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### ARABS TESTIFY ON PALESTINE; WARN INQUIRY COMMITTEE AGAINST COMPROMISE ON ZIONISM

CAIRO, March 5. (JTA) -- Arab spokesmen from Egypt, Iraq and North Africa joined today in telling the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine that the Arab world will never accept the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine. Testifying at the close of hearings here, they indicated that the Arabs were not willing to accept any compromise on the issue of Zionist aims.

The principal witness was Dr. Fadl el Jamali, director-general of the Iraq Foreign Office, who spoke on behalf of his Government. Speaking coolly in perfect English, he prefaced his testimony by inviting the committee to come to Bagdad to see how Jews are treated in Iraq.

Dr. Jamali stressed that Iraq was greatly interested in Palestine because "it was a natural outlet" for his country. He warned that Zionism was causing increased anti-Semitism in Iraq, since the Government, he asserted, was unable to make "ignorant people" understand the difference between religious and political creeds. He insisted that Palestine was the "heart" of the Arab countries, whose unity would be made impossible if Palestine were surrendered to the Jews.

### Says U.S., Australia, Other Countries Better Able to Accept Jews

After denying the historical and religious claims of Jews to Palestine, he said that while there were unoccupied areas in that country, there were wider areas available in the United States, Australia, Canada and South America. "I maintain that Palestine is so congested that its population will double within the next 50 years," he added. "We do not want skyscrapers in Palestine; we want to live our own way, without foreign impositions."

The Iraqi spokesman attacked "Jewish propagandists," who, he said, were persuading refugees that Palestine was their only solution. He concluded by delivering a vehement attack on the principles of Zionism, which, he charged, was similar to Nazism in content and technique. Satisfying Zionist aims, he alleged, would be tantamount to shifting the problem of Europe to the Middle East.

### Sub-Committee Will Visit Bagdad, Chairman Says

British co-chairman Sir John Singleton replying to Jamali, revealed that a sub-committee of the inquiry group would visit Bagdad, but remarked that the Iraq leader's uncompromising stand on Jewish immigration was incompatible with the "golden rule" of doing to others as you would have others do to you, which policy Jamali had advised America and England to follow. "Our success or failure depends on you," Singleton added.

Replying to Lord Morrison, who asked whether Iraq would be willing to open its doors to non-Zionist Jews, Jamali said: "During the war Britain did not open its doors to good Germans. Why should we for good Jews?" He told Wilfred Crick, in reply to

other question, that Iraqi Jews were mainly prosperous traders and financiers, and played a part in the country's economic life.

When Frank Duxton asked if Jamali would change his mind about Jewish immigration, should it be demonstrated that Palestine was not congested, he answered that the Arabs do not want to live like Americans, but prefer their own customs. He added that the Arabs were prolific, and he did not want the next generation in Palestine to reach their elders for their lack of room.

### Moslem Religious Leader Voices Threat; Supported by Former Minister

Speaking in the name of the Moslem Brotherhood, fanatical religious order with membership exceeding 500,000, the Moslem Youth Organization and the Arab Union, Sheikh el Bakri, read a statement rejecting Zionist demands "which would cause a threat to peace." He said that if justice is not rendered to the Arabs in Palestine, the other Arabs are resolved to oppose and hinder the realization of Jewish aims in Palestine.

Crick pointed out that such an uncompromising attitude was in itself a threat to peace, asking: "Suppose Britain accepts this refusal to compromise and fully rejects Zionist views; will that make for peace?"

He was answered by Abdul Maguid Ibrahim Saleh Pasha, former Egyptian foreign minister, who rose and shouted heatedly: "That is a question for Britain to answer. We allowed the Zionists to organize armed forces. What the Zionists will do against England, I do not know, but I know well what we will do."

A vigorous attack on the British and the Americans was made by the chairman of the Moslem youth group, Saleh Harb Pasha, who said that "we Arabs have lost confidence in the Atlantic Charter. You are driving us to extremes, and we will fight for our lives."

Sheikh el Banna, famous leader of the Moslem Brotherhood, said that the Koran refers to the Jews as the people of the Book, but "they use offensive practices in their economic dealings." He said that the committee should make an effort to hear "a witness more important than any who have appeared"--Haj Amin Hussein, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem.

