JTÅ

Wednesday, January 30, 1946

# Daily News Bulletin

IBLISHED BY THE <u>FIE</u>WISH TELEGRAPHIC

AGENCY

106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

# GEN. MORGAN REINSTATED BY LEHMAN; STRESSES HIS SYMPATHY FOR DISPLACED JEWS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan, suspended chief of UNRRA operations in Germany, has been restored to duty and will return to his post in Germany as promptly as possible Herbert H. Lehman, Director General of UNRRA, announced today.

In a lengthy announcement, Lehman said that he had "several long and searching talks" with Morgan and had also received a letter from him, which Lehman published, in which Morgan disclaimed any racial or political bias, denied he was anti-Semitic, expressed regret for the "unfortunate interpretation" placed upon his words at a press conference in Frankfurt on Jan. 2, and expressed hepe he would be permitted to continue his task.

Lehman stated that he had given "the most serious consideration" to all the circumstances and concluded that he was "justified in continuing to place confidence" in longan. He added; "I believe he did not intend to impute sinister motives to individuals or organizations seeking to improve the sorry plight of groups of displaced persons, and that he does not hold religious prejudices; that when restored to duty be will treat all groups of displaced persons fairly and in accordance both with their meeds and UNRRA principles; and that he will at all times deal with all displaced persons with understanding and sympathy. I have also been impressed with Lt. Gen. Morgan's deep concern for his work and his desire to return to carry it forward."

Morgan in a two-page letter dated Jan. 28, and written in New York to lehman, referred to the "unfortunate outcome" of his press conference in Frantiurt and assumed "the basic responsibility" for holding the conference and its results. He utterly rejected charges of personal anti-Semitism and declared my sympathies are, as I think you know, entirely with our displaced persons, irrespective of race or religious convictions, but particularly, perhaps, with those who have been, I recognise, the victims of special persecution. He stressed his complete loyalty to USHMA principles and Lehman's leadership, and convinded with the hope he be permitted to carry forward that task in which he is deeply interested.

## 550 JEWS KILLED IN FOLARD BY ARTI-SEMITIC TERRORISTS, EVISH COMMITTEE REPORTS

WARRAW, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Central Committee of Polish Jows rerealed at a press conference here that more than 350 Jers have been killed by enti-Semitic and anti-Government elements in various sections of Poland.

Although the government is deverely punishing inti-Semitic leaders, the terror is creating nervous tension among Jens and many of them seek emigration, a spokesam of the Central Committee baid. He estimated that about 20,000 Jews have left Foland since the country was liberated.

(Gen. Joseph T. McHarney, commander of American forces in Europe, today stated in his monthly report, released in Frankfurt, that Jews from Foland are continuing to flee into the American zone in Germany and that the influx appears to have been caused by fear of personutions.)

# ANGIO-AMERICAN INQUIRY COLLECTIVE MAY IGHORE CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION ON FALESTIME

LONDON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The Palestine resolution passed by both houses of the United States Congress, as well as the Palestine planks adopted at the national conventions of the Democratic and Republican parties, may be completely ignored by the ammican members of the Anglo-American inquiry committee, it was indicated here today as the hearings neared their close.

"If we followed that stuff, we would never have taken part in this committee,"
Judge Joseph C. Hutcheson, American co-chairman of the committee doclared at today's session. The committee has nothing to do with any views that our parties hold."

Today's hearings were given over to anti-Zioniet spokesmen, including the violently pro-Arab Laj. Gen. Edward Spears, former British minister in Syria; Thomas Reid, Labor E.P., and Maude Royden, a journalist. (See Lord Samuel's testimony on Page 4.)

#### Gen. Spears Links Zionist Policy to Naziem; Says Jews Aren't Israelites

Spears, whose testimony was most openly pro-Arab and anti-Zioniet, charged that britain had been forced to maintain troops in Palestine during the war to prevent trouble from the Jews. He also stated that "the Zioniet policy was in many ways similar to Maxism," that the sntire Arab world would go up in flames, if a pro-Jewish solution of the Palestine problem were decided upon, and that "the Jews returning to Palestine are not the true Israelites,"

Questioned by Frank Buxton, American member, who said that he understood that more Jews than Arabs had enlisted in the British forces from Falestine, Spears drew laughter from the audience when he said that he regretted that he was not in a position to say. To a query by James MacDonald, he explained that he had not meant to imply that all Ziomists followed a Nani policy. Spears admitted that an anti-Jewish soution of the Palestine issue might also cause trouble, "perhaps civil war, perhaps an attempt at a coup d'etat."

