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### TRUMAN DID NOT SEND FORMAL PLAN ON PALESTINE TO BRITAIN, WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- President Truman has not sent any formal plan on Palestine to the British Government, White House press secretary, Charles G. Ross, emphatically said today.

Asked about news reports from London attributing to the Foreign Office the announcement of receipt of a plan from President Truman, Ross feelingly commented that he was not responsible for statements of London officials.

Denying reports that the President had forwarded to London a counter-proposal on partition of Palestine, Ross categorically stated that Mr. Truman had merely made some suggestions to facilitate the continuing and constant negotiations between the United States and British Governments. He assailed what he called "the irresponsible statements, gossip and false rumors" which have been circulating about President Truman's supposed intentions, pointing out that they do not contribute to a highly explosive situation.

Ross declined to comment about further London reports that the President had rejected the British federalization plan. The President will take no action on the Palestine situation before his departure tomorrow for a seventeen-day vacation cruise in New England, it was authoritatively learned.

### Truman Subordinates Partition to Immediate Admission of 100,000 Jews

The immediate resumption of immigration to Palestine and issuance of certificates for the 100,000 displaced European Jews is the keystone of President Truman's policy. He is known to have turned down the British-Grady recommended partition plan scarcely veiling his displeasure with its authors.

Any proposal for partition of Palestine must, in his opinion, be subordinated to the immigration conditions. The President is emphatically supported in this approach by, among others, Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder and Secretary of War Robert Patterson, two members of the Cabinet Committee on Palestine, by Postmaster General Robert W. Hannegan, who is chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Paul Fitzpatrick, New York State Democratic chairman, and by Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace.

### Believes British Indifference to His Requests Involves Prestige of U.S.

The President realizes that execution of a partition plan would entail a lengthy period, possibly even a year, and would mean the appointment of a boundary commission with attendant surveys and delays. He sees no reason for holding up the transfer, in the meantime, of the 100,000 Jews from what he considers their desperate life in displaced persons camps, to those areas in Palestine which are not in dispute. This point has been hammered at repeatedly in cables between Washington and London.

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Highest Administration circles feel that, despite constant British promises, beginning with the Balfour Declaration, President Truman has been rebuffed and that he is deeply concerned not only with British indifference toward his repeated proposals, but also with the effect on the moral prestige of the United States.

### British Leaks of Information Will Not Force President's Hand

Evidence of British good faith, in the view of those in a position to know the President's feelings, would be immediate issuance of the 100,000 certificates to the Jewish Agency, with subsequent negotiation on the type of partition. Attempts to commit the President through Foreign Office use of the well-known "leak" of information will not force his hand, it was indicated. On the contrary, resenting this type of pressure, he has been strengthened in his determination to insist on his primary conditions regarding immigration.

Aside from the mandatory aspects of the British loan, the executive has the power to scrutinize requests for specific sums as they are received. Reluctant as he would be to exercise the permissive functions allowed by the loan, he might, it is thought, find himself forced to this conclusion if some early promise of performance by the British Government were not forthcoming.

The President feels it his duty, as part of the democratic process, to take into account in the negotiations on Palestine, the views of American Jewry. The Jewish Agency plan presented last week by Dr. Nahum Goldmann is known to have impressed the Cabinet Committee. So far as the President is concerned, he feels the question of the immigration certificates is paramount.

### WEIZMANN AND ZIONIST LEADERS CONFER WITH COLONIAL SECRETARY IN PALESTINE TALKS

LONDON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A delegation of Zionist leaders, led by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, conferred for two hours today with Colonial Secretary George Hall. The delegation consisted of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Eliezer Kaplan and Berl Locker.

After leaving the meeting, Dr. Weizmann said that arrangements for Jewish representation at the conference on Palestine to be held later this month were discussed, and added that he hoped for a "satisfactory solution." He refused to answer a question as to whether President Truman's reply to Prime Minister Attlee had been discussed.

The world Zionist leader appeared very ill and leaned heavily on the arm of Joseph Linton, political adviser to the Jewish Agency in London. He kept his eyes closed most of the time to avoid the light. Dr. Weizmann is entering a hospital tonight to have an operation performed on his eyes.

### Dr. Goldmann Reported Asking for "Cantonization" Instead of "Partition"

Router's today published a statement by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, member of the Jewish Agency executive, declaring that the Agency is ready to take part in discussions on the "cantonization" of Palestine if assurances are given that an autonomous Jewish state will be set up "within reasonable time."

Until such assurances are forthcoming, the Jewish Agency would continue to refuse to participate in discussions, he said, adding that "the British Government has been informed of this position." He emphatically rejected the term "partition" and substituted "cantonization", Routers asserted.

Dr. Goldmann made his statement after the conference of Zionist leaders with the Colonial Secretary. He said that "modalities and conditions" for the Jewish Agency's participation in talks on the future of Palestine were discussed.

HAIFA TENSE AS FURTHER DEPORTATIONS TO CYPRUS AWAITED; 1,400 ABOARD SHIPS IN HARBOR

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15. (JTA)--Another 1,400 visaless Jews were aboard small vessels in Haifa harbor today awaiting deportation to Cyprus, as tension in the city remained high, following a clash last night with police and troops in which several Jews were injured. Meanwhile, two more immigrant ships were reported nearing Palestine.

Troops reinforcements have been sent to the dock area as a precaution against further outbreaks when the new deportations begin. The potential deportees are 600 aboard the Katriel Yaffe, which arrived on Tuesday and 800, including 40 pregnant women, on the Caf Cimmel, which came into port today. Jewish Agency representatives have not been allowed to contact them.

Continuing their war of nerves, resistance forces today called up several government buildings in Jerusalem and warned that they would be bombed. For the second time in two days the general post office building here was evacuated, as was the municipal building and Barclay's Bank. After a search by police and troops the three buildings were declared safe. The false warnings were given despite a censorship on domestic telephone messages.

Ten of the fifteen refugees who were hospitalized on Tuesday after battling British troops who attempted to transfer them from the Henrietta Szold to the deportation ships, have been brought to the harbor area for inclusion among the next transport of deportees.

1,300 JEWISH DEPORTEES FROM PALESTINE DISEMBARKED AT CYPRUS; PLACED IN CAMP

FAMAGUSTA, Cyprus, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Disembarkation of 1,300 visaless Jews deported from Palestine was completed this afternoon and the two vessels which brought them to Cyprus sailed, presumably en route back to Palestine to pick up another load of deportees. The cruiser Ajax, which escorted the vessels here, is reported standing by for other escort missions.

The debarkation of the refugees began at dawn this morning with stretcher cases being the first to come ashore. Several persons were immediately taken to hospitals. Among those was a woman with a new-born baby. (The United Press reported that two children among the deportees had died.)

Rigid security precautions kept correspondents away from the camp area, to where the refugees were taken, and trucks carrying batches of ten deportees were escorted from the docks to the camp by jeeps, as Bren gun carriers lined the road.

As some of the younger immigrants were being taken from the two transports in landing craft, they shouted: "Palestine not Cyprus. We want Palestine."

PICKETS DEMONSTRATE BEFORE BRITISH EMBASSY TO PROTEST DEPORTATION OF JEWS TO CYPRUS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Over four hundred people, wearing black arm bands, carrying placards assailing British policy in Palestine, and chanting "open the gates of Palestine," demonstrated in front of the British Embassy this afternoon. They were headed by 12 leading rabbis of Washington.

The black arm bands were worn in memory of the three Jews recently killed in Haifa in attempts to prevent deportation of Jewish refugees from Palestine to Cyprus, and the two Jewish children who died in a ship en route to Cyprus. The demonstrators chanted the traditional Jewish prayer for the dead and the rabbis offered prayers. Placards carried the slogans: "from Dachau to Cyprus," "Neither Nazi nor British concentration camps," "Fight British tyranny in Palestine."