Other witnesses included Manur Fakh Pasha, Dean of Cairo University and Dr. Abdurugaybah of Tunisia who said that Zionism was creating a Jewish problem in North Africa.

### NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION WILL PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

LONDON, March 5. (JTA) -- The provisional world executive of the New Zionist Organization today announced that the organization will participate in the elections to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

The announcement amounts to the return of the New Zionist Organization, formed by Vladimir Jabotinsky, to the fold of the World Zionist Organization which the Revisionists left in 1935. In a statement explaining its decision to participate in the Congress elections, the N.Z.O. executive stressed that "the Jewish people have now reached the supreme crisis in its history," and added that "in this hour of national emergency, when Zionists of all shades are at last united on the basic demand for a Jewish State, it is the patriotic duty to present to the world a strong united Zionist organization."

BRITISH TROOPS OCCUPY PALESTINE COLONY; MORE JEWS ARRESTED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, March 5. (JTA) -- British troops last night suddenly descended on a male-less colony of Biriya and announced that they would occupy it until further notice.

The 25 male members of the colony were arrested on Friday, following an alleged attack on a nearby Arab Legion camp. The military authorities asserted that they found trail of blood leading from the scene of the attack to Biriya.

In Jerusalem, yesterday, police arrested 47 persons, including two women, as terrorist suspects.

AUSTRALIA GRANTS 200 VISAS TO REFUGEES; MAY TAKE TWO YEARS TO BRING THE IMMIGRANTS

SIDNEY, Australia, March 5. (JTA) -- Entry permits for 200 European refugees, mostly Jews, have been granted by Australian Minister of Immigration Arthur Calwell, Jewish leaders here announced today.

The shortage of shipping space, however, may hold up immigration for as long as two years. All the immigrants have relatives in Australia.

BERGEN-BELSEN RABBI RECEIVED BY DE VALERA; PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSES SYMPATHY FOR JEWS

DUBLIN, March 5. (JTA) -- Prime Minister De Valera today received Rabbi Meisels, of Bergen-Belsen, to whom he expressed his sympathy for the Jews of Europe. He told Rabbi Meisels that he understood the desire of the Jews for a national home.

Meisels, who was accompanied by Robert Briscoe, only Jewish member of the Irish Parliament, also visited various members of the Irish Government and the chairman of the Senate. He gave Briscoe a report of the situation of the Jews in the British zone of Germany, which Briscoe will discuss with De Valera in an effort to have the Government intercede for the Jews.

BEN-HAIM HATZAIR TRAINING FARM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HONORS JEWISH RESISTANCE LEADER

PRAGUE, March 5. (JTA) -- A new training farm, named in honor of Ben Zion Feuerstein, was officially opened today at Karlovy-vary by the Hashomer Hatzair.

Feuerstein, a student from Munkacs, which was occupied by Hungary after Munich, organized a Jewish resistance group. After the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, German governor of Czechoslovakia, Feuerstein was captured by the Gestapo. Despite torture he refused to reveal the names of his comrades and was finally murdered at the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria.

Speakers at the ceremony emphasized the significance of establishing a training farm in honor of a Jewish hero in a city which still has 50,000 Germans to 10,000 Czechs.

BERLIN JEWS ISSUE FIRST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER; FEATURES ARTICLE BY CHIEF RABBI LEO BAECK

BERLIN, March 5. (JTA) -- The first issue of "Der Weg," a weekly newspaper published by the Jewish community of Berlin, appeared today, featuring an article, "The Individual and the Community," by Dr. Leo Baeck, former Chief Rabbi of Germany.

The newspaper is published in German, because no Yiddish type is available. It carries a lengthy discussion of the position of the Jew in Germany, and reports by various leaders of the community.

GEORGE Z. MEDALIE, OUTSTANDING JEWISH LEADER, DIES; WAS ACTIVE IN CIVIC AFFAIRS

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- George Z. Medalie, Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals and outstanding Jewish leader, died here today. He was 62. Judge Medalie was taken ill last Thursday.

