presidential action to penalize racial and religious discrimination against veterans by certain educational institutions, by refusing the schools grants of federal funds under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

The President told the delegation that he recognized this discrimination was a serious problem, and that he did not like it. The J.W.V. group left a statement with Truman expressing the organization's support of the P.E.R.C.

5,000 ATTEND FUNERAL OF CHIEF RABBI HERTZ IN LONDON; BEVIN SENDS CONDOLENCES

LONDON, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The late Dr. Joseph H. Hertz, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, was buried today in Willesden Cemetery, after services at the St. Marks Wood Synagogue, which were attended by more than 5,000 persons. Foreign Minister Bevin sent a message of condolence to the Chief Rabbi's Emergency Council, which Dr. Hertz headed.

It was revealed at the services that Rabbi Hertz was preparing to appear before the Joint Anglo-American Inquiry Committee on Palestine. Among the mourners were many British Jewish leaders including Lord Nathan, Sir Robert Walley-Chen and Aaron Wright. The entire London rabbinate and many provincial rabbis attended the funeral.

POLISH COURT DOOMS WOMAN FOR BETRAYING JEWS TO GERMANS DURING OCCUPATION

WARSAW, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- A special court in Lublin has sentenced a Polish woman, Amelia Kolosek, to death for denouncing Jews to the Germans, the Polish News Agency reported here today.

FIRST GROUP OF OSWEGO REFUGEES LEAVING FOR CANADA TODAY FOR RE-ENTRY TO UNITED STATES

OSWEGO, N.Y., Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Ninety-five Jewish refugees will leave for Niagara, in Canada, tomorrow morning from the emergency refugee shelter at Fort Ontario, as the first stop towards American citizenship.

Part of the 925 refugees who have lived in Oswego for little more than a year and a half, they will proceed to Niagara for re-entry into the United States under permanent quota visas. They will go to Buffalo, N.Y., for resettlement by the National Refugee Service, under plans made for them by a special group of social workers from the staffs of the NRS and the National Council of Jewish Women.

The first group of refugees--with destinations in Cleveland; Philadelphia; Rochester; Chicago; Buffalo; Minneapolis; Youngstown, Ohio; Erie, Pennsylvania; Union City, Trenton, New Jersey; Arizona; and New York City, are being escorted across the border by Bernard Dubin, NRS project director, and Mrs. Mildred M. Levy, social worker for the National Council.

The refugees are being admitted to the United States under a corporate affidavit provided by the NRS. They will be received in communities by local NRS resettlement committees working in cooperation with local Council sections, which will provide naturalization and social adjustment services.

One bus-load of 37 persons will proceed to New York Friday, where they will be met by relatives and friends at the offices of the NRS. The balance will leave for their ultimate destinations from Buffalo, where they will be housed at the Hotel Statler. Two additional busloads of approximately 100 persons each will go to Niagara for change of status on Jan. 19 and Jan. 22. Other groups will leave the camp at the rate of about 200-300 a week. It is expected that the entire group will leave Oswego by Feb. 6.

In the case of some 250 Yugoslav nationals, the final change of status will not be effective for several months because of a shortage of permanent visas under the immigration laws. These people will be admitted to the country on temporary visas pending a change of status within the next three months.

MEXICO GRANTS PERMISSION FOR 100 JEWISH CHILDREN FROM EUROPE TO ENTER COUNTRY

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Permission for 100 Jewish children from Europe to enter Mexico has been renewed for another year, the Mexican OSE reported here today.

The order, issued by the President of Mexico and sent to the Mexican Consulate in Paris, specifies that the Mexican OSE will undertake care and supervision of the children, who must be under 15 years of age.

AMERICAN JEWISH GROUP SENDS MACHINES FOR JEWISH WAR ORPHANS IN BIRO-BIDJAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- A transport of diesel generators and 150 sowing machines will be sent to the Jewish autonomous region of Biro-Bidjan by the American Biro-Bidjan Committee, it was announced here today. The announcement said that the power units and the machines will go to vocational training schools and farm units where 3,500 Jewish war orphans are being cared for.