Spears also admitted, in reply to another question, that there were tendencies towards Marism among the Arabs. The Arabs, he added, would drive the Jews out of Palestine if they do not abandon political Zionism. He alleged that the Zionists are attempting to provoke the Arabs to action prejudicial to the Arab cause.

Challenged on the last point by MacDonald, who asked if he really believed that that were so, Spears removed his spectacies, leaned forward in the witness chair, and stressed: "You travel in Palestine, sir, and you'll see."

Spears also engaged in a sharp exchange with Buxton, when the latter saked him to explain what he meant by his charge that the Jewish immigrants in Palestine were alien to the Arab way of life. "By the Arab way of life do you mean the way of life which kept Palestine undeveloped until large Jewish immigration?" Buxton asked. Spears replied that the Jews differed from the Arabs in every way and quoted from the reports of other commissions that have investigated the Raletine problem.

The Zioniets argue that they wish to be loyal members of the British Empire, Spears continued, "but my own impression is quite the opposite. May should they assassinate a British official?" he added, referring, apparently, to the marder of Lord Bloyse in Cairo. "Who is 'they'?" Buxton asked. "Well, sir, you'll see in Palestine," Spears realied.

Both British co-chairman Justice Sir John Singleton and British member Richard

Crossman expressed surprise at Spears' allegation that large forces of British troops had to be maintained in Falestine during the war to keep the Jews orderly.

### Laborite Testifies Against Pro-Zionist Resolution of Labor Party

Reid **cold** the committee that the pro-Zionist resolutions adopted by the Labor Party are not too binding. "I don't think that this committee must pay attention to a vague resolution passed by the Labor Party conference," he added.

Reid, who was a member of the Woodhead Commission, which conducted an investitation in Palestine in 1936, said that partition was economically, militarily and morally unsound. He called for establishment before 1949 of a Palestinian state with an arab majority.

Questioned concerning the possibility of a massacre of the Jewish minority in

such a state, Reid shrugged his shoulders and said: "You can't prevent massacres. A small British or UNO garrison could be maintained to protect the Jews, but, in any case, Palestine should get its independence, and certain risks must be taken."

Judge Hutcheson asked whether a movement, such as Zionism, which has gathered

so much momentum in the past quarter-century, could suddenly be checked "without doing violence to the very history which created it." Reid replied: "It's not suddenly."

Niss Royden said that she had been a Zionist when she first went to Palestine.

# but felt differently now.

## U.S. MURISTER TO LEVAST LINKED WITH ARAB ATTEMPT TO CONTACT INQUIRY COMMITTEE

LONDON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The request of the Arab representatives at the UNO Assembly for an "informal meeting" with members of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine was linked today to the activities of George Wadsworth, who last September was appointed United States Minister to Syria and Lobanon and who is serving here as a State Department advisor to the American UNO delegation.

Since his arrival here on Jan. 6, Mr. Wadsworth has been advocating an off-therecord session between the Palestine committee members and the representatives of the Arab states--Iraq, Syria, Lebenon, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

#### ARABS BREAK PLEDGE TO BEVIN FOR LIMITED JEWISH INDAIGRATION TO PALEST INC

CAIRO, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Definite assurances of Arab approval of limited Jowish immigration into Palestine, during the four-month period of the labors of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee, were given to Perein Secretary Ernest Eevin, at London last October, by Assam Bey, secretary general of the Arab League Council, it was learned here today.

The following two reasons are given for the failure to fulfil the pledge: Assembley was unable to persuade members of the Arab League, particularly Ibn Saud, to abide by his promise to Foreign Secretary Sevin. The Falestine Arab Higher Committee remained admant in its opposition to any immigration by Jews. The promise by Azsam Bey to Foreign Secretary Bevin also ran up against the current and strongly surging anti-British feeling of the Arabba.

J.T.A. NEWS

#### TWO GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

10NDOM, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The UNO General Assembly today unanimously approved a committee report proposing the immediate establishment of a Commission on Human 2.7.ts.

