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### 33 JEWS MURDERED IN POLAND IN TEN DAYS SINCE KIELCE POGROM; DRAGGED FROM TRAINS

WARSAW, July 14. (JTA) -- At least 33 Jews have been murdered in Poland since the Kielce pogrom on July 4, according to reliable reports received here from various parts of the country.

In addition to the 22 killed between Lodz and Wroclaw, which was reported earlier in the week, six Jews were dragged from a Warsaw-Bialystok train at the Zareby-Koscielne station and murdered.

Four Jews were massacred at Preszeczcin about the same time, and on Wednesday a Jewish engineer was killed in his home at Katowice by a band which left behind a card reading: "This will happen to all the Jews of Poland."

Several chalutzim who had been armed by the government to assist in defending Jews against attacks were arrested by police after battling terrorists. While they were held in prison, they were assaulted by the terrorists who had been seized at the same time.

### 5,000 Polish Jews Flee into Czechoslovakia Despite Dangers of Journey

PRAGUE, July 14. (JTA) -- Nearly 5,000 Jewish refugees from Poland have arrived in Czechoslovakia since the pogrom at Kielce, posing a difficult problem for the Jewish community and the Joint Distribution Committee.

Food and lodging for the fugitives, most of whom are en route, via Austria and the American zone in Germany, to Palestine, is difficult to arrange, but with the assistance of governmental authorities provision is being made for the arrivals.

Although rivers along the Czechoslovak-Polish frontier are swollen, greatly increasing the dangers and hardships of their journey, hundreds of Jews arrive daily. Events in Poland have created such panic among them that the difficulties of their flight are ignored.

Some of the refugees charge that members of the police and the militia participated in the assaults on Jews or refrained from curbing the attackers. Jews from Lodz said that when they complained to the local police that the windows of their homes had been smashed, they were told: "What are you complaining about, you're still alive."

### SPECIAL MEETING OF JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE REPORTED SHIFTED FROM PARIS TO LONDON

LONDON, July 14. (JTA) -- The special meeting of the executive of the Jewish Agency which was scheduled to be held in Paris within the next week or ten days will probably convene here, it was reported today. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Agency, is due in London from Palestine on Wednesday or Thursday. David Ben Gurion, chairman of the executive, is expected to fly here from New York this week.

BRITISH TROOPS RAID TEL AVIV FACTORY; FIRST MEETING AT AGENCY HEADQUARTERS SINCE RAID

JERUSALEM, July 14. (JTA) -- British troops today raided a garment factory in Tel Aviv on a tip that one of the leaders of the Jewish resistance forces was hiding there. A thorough search of the premises, however, was without result.

For the first time since June 29, when the building was occupied by British troops, the unarrested members of the Jewish Agency executive met today in their headquarters here. Among those present was Rabbi Judah L. Fishman, who was released from Latrun prison on Friday by the High Commissioner because of the precarious condition of his health.

At a press conference here today, Rabbi Fishman denied that he was anti-British, pointing to the fact that he urged that Britain be given the mandate over Palestine and during World War I had criticized those Jews who, at first, supported Germany. He said that England has no better friends than the Jews, and then quoted verse 19 of chapter 1 of Lamentations: "I called to my lovers, but they deceived me."

The aged Mizrahi leader criticized the British for having arrested him on the Sabbath, declaring that although he had been detained by Czarist police in Russia and by Turkish authorities in Palestine, on both occasions the police had taken special pains to avoid violating his religious precepts by forcing him to ride on Saturday.

A police communique issued last night said that boxes containing smoke bombs and home-made grenades had been found on the grounds of the Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus. The communique also disclosed that Benjamin Papanek, one of the two alleged informers kidnapped by the Haganah had turned up at a Haifa police station. The other abducted youth was released several days ago.

BRITISH WILL NOT BE BOUND BY RECOMMENDATIONS OF ANGLO-AMERICAN EXPERTS; MEET IN SECRET

LONDON, July 14. (JTA) -- The British Government will not feel itself obligated to follow the plans for implementation of the Anglo-American Palestine report which are to be drafted by the joint U.S.-British committee of experts which began meeting here yesterday, it was reported here today.

The committee members, whose deliberations will be surrounded by secrecy, plan to meet twice daily to expedite their work as much as possible. The British members are expected to be in constant contact with the appropriate Cabinet members on different sections of the recommendations.

What is likely to be one of the chief stumbling blocks in the discussions is the question of U.S. military aid in Palestine. It is common knowledge that Britain desires such assistance, although it has not yet officially asked for it.

A five-point resolution was adopted at a special meeting today by the Board of Deputies of British Jews, by a vote of 155 to 14, which urged the British Government to recognize that its only means of obtaining security in the Middle East was the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine.

The resolution expressed deep concern at the repressive measures carried out by the Palestine Administration against members of the Jewish Agency, the Jewish National Council and the Jewish settlements and expressed confidence in the Agency despite the action taken against its leaders, which was characterized as an infringement of the international status of the Agency.

It also reaffirmed the Board's statement of policy of November, 1944, which declared that the restoration of Jewish nationhood in Palestine was an indispensable

basis for the solution of the Jewish problem and the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine was the only means of affording security for homeless Jews the world over; urged the Government to carry out without delay the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee regarding the immigration of 100,000 European Jews to Palestine and expressed confidence that British public opinion would recognize justice in the Jewish cause.

