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#### NEW PALESTINE DEFENSE PLANS REPORTED MAPPED: RUMORED VISALESS JEWS MAY BE TURNED BACK

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Far-reaching decisions of a military and administrative nature were arrived at here during a ten-day visit by a high official mission from London consisting of officials of the Foreign Office and high-ranking army, navy and air force officers, it was learned today,

The mission arrived here shortly after the bombing of the King David Hotel and returned to London during the week-end. Great secrecy surrounded its comings and goings as well as its meetings with High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham. Present at these meetings were Chief Secretary Sir John Shaw, Sir Evelyn Barker, British commander in Palestine, and the chiefs of police and the Criminal Investigation Department.

The conferences are believed to be connected with recent decisions to prepare Jerusalem and other large cities against possible extended terrorist attacks or even an armed uprising. The requisition last week of several key buildings in Jerusalem is believed to be the first step in setting up "defense areas" in which the government could continue to function under any condition.

One of the chief reasons for the present concern and apprehension in official circles is the arrival in the past week of several thousand visaless immigrants and the reports that thousands of others are en route. One reliable source estimated that 17.000 Jews have sailed for Palestine since June 29.

The decision as to whether these immigrants are to be admitted is up to London, but it is understood that the Palestine Government has recommended the admittance of only women over 50 years of age, children under ten and persons who are seriously 111.

## Halt Disembarkation of "Illegals"; Rumored Refugee Ship Taken to Cyprus

Disembarkation of women and children from the vessels Haganah and Hayal Haivri. which began Friday, was suddenly halted today without any explanation.

Jewish circles here are considerably concerned over the fate of the Yagour. Raffiah and four other unidentified vessels, which were reported nearing Palestine several days ago and should have arrived here by now. An unconfirmed rumor which spread throughout Jerusalem tonight said that British naval units have apprehended at least one refugee vessel on the high seas and have taken it into Cyprus, where the passengers were disembarked and placed in an interment camp which has been set up to house refugees turned away from Palestine.

The editor of the Palestine Best was summoned to the offices of Acting Chief jecretary Scott yesterday and informed that a recent editorial criticizing the requisitioning of Jewish shops, offices and homes was regarded by the government with disfavor.

The concentration of government offices in a central "defense area" is continuing. The Jerusalem municipality was instructed today to move to the former post office building, while certain of the departments of the new postal building have been moved to the bansour Building, which, incidentally, houses the offices of the JTA.

The "Voice of Israel," the Jewish Resistance Movement's secret radio, returned to the air yesterday after a four-day silence which coincided with the British military occupation of Tel Aviv. The radio, which broadcast on three different wave lengths to avoid jarming by the government radio, called upon the Jewish community of Palestine to maintain the strictest discipline in the future.

It was announced today that 22 suspected terrorists among the 724 persons who are being interrogated following the Tel Aviv raids have been transferred by air to the British internment camp in Eritrea.

The Tel Aviv municipality's special committee assigned to check damages caused during the raids said that it has already registered 300 cases, in which the total damage involved is estimated at \$500,000. The management of the Labor Sick Fund has sent a letter to Maj. Gen. Caseel, who directed the Tel Aviv searches, protesting that troops broke into a store of medicaments belonging to the Fund, despite the fact that the name of the manager and the information that keys could be obtained from him, were clearly posted.

The Journalists Association in Tel Aviv and Jeruselem today protested the beating of Asrield Schwartz, an assistant editor of the daily newspaper Mishmar, who was assaulted by troops when he objected to the looting of a jewelry shop by soldiers. The editors of the Hebrew press have complained to the Chief Secretary against the silencing of the entire Hebrew press during the reids and the military's failure to recognize the press oredentials of resident correspondents.

# WEIZMANN REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD HALL RELEASE OF LEADERS IS PREREQUISITE TO TALKS

IONDON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The newspaper Reynolds News says today that Dr. Chaim Weizmann met this week with Colonial Secretary Goorge Hall and had a "friendly talk." The Jewish Agency office here said that it was unable to either confirm or deny the report.

The newspaper says that Dr. Weizmann made it clear that the release of the imprisoned Jewish Agency leaders was a pre-condition to any "fruitful talks." It stresses the importance of the resumption of official contact between the Agency and the government.

The diplomatic correspondent of the Observer predicts today that Britain is unlikely to be deterred "by American hesitancy" from presenting its "federalization" plan to both the Arabs and the Jews at the projected London conference.

The Sunday Times, also supporting the government, repeats that President Truman's stand on the Palestine issue is motivated by a desire to please Jewish voters.

A Reuters report from Rome says that the Pope yesterday received a delegation representing the Palestine Arabs. After leaving the Vatican, the Arabs said that the Pope had condemned present acts of violence in Palestine. (Another report of the meeting said that the Pope had also expressed disapproval of all manifestations of anti-Semittms.)

#### JEWISH AGENCY DISCUSSING AITERNATIVE PROGRAMS OF ACTION; DECISION EXPECTED TODAY

PARIS, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Fire different proposals as to the program of action to be adopted by the Jewish Agency were discussed today at two meetings of the executive.

Another meeting is scheduled to be held tonight and important decisions are to be arrived at in the course of the night or tomorrow morning. One of the questions that must be decided is whether to accept the British Government's invitation to the Agency to send representatives to the round-table talks in London.

(A New York Times report yesterday stated that some members of the Agency executive were prepared to accept a modified form of the British "federalization" plan, but only on better terms and with the understanding that the British withdraw from Palestine within a year or two. The report emphasizes that it is premature to say that the entire executive has been won over to this compromise.

(The Times reports today that high U.S. officials have sent to Washington reports by at least two advisers attached to the American Cabinet Committee alternates which charge that Henry F. Grady, head of the delegation, ignored the advice of his staff and disregarded the directives given the alternates by the U.S. Government. Grady is reported to have given in to the British demand that admission of 100,000 Jews to Falestine depend on acceptance of the entire plan, despite the fact that his staff was opposed.)

It was reported that Dr. Chaim Weizmann who is soon to undergo an eye operation, which must be preceded by a short period of rest, may attend the meeting here for a day or two to present his views.

Rabbi Philip Bernstein, special advisor on Jewish Affairs to Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, American commander in Germany, yesterday addressed a private meeting of members of the Agency executive and other world Zionist leaders meeting here.

It is relieved Dr. Bernstein, who just completed a tour of Germany, Austria and Poland, reported on the physical and mental state of the displaced Jews in the American zone and on the plight of the Jews in Poland and those fleeing from there.

The executive meeting yesterday wired a message of solidarity to Moshe Shertok, Dr. Itzchak Gruenbaum, and Dr. Bernard Joseph, members of the executive, and David Remez, general secretary of the Histadruth, all of whom have been imprisoned in the Latrum detention camp since June 29. The message said: "We are with you in these days of great trouble and hope that our people, in spite of all difficulties, will achieve its national liberation."

## GROUP OF JEWS SAID TO BE DRILLING IN DP CAMPS IN PREPARATION FOR PALESTINE IMMIGRATION

IONDON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Groups of displaced Jews are conducting military drills outside the DP camps in Bavaria, the Daily Express reported yesterday from Wolfrethausen, about 15 miles from Munich.

The Express correspondent said that a British UNRRA official had discovered the existence of a link between displaced Jews at the Foehrenwald camp at Wolfrathshausen and the Palestinian underground movement. He declared that the military government authorities have posted armed guards around the camp where tonsion is high as the result of the killing of a Jew by German police and the wounding of six other Jews by bayonst-wielding American troops.

The correspondent asserted that not only were the groups engaged in drilling preparing to go Palestine, but that "more than 4,000 Jewish displaced persons wait in this camp with only one aim--to get to Palestine as soon as possible."

#### PEACE CONFERENCE GETS MEMORANDUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS FROM AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

PARIS, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A memorandum suggesting provisions on human rights which should be included in peace treaties with shemy countries was circulated during the week-end among the delegations of the 21 nations attending the Peace Conference by the American Jewish Committee.

The memorandum calls for the inclusion in the fundamental laws of Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy and Rumania of basic civil liberties guarantees. One of them specifies that the former enemy states "shall protect all civizens in their right to full equality before the law and equal treatment in all respects, including educational and economic opportunity, and shall guarantee them against discrimination in either public or private employment. In perticular there shall be no discrimination in any respect on the ground of race, sex, language, or religion."

Restitution of property to those deprived by persecution, their indemnification for losses and reinstatement in previous positions is called for in six specific proposals, which provide that unclaimed property taken from Jews be applied to the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Jewish victims of crimes against humanity.