The report, presented by Norwegian rapporteur Frieda Dalen, suggested that the commission be established by the Economic and Social Council of the UNO at its present session. It is expected that the matter will be placed on the council agonda within the next few days.

A spokesman for the Deminican delegation, commenting today on his country's offer to accept Jewish immigrants, which was circulated emong UNO delegates yesterday, told the JfA that he hoped tist it would stimulate other nations to "make serious efforts to solve the Jewish problem and enable Jewish refugees to reconstruct their lives in an atmosphere of respect and understanding entirely free of discrimination and prejudice,"

# HERBERT SARUEL RECORDENDS ADDITISSION OF 50,000 JEWS ANNUALLY TO PALESTINE

mission of 50,000 Jews annually to Palestine and revealed that the original draft of the Balfour Declaration contained the term "Jewish State," which was later changed to "Jenish National Home."

Dr. Chaim Weizmann and Dr. Bahun Sokolow, who saw the draft, did not object to

LOMDON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Viscount Herbert Samuel, first Palestine High Commissioner, testifying today before the Anglo-American inquiry committee, urged the ad-

the change, Lord Semuel declared. Asked whether he considered that the promises under the Balfour Declaration had been fulfilled, he replied that the process of fulfillment is still going on and must continue.

Asked whether he is against the partitioning of Palestine into separate Jowish and Arab states, Lord Semuel said: "Very much so!" He emphasized that he favors the sholltion of the White Paper, particularly the immigration restrictions for Jews, but does not object to reserving certain land areas in Falestine for Arabs under new errangements.

Continuing his testimony, Lord Samuel said that he does not think that there ought to be any arab immigration to Palestine. He expressed the opinion that the standard of living in Palestine should be leveled out, on condition that the Arab standard be raised, rather than the Jovish scale lowered.

Asked what he thought were the reasons for the terrorism in Palestine, Lord Samuel said the responsibility for the terror lay with young Jews "who are not unastreally inflamed seeing homes being offered for "ewish survivors, but, at the same time, these people are shut out of Palestine." Terror and assassination is generally not a Jewish method, he added.

Sir Hubert Young, former Governor of Rhodesia, told the commission that he favors the partitioning of Felestine into two autonomous regions, with continued Jewish immigration for the Jewish region.

# DR LISE LEITHER ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON TO ASSULE PROPESSORSHIP AT UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Lies Meitner, Austrian-Jewish physicist, has arrived in Washington to assume a professorship at Catholic University beginning feb. 6. Maned as "the woman of the year" by the Women's National Press Club here, Dr. Meitner will attend the club's dinner on Feb. 9 in honor of Freedight and kre. Trumanasse is credited with the initial research which paved the way for the atom bombs.

# EIGHT OF HUREMBERG DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR MURDER OF JEWS

MMREMBERG, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Eight of the 20 top Mazis being tried before the international military tribunal were charged today with direct complicity in the antidenish atrocitics carried out by the Germans.

The accusation was levelled against wans Frank, Alfred Rosenberg, Julius Streicher, Endur von Schirach, Fritz Saukel, Wilhelm Frick, Cot. Gen. Alfred Jodl and Rudolf Hess by Fremch prosecutor Charles Dubost. Dubost also charged Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl with personal responsibility for the marder and torture of thousands of Jows.

A description of the murder at the Majdanek concentration camp of 18,000 Jews in one day, Nov. 3, 1943, was submitted to the court in a statement by Max Martler, a former prisoner of the Maxis. The statement, submitted by M. Dubost, declared that for four days previous to Nov. 3rd, all the Jews in the camp were forced to dig trenches in a field behind the crematorium, and on that day all the Jews-men, women, and children-were led to the field between two rows of police guards. They all had to march past me, Marbler asid, and "they marched all day at a regular pace. Those who were unable to maintain the pace were knocked down on the spot by the police.

lio down in them. They were then killed by S.S. Gestape men with automatic pistols. Others were forced to lie down on the dead until the tremch was filled. To cover the noise of the automatic weapons, the Masis turned on highpowered loudspeakers blaring forth music, he reported.

"They were forced to undress, and then were directed to trenches and forced to

Another witness, Isaak Ochshorn, in a statement, testified that he had seen the commander of Oswiecim and five other S.S. men grabbing children by the hair and then killing them. He personally witnessed the murder of S86 Jewish children under the age of ten.