### Charges British Arrested Firmest Opponents of Terror

Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board, reiterated his condemnation of terrorism in Palestine, but emphasized that there was no justification whatever for the Government's actions. He added that the very men who had consistently opposed terrorism had been arrested by the authorities.

He pointed out that the Board was the only representative body of British Jewry and statements approving the Government's actions in Palestine were issued by individuals and small groups which comprised an insignificant minority. Brodetsky urged the immediate release of the leaders of the Jewish Agency so that they might participate in coming discussions on Palestine's future.

The Board rejected overwhelmingly a Communist-sponsored proposal asking that the Palestine problem be handed over to the United Nations.

An article in the Sunday Pictorial by Lord Vansittard today gives a "friendly hint" to American Jews, warning that they have organized an "excess of Anglophobia." He said that American Jewry can become a "liability for Jews," adding that "it is in their power to make more anti-Semites than the Arabs."

The former British Minister in Syria, Major-General Sir Edward Spears, in an article in the Sunday Chronicle declared that the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine would end peace and security in the Middle East. He urged the Government to issue a declaration against a Jewish state and further immigration until self-governing institutions were set up with a constitution that protected the languages, religions and customs of the Jews and Arabs.

The diplomatic correspondent of the Observer, commenting on the Anglo-American talks, declared that Britain will adopt the proposals of the Anglo-American inquiry committee only if all of its recommendations are found to be workable.

Prof. Lewis B. Namier, one-time political secretary of the Jewish Agency, and noted British historian, disclosed in a letter to the London Times yesterday, that only a month ago British intelligence officers were in contact with the Jewish Agency, asking its assistance in some undisclosed matters. He recalled the invaluable assistance given the British forces in the Middle East, particularly in Syria and Iraq, by members of the Hagana and the Irgun.

### CROWD RIPS HOOD FROM HEAD OF DOOMED NAZI WHEN HE BOASTS OF KILLING HUNDREDS OF JEWS

BUDAPEST, July 14. (JTA) -- An enraged crowd yesterday broke through a cordon of police and ripped the hood from the head of a condemned Nazi as he stood on the gallows, so that they might witness his death agonies.

The crowd was provoked when the doomed man, a Hungarian named Kaesman Baritz, shouted from the scaffold that he had killed hundreds more Jews and partisans than was brought out at his trial. He added that he was of Jewish descent. When the executioner moved toward him he kicked him away, setting off the disturbance which ended when he was hanged.

U.S. ARMY SETS UP REST CAMP NEAR VIENNA FOR ORPHANS FLEEING POLAND AND HUNGARY

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA) -- American Army authorities in Vienna are converting a six-acre estate outside the Austrian capital into a rest camp for a group of 240 Jewish war orphans who have arrived there from Poland and Hungary, en route to Palestine, it was announced today by the Joint Distribution Committee, which will administer the camp and provide the children with supplementary food rations.

At the same time, J.D.C. made known that it had purchased 500,000 cans of kosher meat in South America for shipment to Jewish communities in Europe. Valued at \$185,000, the meat will be distributed at the rate of 100,000 cans monthly for five months, the biggest share being earmarked for Jews in Poland.

INTERNAL REVENUE BUREAU LIFTS TAX EXEMPTION OF POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA) -- The tax exemption privileges of the Political Action Committee for Palestine have been revoked by the U.S. Bureau of Internal Revenue, because in the bureau's opinion the organization is no longer qualified as a "charitable or educational organization," it was announced yesterday.

The Committee, which actively campaigned for defeat of the British loan because of British policy in Palestine, was criticized last week by a number of Congressmen whose names it used without authorization in newspaper advertisements asking defeat of the loan. Several members of its Congressional advisory committee resigned as a result of the advertisement.

A statement issued by Joseph D. Nunan Jr., Internal Revenue Commissioner, said that "according to the law exemptions are provided for educational and charitable groups. When an organization becomes a political or pressure group, those provisions no longer apply. The same action would be taken with any other organization in the same circumstances."

In a statement to the press which said that the Revenue Bureau's action would be contested, the Committee declared that it was being penalized because it opposed the loan.

POST-WAR CONFERENCE OF WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM WILL MEET IN LONDON

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA) -- The first post-war conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism will be held in London between July 25 and 30, it was announced here today by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. Jane Evans, executive director of the federation, is leaving for England tomorrow by air to attend the conference.

Among the topics to be discussed at the international meeting are the reconstruction of war-destroyed synagogues and the extension of Jewish religious activities to industrial workers. The sessions will be attended by delegates from the United States, all the European countries, Australia and the Union of South Africa.

DANISH JEWS EXPRESS SYMPATHY FOR PALESTINE JEWS IN NOTE TO U.S., BRITISH LEGATIONS

COPENHAGEN, July 14. (JTA) -- Leaders of Danish Jewry have submitted a note to the American and British Legations here declaring that Jews in Denmark fully sympathize with the Jews of Palestine in their present situation. The note added that although they did not condone terrorist methods, Danish Jews regarded the struggle in Palestine as a fight for right and justice.