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### BEN GURION URGES CONGRESS TO AVOID ACTION ON PARTITION AND ON JOINING LONDON PARLEY

BASLE, Dec. 19. (JTA)--David Ben Gurion, appearing before the Zionist Congress' political committee today, appealed to the Congress to take no action on either partition or participation in the London Conference, but to leave the decision on these questions to the new executive.

If this were done, Ben Gurion said, the executive could determine when the situation was favorable for participation in the London talks, but only on the following conditions: recognition of the principle of a Jewish state and agreement that the White Paper provisions on land purchases and immigration shall be voided immediately after conclusion of the parley.

The chairman of the Jewish Agency executive called for continued organized resistance in Palestine and cautioned that the new executive must insure that the strength of the Jewish community shall not be dissipated.

Ben Gurion predicted that an agreement could be reached with the Palestine Arabs only after establishment of a Jewish state. To bolster his prediction, he cited the fact that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem had sent emissaries to London after publication of the Peel partition plan in 1937 to negotiate for the establishment of relations between the two proposed states. He also said that several neighboring Arab states had approached the Agency for the same reason when it appeared that a Jewish state might be established.

### Wants Political Work in U.S. Carried On by Non-American Zionists

A clash between Ben Gurion and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver occurred at the Political Committee when the former demanded that Zionist political activities in the United States should be carried on by non-American Zionist leaders. This brought an angry retort from Dr. Silver who asked whether Ben Gurion wished to discount all the political activities of the American Zionist leadership.

The Committee accepted a proposal by Ben Gurion that the Jews establish a city similar to Tel Aviv in the Negev in order to facilitate conquest of the desert. The plan will be embodied in a resolution to be submitted to the Congress.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann followed Ben Gurion, reporting to the Committee on recent negotiations in London and Washington on the Agency's partition scheme. Berl Locker also reported concerning the London meetings with government representatives.

### ZOA Delegation Issues Statement Attacking Weizmann's Slurs at U.S. Zionists

A statement expressing resentment at Dr. Weizmann's remarks with regard to the American Zionists in the course of his address on Monday night was issued here today by the delegation of the Zionist Organization of America. The statement

expressed regret that Dr. Weizmann had not withdrawn his "offensive remarks" which created a "painful impression." Released to the press by Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the ZOA steering committee, the statement read as follows:

"The delegation of the Zionist Organization of America feels compelled to express its deep resentment over the slurring references to American Zionists which were contained in the address of Dr. Chaim Weizmann on Monday night. These offensive remarks concerning American Zionists' support of the Haganah and its resistance activities were passing strange coming from one who must be fully aware that the Zionists of America were repeatedly called upon by authoritative spokesmen of the Yishuv to give the utmost support to the responsible Jewish resistance movement in Palestine.

#### Weizmann Charged With "Deriding" U.S. Response To Yishuv's Appeals

"American Zionists had responded willingly and enthusiastically--and effectively--to these appeals. Now to hear these very efforts which were so eagerly solicited on behalf of the Yishuv derided by Dr. Weizmann, and their purpose misrepresented, is shocking.

"In carefully measured words spokesmen of American Zionism at the Congress stated that it must be left to the responsible elements of Palestine Jewry to determine what should or should not be done with regard to resistance, and they reaffirmed the support of American Jewry to the Yishuv and Haganah in their heroic efforts to protect the rights of the Jewish people.

"This position of American Zionists was so distorted as to be susceptible to the interpretation that American Zionists were irresponsibly encouraging the youth of Palestine to expose themselves to danger while remaining safely in America and offering only moral, political and financial support. This unparalleled imputation has caused a feeling of outrage among the American delegates to the Congress and evoked expressions of protest and indignation at the sessions Monday evening and subsequently.

"We regret that contrary to reasonable expectations, Dr. Weizmann has not taken the occasion to withdraw his offensive remarks or to correct the painful impression they create."