## WANT STOPPAGE IN PALESTINE TOWNROW; JEWISH COUNCIL DEMANDS REOFEWING OF IMPIGRATION

ERUSAIEM, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- A nation-wide three-hour work stoppage has been called for Thursday as part of a demonstration to demand the reopening of the doors of Talestine to Jewish immigration.

In a proclemation issued today, the Jerish Mational Council urged that mass metings be held throughout the country between the hours of three and six in the arternown. It said that the aim of the demonstration was to give a "clear end unequivocal" reply to the recent attempts to "separate the Yishuv from world Jewry," and to secure a solution of the Palestine problem based on "an agreement between the Yishuv and
the Palestine Arshs."

## WHISH LABORERS HELD FOR QUESTIONING IN TERRORIST RAID ON AQUIR AIRDROME

JERUSAIEM, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- I number of Jewish laborers, employed at the Aquir airdrome, near Gaza, scene of a raid yesterday by terrorists, are being held for interrogation, an official communique announced today.

Six hundred Sten and Maxim mechine guns were abandoned by the reiders in a truck after paratropers had given chase. The terrorists escaped in a jeep and were lest sight of five miles from Aquir.

Five Jows arrested with arms and ammunition in their possession mear Nebimousse, between Jericho and here, will be held for at least two weeks, pending further questioning, it was reported today. Authorities are investigating possible links between the five and terrorists responsible for recent violence. Hinety-four persons of 172 detained since last Dec. 27 are still being held for further inquiry, it was officially ansounced.

# 415 OSWEGO REFUGEES RESETTIED IN 15 STATES; REMAINDER LEAVING FT. ONTARIO NEXT WEEK

OSHEGO, N.Y., Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Four hundred and fifteen of the 924 refugees living in the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Ft. Ontario have already been resettled in 64 communities in 15 states by social workers of the National Refugee Service and the National Council of Jewish Women, it was announced here today.

In addition, a new group left for the Canadian border yesterday, another will leave tomorrow, and the last two will depart on Saturday and next Tuesday. Approximately half of the refugees already settled are in the New York area. This group consists of 219 persons in 129 family units, Another 196 people in 93 family units are seattered throughout fourteen other states.

At a meeting held in Syracuse, N.Y., the coordinating committee for the entire project was dissolved. Represented on the committee were the Hattonal Refugee Service, HAS, the National Council of Jewish Nomen, and the ORT. Approximately \$250,000 was spent in a year and a half by these national organizations to finance the religious, saucational, vocational, and represtional program at the emergency shelter.

## IR, KARPF RESIGES DIRECTORSHIP OF LOS ANGELES JEWISH FEDERATION; HELD POST FOR FIVE YEARS

108 ANGELES, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The Los Angeles Jewish Federation today announced the resignation of Dr. Maurice J. Mary, its executive director. The resignation will become effective Dec. 1, 1946, which will mark the completion of five years of service by Dr. Maryf with the Federation.

Leading members of the Federation's board expressed regret at the fact that Dr. Karpf has declined to withdraw his resignation. They expressed the hope that he would remain in Los Angeles so that his counsel may be available to the community. Dr. Karpf plans to spend the next year or two in completing some important research and writing which he interrupted when he assumed the Federation directorship. Fart of his time will also be devoted to consultation with communities and agencies on their troblems.

Dr. Karpf is the author of several books on social work and community organization. Before going to Los Angeles, he was head of the Graduate School for Jewish Secial Work in New York City for 17 years. He is a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, representing the non-Zionists of that body.

# DE. GOLDMAIN RETURNS FROM PALESTINE; ALSO VISITED SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JPA) -- Dr. Mahum Coldmann, a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, today returned to New York after a trip which took him to Palestine, Germany, Prance, Switzerlass and England. In London, he dealt with matters relating to the UNG.

### BRSIDENT OF OMAHA .EWISH FEDERATION ELECTED HEAD OF LOCAL COMMUNITY CHEST

OLAHA, Jam. 29. (JTA) -- Morris E. Jacobs, president of the Omaha Jewish Federation, has been elected president of the Omaha Community Chest, it was announced here today. Mr. Jacobs is active insticully and is a member of the boards of many national agencies.

THE CONTENTS OF THIS BULLETIN ARE NOT FOR PUBLICATION INTROON SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION