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PALESTINE PARLEY OPENS TODAY; NON-AGENCY LEADERS MEET WITH COLONIAL SECRETARY

LONDON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Informal discussions on questions of procedure marked the first meeting here today of British representatives and delegates from the Arab states who are participating in the conference on Palestine which is to open here officially tomorrow with an address by Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee.

At the same time, leaders of Jewish groups in Britain, as well as Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine, today met separately with Colonial Secretary George Hall and discussed the question of Jewish representation at the conference. Among the former were Leonard Stein, head of the Anglo-Jewish Association, and Neville Laski, former president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Chief Rabbi Herzog refused to reveal the nature of his talk at the Colonial Office, but it is understood that he told Secretary Hall that all the Jews of Palestine are behind the decision of the Jewish Agency, which has so far abstained from participating in the conference.

A joint communique issued by non-Agency Jewish groups here says: "Upon the invitation of Acting Chief Rabbi Lazarus of the British Empire, a meeting took place this afternoon of representatives of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Anglo-Jewish Association and the Agudas Israel which, in addition to the Acting Chief Rabbi, have been invited by the government to attend the Palestine conference. Consideration was given to the proposition arising from the invitation. Representatives of the Jewish Agency also attended the meeting at the invitation of the Acting Chief Rabbi."

It was officially announced today that two refusals have so far been received from Jews in Palestine, while no reply has yet been received from any of the Jewish groups in Britain who were invited to attend the parley.

Jewish Groups in Britain Wish to Attend the Parley, British Say

Informed British quarters today said that Jewish organizations in Britain not affiliated with the Jewish Agency are anxious to accept the invitation to the conference. "They feel that if they can come to an agreement among themselves, they will be in a stronger position to act independently of the Jewish Agency," these sources stated.

With regard to the possibility of further consultations between leaders of the Jewish Agency and Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin, it was officially indicated here today that any further initiative for conversations would have to come from the Agency itself.

Arab circles in London were waiting today to see whether the Palestine Arab Committee will send an "observer" delegation to the conference as a result of appeals from the Arab rulers of Transjordan and Saudi Arabia and the Syrian Government. It was also

learned here today that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem who is now in exile in Egypt has summoned the executive of the Palestine Arab Committee to meet with him in Alexandria "immediately" to review the question of Palestine Arab participation in the conference.

### "Federalization Plan" Changed to "Plan for Provisional Autonomy"

The British-proposed "federalization plan" which is to serve as the basis for the conference discussions was today officially changed to the "Plan for Provisional Autonomy." Tomorrow's session will be confined to Prime Minister Attlee's address of welcome and to a reply from a spokesman of the delegates of the seven Arab states. The U.S. Government will be kept informed of the proceedings.

A plan providing that each country should admit a certain number of Jewish refugees, according to its size and population, will be laid before the conference tomorrow by the representatives of the Arab states, it was announced today by Emir Feisal, leader of the Saudi Arabian delegation. "Should this plan be accepted by the conference, the Arab states are prepared to take their fair quota of Jews," he declared, adding that the Arab delegates will oppose the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine as well as the partitioning of the country.

### BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS RUSHED TO PALESTINE AFTER TWO DAYS OF RAILWAY BOMBING

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- New British reinforcements from Egypt, traveling in armored trains, arrived in Palestine today as the authorities made preparations for military action to halt sabotage in Palestine. Their arrival followed the bombing yesterday and today of the railway network in various parts of the country, and the killing in Haifa of a police sergeant attached to the Criminal Investigation Division by two unidentified men.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi, in a broadcast over its clandestine radio, today acknowledged full responsibility for the numerous explosions which cut the main rail lines from Jerusalem westward to the coast of Tel Aviv and Jaffa, and northward from Lydda towards Haifa. A number of persons were injured, but no deaths were reported as a result of the bombings.

It was estimated that today's blasts, which began at 12:45 a.m. this morning and continued for hours, severed the lines in scores of places. After a number of hours of comparative quiet as troops hunted for the raiders who mined the roads and repair crews attempted to restore service, several new explosions rocked Tel Aviv, damaging rail lines in the center of the city and on the Jaffa dividing line, and setting a train afire. In addition a hand grenade hurled from a speeding car wrecked the Tel Aviv public information and press censorship office.

### Twelve Explosions Heard in Tel Aviv; Many in Jerusalem

At least twelve explosions were heard in Tel Aviv during the day. Other blasts echoed through the outskirts of Jerusalem where the rail line was cut and a freight train blown up in a suburban station. Hardly had the sound of the exploding mines died away when British troops supported by armored cars and tanks threw up roadblocks throughout the Jewish quarter of the city, searched all vehicles and questioned all passersby.

Trains were also blasted at Rehovoth and Kalkilah, near Lydda. At Rehovoth the tracks were damaged in three places. At Pardes Hanna, a small trolley carrying a railroad gang set off a mine which cut the line and injured some of the workers.

At Petach Tikvah a party of British soldiers, hastening toward an area where shots were heard, found five mines across the entrance to their camp. In numerous other places, unexploded land mines were removed from tracks, railroad stations and other installations. Much of the damage was repaired by late this afternoon.

JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PALESTINE VOTES NON-COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council of Palestine today voted a campaign of complete non-cooperation between the Jewish community of Palestine and the Palestine Government. The action was taken in a six-hour plenary session attended by Jewish mayors and heads of community councils of Jewish settlements and villages.

The resolution called for the withdrawal of all Jews from government advisory committees except the Veterans' Civilian Resettlement Committee and the Citrus Marketing Committee, on which both Jews and Arabs serve. The resolution was adopted unanimously although previously there had been some opposition to full implementation of such a policy.

Jewish Labor Party of Palestine Backs Non-Cooperation

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The national conference of Mapai, the Jewish Labor Party, concluded here today with a resolution calling for a "united Socialist front" of all Jewish workers and parties to rally to the defense of the Zionist movement and the attainment of Jewish aims, including free immigration of Jews to Palestine, unlimited opportunity for colonization and national independence in a Jewish state.

The conference also voted to participate in the non-cooperation program adopted by the Jewish National Council, and protested the continuing searches of Jewish settlements and the arrest of Jewish leaders and the detention of thousands of men and women as well as the stripping of various colonies of their means of defense.

Another resolution charged that the British Government was planning to "do away with its international obligations to the Jewish people" as well as avoiding its responsibilities for Jewish rights as laid down in the Palestine Mandate. The conference expressed itself as disappointed at the attitude of the British Labor Party "which for many years had been the faithful ally of the Zionist movement."

ALL JEWISH PRISONERS AT LATRUN CAMP FAST IN SYMPATHY WITH VON WEISL'S HUNGER STRIKE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- All detained Jews at the Latrun camp last night began a 24-hour hunger strike in sympathy with Dr. Wolfgang von Weisl, who yesterday was removed from the camp to a Jerusalem hospital after completing a full week of his 28-day fast. Von Weisl undertook the hunger strike as a protest against British policy in Palestine.

A letter received today from Von Weisl, who is on his ninth day of fasting, declared that he was taken from Latrun against his will and that he was transported under heavy guard, including a tank. The letter revealed that the excessive fasting has caused the recurrence of an intestinal disorder.

He stated that all his belongings, including his medical books and his typewriter, were taken from him, although he explained to the authorities that he was nearing completion of a paper on asthma research.

He reaffirmed that he would eat nothing and that he has refused all medical treatment, permitting medical examinations for scientific study only. He said he had not received any of the telegrams asking him to call off his strike, but that he thanked his well-wishers nevertheless.

RUMANIAN DELEGATION AT PEACE CONFERENCE REJECTS BRITISH PROPOSAL FOR RIGHTS OF JEWS

PARIS, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Rumanian delegation at the Peace Conference here today rejected a British proposal aimed at guaranteeing the rights of Jews in Rumania. The proposal was offered as an amendment to the peace treaty draft.

A statement issued by the Rumanian delegation said: "If such an amendment were accepted, Rumania would then be subject to a humiliating trusteeship system conceivable only in the case of backward nations.

"The only kind of equality which exists between states would be forgotten," the statement continued. "Equality before the rule of the law should apply to all members of the community of nations. The attempt to create a so-called system of equality and protection of the rights of man would in fact entail the creation of a system of inequality between states."

The Rumanian statement claimed that the British amendment would be in flagrant contradiction of the principles of sovereign equality of nations. It enumerated various provisions in the Rumanian constitution guaranteeing against discrimination as well as a number of laws recently enacted in Rumania, which, it maintained, covers the same ground as the British amendment "which is thereby rendered superfluous."

GEN. MCNARNEY FLIES TO ITALY TO DISCUSS PLAN FOR TRANSFERRING 25,000 DISPLACED JEWS

FRANKFURT, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, U.S. Commander in Europe, accompanied by Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, his advisor on Jewish Affairs, today flew to Italy presumably to discuss with Italian authorities the plan for providing shelter for 25,000 displaced Jews whom the American Government wishes to settle temporarily in Italy under UNRRA care.

Meanwhile, it was revealed here today that 15 to 20 percent of the more than 30,000 Jews infiltrating the American zone monthly are unaccompanied children. The children, who are taken to a special camp at Rosenheim, 40 miles from Munich, are not always orphans. It has been established that often the parents send the children ahead to safety, while they conclude their personal business and follow later. The children at the Rosenheim camp are listed by a special system that facilitates their being found by their parents.

It was reported today that the UNRRA has rescinded an order by British Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan, dismissed chief of UNRRA operations in Europe, which forbade the voluntary agencies from recruiting additional welfare workers to augment their services.

NEW U.S. ARMY ORDER REITERATES BAN ON GERMAN POLICE ENTERING JEWISH DP CAMPS

FRANKFURT, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- U.S. Army headquarters here today issued an order reiterating its policy of barring German policemen from displaced persons camps for Jews unless "accompanied by American military police."

Another decree ordered that no cases involving displaced Jews would be tried in German courts and that A.M.G. courts would have sole jurisdiction. It also declared that no Jewish DP would be kept in a German prison before, during or after his trial, and that if his sentence exceeded one year, he was to be kept in a special jail. A convicted Jew, unlike other DP's, may not be sent back to his country of origin after completion of sentence, the order said.

HEAVY DROUGHT IN RUMANIA INCREASES RELIEF NEEDS FOR JEWS; J.D.C. IS ASKED FOR FOOD :

BUCHAREST, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The representative of the Joint Distribution Committee here was presented today with a request for a shipload of wheat, corn and 200 tons of vegetable oil urgently required for the relief of 150,000 Jews in Moldavia, Southern Bukovina and Northern Transylvania, which have been especially affected by the Summer's continued drought.

POLISH OFFICER MURDERS JEW IN PALESTINIAN SETTLEMENT; SECOND WITHIN FEW DAYS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Hebrew press today published a demand that all troops of Gen. Wladislaw Anders' Polish Army be withdrawn from Jewish settlements throughout Palestine, following the murder of a second Jew within several days by Polish soldiers.

The latest shooting, of Moshe Monobla, 21-year-old Jewish soldier awaiting discharge from the British Army, occurred last night in the Jewish settlement of Rehovoth. Monobla was killed by a Polish officer named Piaskowski as he was about to enter a local movie house. The officer has been arrested. Earlier, a Jewish woman was shot and killed by a Polish soldier.

SINCOFF, UPA TREASURER, FORESEES OUTBREAKS IN JEWISH DP CAMPS IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Jewish refugees in Germany are so disillusioned that outbreaks may be expected soon in the DP camps, Jacob Sincoff, treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today, on his return from an 11-week tour of Germany and Palestine.

"They see no hope," Sincoff declared. "Palestine is closed and the United States permits only a trickle of immigration. Naturally, their frustration may lead to dire results."

Sincoff said that while thousands of Jews are jam-packed in the "living hell" of DP camps, land is being bought in their name in Palestine by the Jewish National Fund, in the hope of eventual resettlement.

In spite of the present tense situation, Sincoff disclosed, Palestine's Jewish community has launched a program of unprecedented development, whose cost since the beginning of the year has exceeded \$27,000,000.

He said UPA agencies in Palestine are spending close to \$5,000,000 a month for accommodating refugee newcomers, building houses, getting Jewish Brigade veterans back to civilian life and helping to establish new settlements and industries.

JNF ANNOUNCES \$9,500,000 COLLECTED DURING TEN MONTHS; U.S. GIVES \$6,000,000

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Approximately \$9,500,000 was received by the Jewish National Fund from October, 1945, through July, 1946, it was announced here today. This represents an increase of about 33 percent over the preceding period when approximately \$7,000,000 was collected.

The largest remittance came from the United States and totaled more than \$6,000,000. Palestine, South Africa and Britain followed in that order. For the first time in many years, small remittances were received from a number of liberated European countries.