Born on New York's East Side, the son of a rabbi, Medalie rose to prominence as attorney, public official, Jewish leader and philanthropist. He was president of the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, one of the active leaders of the American Jewish Committee, the Joint Distribution Committee, the Y.M.H.A. and, at one time, of the American Jewish Congress. He also held important posts in legal societies various times, including the chairmanship of the N.Y. Bar Association. In 1932 he was on the Republican Party ticket for United States Senator from New York, while holding the position of U.S. Attorney.

Judge Medalie was named to the New York Court of Appeals, the state's highest, in September, by Gov. Dewey whose political mentor he had been for many years. Prior to this appointment, Medalie devoted much time, in his capacity as chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the American Jewish Committee, to seeking guarantees of civil rights for liberated Jews in Europe.

Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Dr. Nathan Slawson, executive vice-president, today issued the following joint statement concerning the death of Judge Medalie: "The loss of our distinguished citizen and public servant, George Z. Medalie, will be widely felt, but by none more deeply than his colleagues and fellow-members of the American Jewish Committee. Recently elected honorary vice-president of our organization, Judge Medalie, prior to his elevation to the bench, served as chairman of our overseas committee, in which capacity his wisdom and devotion were invaluable in aiding us to meet our responsibilities to our suffering brethren abroad."

Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, issued a statement declaring: "The Joint Distribution Committee mourns the passing of George Z. Medalie. He took a deep and abiding interest in the relief and rehabilitation of distressed Jews overseas and was an active figure in the activities of the J.D.C. His passing is a severe blow not only to the Joint Distribution Committee which he served so well, but also to the cause of the Jewish survivors in Europe in whose behalf he worked unstintingly during the years of their greatest tragedy."

20,000 AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN MEETING PROTEST BRITISH POLICY IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- A crowd estimated at about 20,000 jammed Madison Square Garden tonight at a combined protest meeting and pageant arranged by the Zionist Organization to demand the opening of Palestine to Jews.

John W. McCormack, House majority leader, in a speech phoned from Washington to the Garden, accused Great Britain of massing the might of its Empire "against those helpless survivors, whom Hitler did not quite succeed in exterminating," and of using atomic weapons to spread imperialism.

Senator James M. Mead said that "the conduct of the mandatory power and its administration in Palestine is in sharp contrast to the endless chain of commitments by the United States and the United Kingdom."

Exhorting Americans "to erase the blot on our conscience left by the callous massacre of six million Jews, which could have, at least been partially averted had Palestine not been hermetically sealed to escaping Jews," J. Howard McGrath, U.S. Solicitor General declared that the "time has come for the Jewish Nation to reclaim Palestine." Other speakers included William B. Ziff, author and publisher.



STREICHER ASKS COURT FOR WITNESSES TO PROVE HE DID NOT ADVOCATE VIOLENCE AGAINST JEWS

NUREMBERG, March 5. (JTA) -- Julius Streicher, foremost Nazi Jew-baiter, today requested the International Military Tribunal to permit him to call five or six witnesses and file a number of documents in an attempt to prove that he rejected the use of violence against Jews and was not responsible for anti-Jewish acts.

Streicher's petition declared that he "visualized the solution of the Jewish question by the evacuation and resettlement of the Jewish population of the earth in a Jewish national state." It is expected that he will attempt to prove that since 1939 he was without influence, had no connections with prominent party members, did not personally know Gestapo leaders, and knew nothing about the extermination of Jews.

Among the documents which Streicher wants put into the record is a book by Erich Kaufman, published in America in 1941, that advocated sterilization of all young Germans as a method of biological extermination of the German nation.

ALL JEWS MUST BE TAKEN OUT OF POLAND, DR. MARGOSHES REPORTS UPON HIS RETURN FROM WARSAW

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- Estimating that there are no more than 60,000 Jews in Poland, and that a third of them are still living as "maranos" using non-Jewish identity documents secured during the Nazi occupation, Dr. Samuel Margoshes, who this week returned from a trip to Poland on behalf of the World Jewish Congress, today told a press conference that "ninety-nine percent of all these Jews want to leave the country" and must be removed immediately, since their lives are in danger.

Not a day passes without Jews being killed by anti-Semitic and anti-Government terrorist groups, Dr. Margoshes reported. The Government is very pro-Jewish, he emphasized, and is doing all it can for the surviving Jews, but it is helpless to deal with the fascist underground movement.

