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JEWISH AGENCY ANNOUNCES IT WILL TAKE MEASURES TO CURB TERROR; VAAD LEUMI HITS OUTRAGES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31. (JTA)--The Jewish Agency said today that it will shortly take measures which it hopes will reduce terrorism. The statement came on the heels of disastrous blasts which yesterday cost the lives of several British soldiers and policemen and wounded many others.

An Agency spokesman said that yesterday's outrages were an attempt to coerce the Jewish community into adopting policies and methods which it has always shunned. He stressed, however, that apprehension of the criminals was the task of the police, and suggested that they might be more successful if they devoted themselves "more to police functions and less to semi-political matters."

At the same time, the executive of the Jewish National Council, representative body of Palestine Jewry, appealed to the Jewish community to combat "terroristic bloodshed" and deny shelter to terrorists. On Tuesday, a meeting of the Small Zionist Actions Committee sharply condemned terrorist outbreaks.

Irgun Rejects Appeals, Warning It Will Fight On "Two Fronts"

In a reply to the Actions Committee, the Irgun Zvai Leumi today warned that it would not obey the Committee's call for an end to violence and said if necessary it will fight "on two fronts." The warning was given in a broadcast which admitted that the Irgun was responsible for the blasting of the Jerusalem rail station yesterday.

It was learned that several members of the Actions Committee and the Agency received letters from the Irgun prior to the opening of Tuesday's meeting warning that if the Committee came out against terrorism, the Irgun would intensify its attacks on the "outside enemy."

Searches for the persons responsible for yesterday's explosions were still proceeding in Jerusalem and scattered parts of the country. Chief object of the hunt is the girl who planted the explosives in the rail station. According to rumors, she is one of the top leaders of the Irgun and one of its most intrepid members. She is alleged to be about 25 years old, a native of Poland whose entire family was exterminated by the Germans.

During the day police and Criminal Investigation Division officers conducted several "line-ups" of suspects in an attempt to identify persons rounded up yesterday. The drivers of the two taxis involved in the rail station bombing were unable to identify any of those held as their passengers, stating that in both cases they had been engaged by a young girl.

The arm of one of the youths detained after an exchange of fire with police was amputated today in a government hospital where he is confined. Meanwhile, several

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Jewish physicians have been arrested on suspicion of having treated several of the wounded terrorists.

Immigrant Ship Spotted Approaching Palestine

Although an all-night identification of all males along the Tel Aviv-Rathanya shore turned up no visaless immigrants, Royal Navy patrols are searching for an immigrant ship reported to be off the coast. It is said to have 1,300 refugees on board.

A purported wireless message from a blockade runner somewhere on the high seas, released here today, states that all 1,200 passengers aboard participated in an election for delegates to the World Zionist Congress and want their votes added to the Palestine total. The message gave the total for each party.

BRITISH EMBASSY IN ROME BOMBED; JEWISH AGENCY ENVOY DENIES ZIONISTS RESPONSIBLE

ROME, Oct. 31. (JTA)--Dr. Umberto Nachon, representative of the Jewish Agency in Italy, today vigorously denied rumors published this morning in some Italian newspapers attributing the bombing of the British embassy building in Rome last night to "Zionist terrorists." The building was wrecked beyond repair by time bombs planted on the doorsteps.

"I do not believe for a moment that Jews would commit such an act," he said in a statement to the press. He added that there was no reason to accept the rumors that Zionist extremists were responsible for the blast, especially since the British and Italian authorities here confess complete bewilderment as to the persons or groups involved.

"The British have many enemies all over the world, and it is sheer stupidity to depict all acts of terrorism and irresponsibility in all parts of the world to the account of the Zionist movement," the Jewish Agency representative continued. "There are a half a million people in Rome. Anyone of them might have done it, and the Jews are a small minority indeed."

Other Jewish sources here expressed similar doubts, explaining that the bombing runs counter to the policy of the Jewish resistance movement in Palestine. The Haganah, they pointed out, committed such acts only rarely and solely against targets of strategic importance, while the Irgun had always given advance warning of bombings and had always taken credit for such activities when responsible.

Three persons were injured as result of the bombing, one of them critically. The police announced the arrest of two persons, but did not reveal their identity. The Italian Cabinet held an urgent session and sent a message of regret to the British Government.

ARAB "ARMY" TO STAGE DEMONSTRATION TODAY; ARABS ATTACK TRUMAN NOTE TO IBN SAUD

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31. (JTA)--The Arab "army" Futuwah will hold mass-meetings and parade in the Arab City of Nablus tomorrow in what is interpreted as a demonstration of strength in reply to recent outbreaks.

The Arab Higher Executive last night cabled President Truman charging that his recent letter to Ibn Saud represented undue "interference."

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SOVIET EMBASSY IN WARSAW RECEIVED 3,000 APPLICATIONS FROM JEWS ASKING ENTRY TO USSR

WARSAW, Oct. 31. (JTA)--The Soviet embassy in Warsaw has so far received about 3,000 applications from repatriated Polish Jews asking permission to return to the USSR and settle in the places where they lived during the war, it was learned here today.

The number of applications increased greatly following the closing of the Czechoslovak frontiers to Jews seeking to leave Poland for the American zone in Germany or Austria. All the applicants are being told by officials of the Soviet embassy that they will have to wait several months before a reply can be expected from Moscow.

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Meanwhile, learning that the Czechoslovak borders may be reopened, groups of Jews are again congregating at the frontier. One such group of eighty was forced to return. Jewish representatives were told by Czech authorities that Jews will again be admitted into Czech frontier towns after the refugees presently concentrated there leave.

Jewish leaders here believe that further emigration of Jews from Poland will be on a small scale, even after the Czechoslovak frontiers reopen. Letters received here recently from camps for displaced persons in the American zone in Austria discourage such emigration by stating that conditions in the camps are bad due to lack of food, clothing and medicaments.

GERMAN, AUSTRIAN JEWS SERVED WITH DISTINCTION IN EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN, COMMANDO LEADER SAYS

LONDON, Oct. 31. (JTA)--Following the announcement by Lord Mountbatten, first commander of the British Commandos that refugee commandos served with distinction in the British forces in World War II, it was learned today that units composed completely of German and Austrian Jewish refugees participated in the decisive European campaign.

One such combat unit fought with the British 21st Army Group in Northwest Europe from a week after "D-Day" until the final collapse of the German forces. It was revealed that refugee soldiers frequently persuaded groups of surrounded Germans to surrender. The largest bag of prisoners taken by such tactics was a force of 1,500 Germans captured in a forest near Cherbourg. The monitoring group of the British headquarters was composed almost entirely of Jewish refugees.

PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER RETIRES FROM ARMY SERVICE; LT. COL. WEBB LEAVES PALESTINE

LONDON, Oct. 31. (JTA)--Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, Palestine High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief, today retired from active service in the regular British Army. He is 59 years old.

Lt. Col. Richard Webb who was removed from his command for anti-Jewish statements which he made to foreign correspondents in Jerusalem last week left Palestine today.

Robert Scott, financial secretary of the Palestine Government, who is known for his anti-Zionist sentiments, will soon leave his post and the country, it was learned here today.

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MIZRACHI CONVENTION REJECTS PARTITION; GELLMAN CALLS IT "FATAL POLITICAL ERROR"

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 31..(JTA)--The 27th annual convention of the Mizrahi Organization of America today adopted a resolution rejecting proposals for partition of Palestine and "reaffirming the historical claim of an independent Jewish state within its historic boundaries as ordained by the Torah."

The vote on the resolution came after a sharp attack on the partition proposal of the Jewish Agency executive by Leon Gellman, Mizrahi president, who told the convention last night that the Executive's partition proposal was a "fatal political error." Reporting on his recent visit to Palestine, Mr. Gellman said that "the outside world has no conception whatsoever of the violent terroristic acts of the British Administration."

Gedalia Bublick, ~~hincray~~ president of the Mizrahi Organization, speaking today, called on the forthcoming World Zionist Congress to make radical changes in the leadership of the Jewish Agency executive. He attacked the present Zionist leadership for its "weak, spineless policies and defeatist attitude." Rabbi Max Kirshblum, executive vice-president of the organization, who introduced the anti-partition resolution, warned that the Mizrahi would be forced to leave the Jewish Agency if the Executive did not follow a line agreed upon by all Zionist bodies.

DR. SILVER EXPLAINS WHY DR. GOLDMANN WAS NOT INVITED TO ADDRESS Z.O.A. CONVENTION

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA)--Dr. Abba Hillel Silver today issued a statement replying to Dr. Nahum Goldmann's comments yesterday on the refusal of the Zionist Organization of America to invite him to address the recent Atlantic City convention.

"I have noted Dr. Nahum Goldmann's statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. It is a characteristic bit of distortion," Dr. Silver said. "The facts are as follows: The executive of the Zionist Organization of America, at its pre-convention session, voted unanimously to have a report of the Paris meeting of the executive of the Jewish Agency presented to the convention. It accordingly invited Mr. Louis Lipsky, who is a member of the Executive and who, unlike Dr. Goldmann, is also an officer of the Zionist Organization of America and a delegate to the convention, to make such a report.

"Subsequently, at the meeting of the political committee of 100 at the convention, a motion to invite also Dr. Goldmann was voted down overwhelmingly. I was not present at this meeting. The few who wished to hear Dr. Goldmann forced the issue to the floor of the convention, where a motion to invite him was tabled by an overwhelming vote. Evidently the convention did not have the same estimate of Dr. Goldmann's indispensability as he himself had.

"With regard to his complaint about my not calling a special meeting of the executive of the American Zionist Emergency Council to receive his report, I should like to say that the last time Dr. Goldmann was invited to meet with this executive--which was on the occasion of his calamitous mission to Washington--he grievously misinformed the Council; and the unanimous agreements which were reached at that meeting with his concurrence he violated the very next day.

"Dr. Goldmann should not pose as a martyr who has had no opportunity to tell his story. On the very eve of the convention of the Zionist Organization of America he held two press conferences where he fully explained and defended his position, and at one of these, he also indulged in a sustained and violent attack upon me. Dr. Goldmann has spoken--far too much."

VALUE OF IMMIGRANTS TO U.S. STRESSED; BUT LEGION HEAD CALLS FOR TIGHTER CURBS

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA)--Attacking what he termed the "falsity" of the charge that the larger the number of immigrants admitted to the United States the smaller the share of jobs and goods for native Americans, Dr. James G. MacDonald tonight told the Town Hall of the Air that "immigrants like other workers, scientists and businessmen add to the total assets of our country by helping to create additional goods, additional wealth through their labor and talent."

Opposing Dr. MacDonald, Col. Paul H. Griffiths, national commander of the American Legion, reiterated the Legion's demand for the suspension of all immigration into the U.S. until at least Jan. 1, 1948. He said that "the proposal to admit displaced foreigners to our shores is a proposal to put them into competition with our homeless and jobless veterans for housing and employment."

Col. Griffiths asserted that too many immigrants had been allowed to enter this country "too fast" in past years and had created an unassimilated group which "we are still trying to melt into good American citizens." He urged that until the unemployment problem is solved, the foreigners here are assimilated, and we have made certain that those aliens residing here do not "peril" our way of life and our national security, "no further immigration should be permitted."

Dr. MacDonald, who was a member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, pointed out that "according to a recent governmental estimate every adult industrial worker coming to this country represents an addition in our national wealth of \$5000. On that basis, we can estimate that the United States has gained at least a billion dollars worth of trained workers and professional people in the persons of the 270,000 refugees who have come to this country since 1933. But who can estimate the value to our country of Albert Einstein and those other refugee scientists who played leading roles in developing atomic energy."

Dr. Frank Kingdon and Rudolph Reimer acted as "interrogators" on behalf of Dr. MacDonald and Col. Griffiths, respectively. The broadcast was heard over the nation-wide facilities of the American Broadcasting System.

FIFTY-SEVEN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SUPPORT REQUEST FOR ADMISSION OF MORE DP'S TO U.S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA)--The Jewish Labor Committee today announced that fifty-seven members of the U.S. Congress have so far endorsed the unanimous decision taken at the American Federation of Labor convention earlier this month urging the admission of displaced persons from Europe on immigration quotas which were not used during the war.

The Committee, which polled Senators and Congressmen on their opinion of the A.F.L. decision, issued a call to Jewish communities and organizations throughout the country urging them to communicate with their Congressional representatives and clarify their attitude towards the question of admitting displaced persons to the United States, over and above the present quota which President Truman has indicated he will ask of Congress.

27 JEWS TOOK LIVES IN DP CAMPS IN PAST THREE MONTHS, FORMER UNRRA AIDE REVEALS

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA)--Twenty-seven young Jews have committed suicide in DP camps in the U.S. zone in Germany in the last three months in despair at ever

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being admitted to Palestine or any other country, Sidney Flatow, former UNRRA director of the Zeilsheim camp, asserted today.

Mr. Flatow, who is now executive director of the American Federation of Polish Jews, told a press conference that morale in the camps was steadily deteriorating as a result of the fact that UNRRA does not have the funds or personnel to provide adequate care, and the red tape which has made "a farce" of President Truman's directive to admit 3,900 displaced persons into the United States every month.

Charging that there have been numerous cases of Jewish DP's being beaten by American troops, Flatow said that the soldiers are under the influence of "German frauleins, the most unregenerate of all Germans and the darlings of the American boys."

GOLDMANN THANKS TRUMAN ON BEHALF OF JEWISH AGENCY FOR REPLY TO IBN SAUD

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31. (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, on behalf of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, expressed its "heartfelt thanks and deep satisfaction" to President Truman for his reply to King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia.

In a letter of October 30, released today by the Agency, Dr. Goldmann wrote the President that "in the tragic situation in which large numbers of the Jewish people find themselves, your attitude which is full of understanding sympathy with our cause, constitutes a ray of hope and a source of deep comfort to the suffering members of Jewish communities throughout the world.

"We are convinced," he said, "that with your help our just cause will finally win and we will be able to overcome all the obstacles in opening Palestine to the hundreds of thousands of Jews who have no other place to go and to establish there a self-governing Jewish community which will give the Jewish people the status of equality among all the peoples of the world."

HEBREW COMMITTEE WILL CALL ASSEMBLY TO PROCLAIM PROVISIONAL PALESTINE GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31. (JTA)--A "provisional Government for Palestine" will be established about the beginning of the year, it was announced here yesterday by Fowler Harper, former government official who has just been appointed legal adviser to the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation.

Harper said that a general assembly composed of 2,000 delegates from Palestine and others representing stateless European Jews will meet within a few weeks at a yet undecided place. This assembly will set up the provisional government.

BOSTON JEWS TOP \$5,425,000 DRIVE FOR COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL; AIM AT \$6,000,000

BOSTON, Oct. 31. (JTA)--The sum of \$5,641,932 has been contributed by Boston Jewry toward the \$5,425,000 campaign undertaken by the Combined Jewish Appeal here, it was announced today by Herman Gilman, chairman, at a final report luncheon attended by 200 key campaign workers.

Mr. Gilman said he was confident that Boston Jewry could, through intensified effort over this week-end, reach \$6,000,000 before Sunday night's victory dinner. His challenge was immediately adopted. Sidney S. Cohen, executive director of the drive, stated that "there are still baskets full" of unopened contributions, responses to a mail appeal, and that he felt the \$6,000,000 goal would be reached.