The proposals specifically call for the inclusion of these provisions in the constitution and fundamental law of the former enough states, and provide for their joint guarantee by all contracting parties, and for the granting to the United Nations of power to supervise their execution.

The World Jevish Congress, the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the American Jevish Conference yesterday distributed to all delegations a supplement to the lengthy memorandum it issued last week.

The current note, which was prepared after study of the equal rights clauses contained in the drefts of the peace treaties, lays special emphasis on Eurgary and Rumania and asks inclusion in the treaties with those nations of detailed guarantees of rights for Jews, which would become part of the constitutional law of the two countries, and whose enforcement would be supervised by an international body.

The Budapest radio today broadcast a statement by Foreign Minister Janos Gyoengyoesy, in which he said that Hungary would shortly send to the great powers a memorandum outlining its attitude towards protection of national minorities and pledging legal guarantees of freedom of worship, education, press and assembly.

## REPORT OF MISKOLC OUTBREAK SAYS FASCIST MOB UTILIZED WORKERS PROTEST AGAINST PROFITEERS

BUDAPEST, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- An official report of the lynching last week of two Jevs in the city of Miskolc and the murder of a Jewish member of the secret police there says that a "fascist mob" utilized a protest by iron workers against the black market for anti-Semitic ends.

The Cabinet Council is scheduled to discuss the outbreak tomorrow and decide on what measures should be taken. Reports from Miskule reaching here today differ as to the situation there. One says that everything is quiet and the workers have returned to their jobs, while another says that a Jewish journalist was beaten up yesterday.

Meanwhile, the death toll in the Kurmedaras pogram, which occurred in May, has risen to four, with the death yesterday of one of the injured Jows.

#### UNRRA DIRECTOR IN GERMANY BARS ALMISSION OF MORE PRIVATE RELIEF WORKERS

MUNICH, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Lieut.-General Frederick Morgan, chief of UNRRA operations in Germany, has ordered that no additional workers of voluntary relief agencies be permitted to enter Germany, it was learned here today.

This order places a heavy burden on the relief organizations just when they require additional personnel to help with the influx of thousands of refugees who are coming into Germany from Poland and other areas.

Morgan's order, which he hopes to push through the Geneva convention of UNRRA, opening tomorrow, apparently runs counter to Director-General LaGuardia's recent comment in which he expressed the fear that there would be no interim group to handle the DP problem during the period when UNRRA ends its operations at the end of this year and the new International Relief Organization begins to function.

In order for the new organization to deal adequately with the DP problem, it is generally believed that the aid of UNRRA and the expansion of the various voluntary relief agencies' services would be required.

Some officials believe Morgan may have issued his order to keep the voluntary agencies here weak so that the United Nations would be compelled to continue UNRRA, at least during the interim period. It is generally believed here, however, that the Army will act as the interim group.

The need for relief workers will grow greater as more refugees from Poland enter Germany, according to a report to Gen. Joseph T. McNarney by Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, advisor on Jewish affairs, released yesterday. The report was based on a week's survey of Jewish conditions in Poland. Rabbi Bernstein estimated that 60,000 Jews would leave Poland during the next three months, with the number going as high as 100,000 by the end of the year.

Rabbi Bernstein, who visited the survivors of the Kielce pogrom, said they described with "objective horror the bestiality and brutality with which they and their dead comrades were attacked by men, women and children." This pogrom, he added, has shaken whatever security may have remained among the Jews of Poland.

(One hundred and ten Jews still remaining in Kielce are settling their personal affairs or waiting to be called as vitaesees in further government trials before leaving Kielce forever, the Joint Distribution Committee has been advised by its director in Poland, William Bein. Seventy-nine Jews have already left Kielce since the powerm on July 4.

(Eleven of the survivors still in the city are wounded, two critically, and are under the care of physicians and special nurses provided by the J.D.C. Reports from Lodz, to which twenty-six Jews wounded in the outbreaks have been evacuated, indicate that three patients are still in danger. Eight Jews have been released from the hospital and the balance are on the way to recovery, but some will be hospitalized for months.)

### HADASSAH ANNOUNCES SETTING UP OF 130-BED HOSPITAL AT ATRIJT CLEARANCE CAMP

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A hospital containing 130 beds has been established at the Athlit clearance camp and is equipped with physicians, nurses and adequate medical supplies, it was announced here today by Hadassah. Seventy of the beds were built at the Hadassah hospital on Mt. Scopus.