#### Congress Court Opens Hearings On Revisionists; Ziff Expelled

Approval by the Congress of partition or cooperation with the British Government against terrorists would be the signal for immediate civil war, William B. Ziff, American Revisionist, said today. He told a press conference that if the Zionist executive submitted to what he termed "quiesling collaboration," with Britain, it would be repudiated and fought as an enemy.

Ziff accused the British of recruiting "picked anti-Semites" for service in the Palestine police, and said while he was in Dublin he saw British newspaper advertisements offering police recruits twenty pounds monthly and "all pickings," "that means all the loot they can lay their hands on," Ziff added.

Several hours after conclusion of the press conference, the Revisionists announced that Ziff had been excluded from their fraction. Ziff expressed regret at his expulsion, but added: "Any excommunication is a silly piece of business."

The Congress Court today opened hearings in the case of the 13 members of the American United Zionist-Revisionist delegation who were suspended early this week

because of publication in the United States of an advertisement calling for support for the extremist groups in Palestine, and the submission to the United Nations of an appeal for the establishment of a trusteeship for Palestine. The advertisement bore the names of several organizations affiliated with the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, as well as that of the Zionist Revisionists.

Meir Grossman, president of the United Revisionists of America, stated on behalf of his group that there could be no question of dissolving ties between his party and the H.C.N.L. because no such ties existed. He denied knowledge of cooperation between his group and the H.C.N.L. although he said some members of the Revisionist organization might be members of the other body.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, speaking for the executive, said that there must have been cooperation and affiliation between the groups. He declared that Grossman's statement was satisfactory as far as it went, but that it should be followed by a similar statement by the United Zionists-Revisionists in the United States. He asserted that the executive does not desire to punish the Revisionist delegates, but that further action besides Grossman's statement must be forthcoming. The court then adjourned until Sunday.

#### Eliezer Kaplan Charges Ben Gurion With Violating Party Discipline

Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Agency executive, today charged Ben Gurion with violating Labor Party discipline by appearing before the political committee without prior consultation with the party fraction. He told a stormy caucus of the Labor delegates, at which no agreement could be reached on any of the major issues facing the Congress, that if the party ignores this breach of discipline by Ben Gurion, the latter might negotiate personally with the Committee on Nominations concerning the conditions under which he would agree to be a candidate for membership on the executive.

The agency treasurer asked the caucus what stand the party wanted to take with regard to the demand by American Zionists that the executive of the Agency should not be "the sole controlling force" over the Agency's budget and that the branch of the executive in Washington, if established, should have the right to a part of the budget.

"Since this demand has been made by the American Zionists in the form of an ultimatum, I must ask the party for a decision prior to my appearance before the Finance Committee of the Congress," Kaplan insisted. The meeting unanimously decided to support Kaplan's view that the executive of the Agency is to remain the sole distributor of the Agency's budget.

#### BRITISH GOVT. MUST DEVISE NEW APPROACH IF LONDON TALKS ARE TO SUCCEED; TIMES WARNS

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA)--The British Government was warned today that if it has any hope of arriving at some solution of the Palestine problem at the London conference which resumes next month, it had better devise a "new approach."

The warning was given by the diplomatic correspondent of the London Times, who stresses that the Cabinet has given no serious consideration to the fact that both Jews and Arabs have rejected the Morrison federalization plan.

500 CYPRUS DEPORTEES RETURNED TO PALESTINE; NEW IMMIGRATION QUOTA OF 1,500 ANNOUNCED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA)--The Palestine Government's immigration schedule for the Dec. 15-Jan. 14 period was announced today. It includes, as expected, 1,500 certificates for Jews. Two hundred visas are assigned for Arab immigration.

Five hundred Jewish deportees from Cyprus arrived in Haifa this morning aboard the Ocean Vigor, which had transported many of them to Cyprus last August when they attempted to enter Palestine. They were dressed warmly in clothing provided by the J.D.C. and the Jewish Agency. The immigrants will remain in the Athlit camp until they can be released under the quota.

Nine Palestine Jews who earlier this week were returned from Eritrean exile were today released from the Latrun detention camp. They were part of a group of twelve, one of whom was killed and two wounded, when a British soldier guarding them at the Lydda airport accidentally discharged his automatic rifle. The two wounded men are now in the Hadassah Hospital in Tel Aviv.

JERUSALEM PARTITION PLAN DOES NOT INCLUDE HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN JEWISH AREA

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA)--Mt. Scopus, on which the Hebrew University is located, would not be included in the Jewish borough under Palestine Chief Justice Sir William Fitzgerald's plan for a new municipal set-up in Jerusalem, which was released yesterday.

In a map attached to the report, which would also place a number of Jewish quarters such as Talpith and Arnona in the Arab unit, Mt. Scopus is set off as a rural area and placed outside the jurisdiction of any part of the Jerusalem administration. In general, however, the boroughs are predominantly Jewish and Arab, respectively.

The report cites the fact that the Jews are in a majority in the city and are entitled to full democratic rights, but points out that Jewish leaders have recognized Jerusalem's special status and have expressed a readiness to make some concessions. Fitzgerald also stated that he has concluded that there is no possibility of the Jews and Arabs cooperating in an effective municipal government for Jerusalem.

Palestine Government Secretariat offices and the headquarters of British troops based in Palestine and Transjordan will be transferred from the King David Hotel to the Mount of Olives and the Dajani quarter of Jerusalem next summer, it was officially announced today.

GOVERNMENT ASKED TO COMMUTE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT SENTENCES AGAINST JEWISH YOUTHS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA)--Influential legal circles here are pressing the government and Sir Evelyn Barker, British commander in Palestine, to commute the sentence of corporal punishment imposed by a British military court against two Jewish youths, it was learned here today. One youth was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment and 18 strokes of the lash and the other to one month and 12 strokes.

An Arab who was suspected of selling land to Jews was killed in Jaffa last night by Arab extremists. The assailants escaped after an exchange of gunfire during which one British policeman was killed and an Arab bystander wounded.

BULGARIAN PARLIAMENT VOTES FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF REPARATIONS TO JEWS

SOFIA, Dec. 19 (JTA)--The Bulgarian National Assembly today unanimously adopted a bill proposed by the Ministry of Finance, which allocates 1,000,000 levas for distribution as initial payments to Jews under the recently adopted restitution law.

CONFESSION OF EXECUTED S.S. LEADER ACCUSES NAZI DOCTORS OF ORDERING MURDER OF JEWS

NUREMBERG, Dec. 19. (JTA)--A confession by Joseph Kramer, executed former commandant of the Belsen concentration camp, that he had murdered 86 Jews at the order of several of the defendants in the trial of 23 Nazi doctors, was introduced at the trial today by American prosecutors.

The Jews were part of a group of 121 who were murdered so that their skeletons could be used to complete a collection in the Strasbourg Institute of Science, which was then under control of the Nazis. Kramer's confession said that the doctors' assistants furnished him with gas to kill the victims, and that he had shipped the bodies to the museum immediately afterwards. The murders were committed at the Natzweiler concentration camp near Strasbourg in Aug., 1943.

The prosecution also introduced an affidavit from Rudolf Brandt, Himmler's administrative officer, stating that Karl Brandt, Hitler's personal physician and chief defendant, initiated jaundice experiments using Jews as patients.

Other affidavits by defendants Fritz Fischer and Herta Oberhauser, a woman, both of whom were physicians at the Ravensbruck concentration camp, described experiments carried out on Jewish and Polish women in which legs were amputated and the stumps infected with wood shavings and shards of glass and then treated with sulfanilamide. Many of the victims died as a result of the experiments and the remainder were crippled and disfigured, the affidavits said.

Chief DP Physician Describes Atrocities Committed By Nazi Physicians

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA)--A description of how the Nazis used thousands of Jews as guinea pigs in barbarous medical experiments was given last night by Dr. Boris Pliskin, chief physician in the displaced persons camps in the American zone of Germany, addressing a meeting here called by the OSE to acquaint the American public with the crimes committed by Nazi physicians.

In addition to Dr. Pliskin, who spent several years in German death camps and ghettos and personally witnessed the extermination of thousands of Jews, three other refugee doctors, Drs. Griliches, Rochelson and Zlotow, also gave eye-witness accounts of the atrocities committed by Nazi medical men.

Mr. Boris Pregel, chairman of the executive committee of the OSE, praised the U.S. military authorities for searching out the Nazi doctors responsible for the crimes against the Jews and placing them on trial. The meeting adopted a resolution calling for severe punishment of the physicians, which will be forwarded to the U.S. military tribunal.

Among the speakers were H. Leivik, Yiddish poet, who recently toured the DP camps; Dr. Max Weinreich, director of the Yiddish Scientific Institute and Dr. Leon Wulman, executive director of The American OSE, who presided.

TRUMAN ASSIGNS FOUR VESSELS TO SPEED TRANSPORTATION OF DP'S FROM GERMANY TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (JTA)--President Truman has assigned four ships to expedite the movement to the United States of 2,100 displaced persons with U.S. visas, who have been delayed at Bremerhaven due to lack of shipping, the White House announced today. The vessels accommodate approximately nine hundred passengers each and will be kept in this service, the president said, "until the situation has been fully relieved."

Pointing to the "serious situation" among the displaced persons, who include 177 orphaned children, and who "are crowded into an embarkation center designed to accommodate only transients," the President said that "mindful of the bleak Christmas ahead for these people who have already suffered so much, I have taken up this matter with the Maritime Commission and can hold out hope of early improvement."

Mr. Truman opened his statement with a reference to his directive of December 22, 1945, to a number of executive agencies, "designed to facilitate the immigration of refugees and displaced persons up to the full limit provided by the immigration law. "Up to October 21, 1946, only 4,767, persons were provided for under these arrangements," the President declared. "At the present time, foreseeable sailings in 1946 will provide for only 683 more persons."

The ships designated for the Bremerhaven run are the Ernie Pyle, to sail from New York on Dec. 20 and arrive there New Year's Day, the Marine Marlin, leaving New York Dec. 27 and reaching Bremerhaven Jan. 6, and the Marine Flasher, arriving in Bremerhaven January 8. The Marine Falcon, now in the Pacific, will arrive in Bremerhaven in late January.

Large Transport of Displaced Persons Arrives in New York Today

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA)--Eight hundred forty-one survivors of concentration camps in American-occupied zones in Europe will arrive here tomorrow aboard the Marine Marlin, it was announced by Edwin Rosenberg, president of the United Service for New Americans.

This will bring the total number of immigrants from the occupied zones, of various nationalities and all faiths, to about the 5,000 mark since President Truman's directive on immigration of displaced persons was issued a year ago this week. Immigration of refugees and displaced persons from all parts of the world including the occupied zones was less than half of the 39,000 total permitted by the quota law.

The passengers on the "Marine Marlin," who are the first large group to arrive since September due to lack of space for immigrants on ships leaving Bremerhaven, will be aided in moving to communities throughout the country by the United Service for New Americans. Arrangements for the placement in foster homes of 93 orphaned children in the group will be made by European Jewish Children's Aid through local child-care agencies.

\$500,000 CONTRIBUTED TO BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY; THREE GIFTS TOTAL \$255,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA)--Gifts and pledges of \$508,000 to Brandeis University, America's first secular educational institution under Jewish auspices, were reported today by Julius Silver, treasurer of The Albert Einstein Foundation, sponsoring body of the university.

At the same time, Mr. Silver made public three gifts to the Foundation totaling \$255,000. These were: \$105,000 by Mr. and Mrs. Allen L. Goldfine of New York City; \$100,000 by Israel Rogosin of New York City; and \$50,000 by Abraham Shapiro of Boston.

WORK OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL REFUGEE COMMITTEE MAY COLLAPSE FOLLOWING BRITISH MOVE

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA)--The current sixth plenary session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees is likely to be devoted entirely to a discussion of budget matters, as a result of the British announcement yesterday that they were no longer willing to foot half the bills for the committee's operations.