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JEWISH WOMAN KILLED, ONE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AT REFUGEE CAMP IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAGUE, Aug. 15. (JTA)--One Jewish woman was killed and one was seriously injured when a guard at a camp at Broumov for Polish Jews allegedly accidentally shot them, it was reported here today.

A report from Vienna says that during the several days when the Polish-Czech border was closed the number of refugees entering Vienna dropped to 200 daily from the high of more than 1,000 who had been arriving every day.

BRITISH AGENTS WATCHING SHIPS AT GENOA WHICH MAY CARRY IMMIGRANTS TO PALESTINE

ROME, Aug. 15. (JTA)--British security agents in Italy now have ten ships under observation in Genoa harbor which they believe are being outfitted to transport visaless immigrants to Palestine, it was reported here today.

Genoa and other ports on the Ligurian Sea are believed to be the land terminus of the underground railway system which is aiding Jews fleeing from Eastern European countries and displaced persons camps in Central Europe.

POLAND AND RUMANIAN CONTROL COUNCIL REJECT BRITISH REQUEST TO HALT EXODUS OF JEWS

LONDON, Aug. 15. (JTA)--Both Poland and the Russian-controlled Allied Control Council in Rumania have replied "unfavorably" to a British request that they act to halt the exodus of Jews bound for Palestine, it was stated here today. This contradicts previous reports that Poland had agreed to close its borders.

A Foreign Office spokesman, who disclosed the Polish and Rumanian replies, said that Britain did not intend to make any further representations to any governments concerning Jewish emigration.

The High Commissioner for Palestine announced yesterday that the British Government has concluded an agreement with UNRRA for the repatriation of the several thousand Poles living in Palestine.

PALESTINE CHIEF RABBI APPEALS TO POLES TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM; ASKS GOVERNMENT AID

WARSAW, Aug. 15. (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine today issued an appeal here to Poles to fight anti-Semitism and urged the Polish Government to aid fleeing Jews reach Palestine.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman this week revealed that between 20,000 and 25,000 Jews have left Poland illegally since the July 4th pogrom at Kielce. He added that the government had granted 4,764 emigration visas during the first seven months of the year.

CHIEF RABBI OF RUMANIA LEAVES FOR PARIS TO CONFER WITH JEWISH LEADERS ON PEACE TREATIES

BUCHAREST, Aug. 15. (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Shafran of Rumania today left Bucharest for Paris to participate in discussions with leaders of Jewish groups now active at the Peace Conference and to acquaint them with the needs of the Jews in Rumania.

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SMUTS ANNOUNCES LARGE-SCALE IMMIGRATION POLICY FOR SOUTH AFRICA; WILL ADMIT EUROPEANS

PRETORIA, South Africa, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A policy of large-scale immigration from Europe was announced here today by Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts, addressing the South Africa Parliament.

Smuts said that persons in Europe had an "irresistible urge to get away from the scenes of conflict and horror." He did not specify, however, what type of immigrants would be welcomed.

ARGENTINE PRESS ATTACKS IMMIGRATION DIRECTOR'S PLAN FOR ADMITTING "SUPERIOR" RACES

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The Argentine press today attacked the plan of Director of Migration Dr. Santiago Peralta to admit 1,000 Norwegian quislings and soldiers from General Wladislaw Anders' Polish Army, whom he described as immigrants from the "best racial types" who would lay the foundation for a "superior Argentine people of tomorrow."

Answering the press assertions that he is anti-Semitic, Dr. Peralta said that he just permitted 5,000 Arabs to settle in the country, "which shows my firm conviction that the Semites are good as basic colonists." The Arab press here recently lauded Dr. Peralta's book on Arab activities in Argentina. Jewish leaders, however, have accused him of being anti-Semitic and have protested to the government.

PALESTINE PROBLEM MUST BE SOLVED IF WE ARE TO HAVE PEACE, ATTORNEY GENERAL WARNS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The problem of Palestine is one of the great international problems which must be solved if we are to build peace in the immediate post-war years, Attorney General Tom C. Clark said in an address this afternoon to the Cambridge, Ohio, and Guernsey County Chamber of Commerce.