Declaring that it does not matter to what country the Jews are taken, as long as they leave Poland immediately, Dr. Margoshes said: "Those who have relatives in the United States want to go to America, others look to emigration to Palestine. American Jews must send affidavits to their relatives in Poland, if they really wish to help them." He urged Jewish organizations in the United States to impress upon the State Department the necessity of giving priority visas to Jews in Poland as is being done for displaced Jews in Germany under President Truman's order.

Jews repatriated from the USSR to Poland, Dr. Margoshes said, do not intend to remain on Polish soil. They consider Poland a corridor through which they can reach other countries. Many of the Polish Jews who were in Silesia are now suffering from the same "zoological anti-Semitism" displayed by the majority of the non-Jewish population in Poland, he stated. They are leaving Silesia, because of the anti-Jewish atmosphere introduced by Poles who are being sent there as new settlers. At the same time, Dr. Margoshes pointed out that some Poles risked their lives during the Nazi occupation to rescue Jews from the Gestapo.

HIAS OFFICE OPENED IN BULGARIA TO FACILITATE EMIGRATION OF JEWS

SOFIA, March 1. (JTA) -- A Hias branch has been opened here to assist the migration and repatriation of Bulgarian Jews, and to help in the search for lost relatives as well as the distribution of food and clothing parcels from relatives abroad. An executive committee of seven Jewish leaders, headed by Chief Rabbi Daniel Zion, has been established. Other members include representatives of B'nai B'rith, the Zionists, and the Communist and Social Democratic parties.

WAR TIME RECORD OF JEWISH CHAPLAINS LAUDED AT U.A.H.C. CONFERENCE

CINCINNATI, March 5. (JTA) -- Tribute to the war-time record of American Jewish chaplains was paid here tonight by Major General Luther D. Millie, Army Chief of Chaplains, and Rear Admiral William H. Thomas, Navy Chief of Chaplains, at a banquet which highlighted the 39th Biennial Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. One hundred and forty-six Jewish Reform chaplains received citations commemorating their activities on all fronts during the war.

Principal speaker at the dinner was Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, who said that from now on "the accent must be placed not on philanthropy but on Jewish education--youth and adult--upon scholarship, academies and the proper training of spiritual leaders, teachers, community leaders and social workers and upon writers, books and all the creative efforts of the mind."

Dr. Zalman Grinberg, chairman of the Central Committee for Liberated Jews in Germany, who is returning to Munich next week, told the 1,500 persons assembled at the dinner, that what the displaced Jews in Europe need now is "political help." He said that "more than 98 percent of the remaining 100,000 Jews in Germany wish to go to Palestine. If we do not have a maximum contribution by American Jewry in our political struggle," Dr. Grinberg said, "we feel that there will be a new great tragedy in Europe. Unless the Jews in Germany and Eastern Europe are permitted to go to Palestine without delay, there will be both acts of desperation and the beginnings of a march on Palestine."

JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICA'S WARS SINCE COLONIAL DAYS PORTRAYED AT J.W.V. PAGEANT

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- More than 17,000 persons attending the pageant, "The Fighting Jew," which celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Jewish War Veterans, heard Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt call for national, racial and religious unity to maintain the peace.

Reviewing the performance of Jewish service men and women in the war, Gen. Taylor told the Madison Square Garden audience: "It is for everyone as citizens to resist the forces within this nation which attempt to set up American against American, whether on the ground of profession, religion or race." He pointed out that there was unity among all races and creeds in foxholes and asserted that after the war's end forces of division had appeared which "give us grounds for grave concern."

The pageant, which featured music and dramatic narration, told the story of the Jew as a warrior in American forces from the early days of New Amsterdam and the American Revolution through the hundreds of thousands of Jews, men and women, who fought in World War II. Funds obtained from the presentation of the pageant will be used for relief and rehabilitation of veterans.

B.Z. GOLDBERG, JEWISH-AMERICAN JOURNALIST, FIRED BY SOVIET JEWISH WRITERS IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, March 5. (JTA) -- B.Z. Goldberg, Jewish-American journalist now visiting the USSR, was tendered a reception here by Soviet Jewish writers. Speakers included Itzik Feffer, David Bergelson, Aron Kuznir, David Hofstein, Parats Markish, Lev Kvitko and Aaron Vergalis.