Declaring that there was "one domestic problem with which I am not satisfied," Clark said that isolated instances of persecution of minority groups were "seeds of violence" and must be stamped out if we are to preserve our national integrity.

HEBREW COMMITTEE SAYS JEWISH AGENCY IS OBSOLETE; WARNS AGAINST PRO-BRITISH POLICY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Charging that the Jewish Agency is "an obsolete body dominated by Englishmen like Weizmann, Brodetsky and others" which "in no way represents the Hebrew people," Peter Bergson, chairman of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, today said that "should it persist in its present course, it will be vigorously repudiated" by the Jews of Palestine.

Bergson spoke at a joint press conference with Rep. Andrew Somers and Ben Hecht. Commenting on the recent representations to the State Department by the British Government concerning the raising of funds here for so-called "illegal" immigration into Palestine, Hecht said his group would treble their efforts to secure funds to bring Jews into Palestine by all possible means.

JEWISH YOUTHS FROM SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES WILL MEET IN DENMARK TO DISCUSS PALESTINE

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A meeting of Jewish youths from the Scandinavian countries will meet in Denmark within the next few days to discuss the Palestine issue, it was learned today.

2,477 JEWS ENTERED U.S. UNDER TRUMAN IMMIGRATION DIRECTIVE; NRS, HIAS LAUDED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Of the 3,452 immigrants who entered this country up to Aug. 7 under President Truman's directive, 2,477 were Jewish, it was revealed in a report to the President from T.B. Shoemaker, acting Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization. The letter was released today at the White House.

The report also mentioned receipt and approval of corporate affidavits from seven relief organizations, including the HIAS, National Refugee Service, and the Vaad Hatzala, which plan to sponsor an additional 12,000 immigrants. The NRS and HIAS have been responsible for facilitating the entrance of the majority of the immigrants who have arrived thus far, it added.

The largest group of immigrants, 1,310, came originally from Poland, while 966 were from Germany, 125 from Austria, 119 from Czechoslovakia, 105 from Hungary, 41 from Yugoslavia, 20 from Rumania, and 255 from 14 different countries. A total of 491 were classified as stateless persons. In all 796 family groups were transported from displaced persons centers in Germany to this country.

POLAND OPPOSES TRANSJORDAN'S ADMISSION TO UNITED NATIONS FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR

NEW YORK, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Warning against a "hasty decision" which may complicate "the tragic problem" of Palestine, the Polish delegate on the U.N. Security Council's membership committee asked that Transjordan's application for membership be postponed for one year.

Pointing out that the Polish Government does not consider that Transjordan is independent either de jure or de facto, the delegate stated that Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, himself, tied the Transjordan and Palestine issues together in his announcement of the former's independence, which also called for postponement of consideration of the Palestine case until the report of the Anglo-American inquiry committee had been received. He declared that postponement of Transjordan's application would benefit all the United Nations.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE WILL CONSIDER RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND MIGRATION ISSUES

MONTREAL, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The question of racial discrimination, as well as migration prospects, will be considered by the Permanent Migration Committee of the International Labor Organization, which is scheduled to begin a six-day meeting here on August 26. More than ten nations will be represented, it was announced today.

The committee has been requested by the governing body of the ILO to consider also the forms of international cooperation capable of facilitating an organized resumption of immigration movements. The United Nations, the Inter-Governmental Committee of Refugees, UNRRA and the Food and Agricultural Organization, have been invited to be represented by advisory members.

GERALD SMITH MEETING CANCELLED; PICKETS ATTACKED BY MEMBERS OF AMERICA FIRST GROUP

CHICAGO, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Gerald L.K. Smith, head of the America First Party, was forced to cancel a speaking engagement here when the hotel in which he was scheduled to address a group of "Republican Nationalists" was picketed.

The hotel management called the police who stopped the proposed meeting. When Smith and his followers attempted to hold a meeting in another hotel, the pickets followed them there. Several members of the America First group attacked the pickets and a fist fight ensued, after which the meeting was again cancelled.