Grave fears have been expressed that as a result of the British move the entire IGCR program may collapse, unless other member nations agree to make contributions. Sir Herbert Emerson, the committee's director, pointed out today that while the IGCR must temporarily assume the duties of the new International Refugee Organization, its budget is only \$9,000,000, while the IRO has asked \$40,000,000 for its first year of operations.

A sub-committee has been appointed to attempt to work out plans for the committee's future financing.

U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL EXPECTED TO CALL MEETING TO SET UP I.R.O. MACHINERY

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (ONA)--U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie is expected shortly to call a meeting of the preparatory commission of the International Refugee Organization, which will draw up machinery for the IRO's operations. The commission will be composed of all states which are signatories to the IRO constitution.

By the end of this week it is anticipated that eight states will have signed the constitution, thus creating the preparatory commission. The aim of the sponsor states is to have the IRO functioning by June 30, 1947 when UNRRA will cease its activities on behalf of refugees and displaced persons.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATES ATTEMPT TO BURN DOWN LONDON SYNAGOGUE, COMMONS IS TOLD

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA)--The British government is investigating the recent attempt to burn down the Clapton Synagogue in the East End of London, Under Secretary George Oliver told the House of Commons today. His statement was made in reply to Philip Piratin, Communist, and John B. Hynd, Labor who stressed that this attempt was only one of many recent anti-Semitic incidents in the Jewish section of London and that it was a matter of great concern not only to the Jews but to all people "of good will."

Recent sabotage by extremists has not cut down the volume of oil exports from Palestine, Emanuel Shinwell, Minister for Fuel, told Commons. He added that a monthly average of 34,000 tons of oil is expected to be shipped to Britain during the next few months.

Major Frank Soskice, Solicitor General, announced that his office is "considering" the case of the "Jewish Struggle," a publication which recently published a cartoon accusing the British of inciting pogroms in Palestine in 1929 and 1936. Sir Stanley Reed, Conservative, demanded that the government take action against the publication.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF POLISH JEWS GRANTS FUNDS TO POLES WHO AIDED JEWS DURING THE WAR

WARSAW, Dec. 19. (JTA)--The Central Committee of Polish Jews has decided to appropriate 500,000 zlotys (approximately \$2,500) to aid needy Poles who assisted and sheltered Jews during the Nazi occupation, it was announced here.

BLACK BOOK ON BRITISH TREATMENT OF JEWS ISSUED BY LEAGUE FOR FREE PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA)--A "Black Book" on the British treatment of Jews in Palestine was published today by the American League for a Free Palestine. Charging the British administration with anti-Semitism the volume contains reports and photos aimed at showing that the treatment of the Jews in Palestine today "involves denial of civil liberties, tortures, imprisonment in concentration camps without trial and the burning of Hebrew books."

(In London, it was announced today in the House of Commons that Prof. Jonah Smertenko, vice-president of the American League for a Free Palestine, will not be permitted to enter England again because of his recent statements concerning the misconduct of British troops in Palestine. The announcement was made by George H. Oliver, Under-Secretary to the Home Office.).

The League today also made public the text of a letter sent by its president, former Senator Guy Gillette, to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, suggesting a program under which the Jewish Agency would be dissolved, and the World Zionist Organization would be converted into a non-sectarian movement enlisting members of all faiths and creeds. The letter also urges the immediate proclamation by the World Zionist Congress of a provisional government for a "Hebrew Republic of Palestine."

PALESTINE SETTLERS REVIVE CEREMONY OF LIGHTING CHANUKAH TORCHES IN JUDEAN HILLS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA)--The traditional ceremony of lighting torches and other flame signals in the Judean hills on the first night of Chanukah was revived Tuesday night by members of Poale Mizrahi settlements in the Jerusalem-Hebron area. Many guests from all parts of the country, including leading government and cultural leaders, attended the ceremony.

WORK OF ORT IN DP CAMPS HAILED BY LEADERS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF LIBERATED JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA)--Leaders of the Central Committee of liberated Jews in Germany tonight paid tribute to the work of ORT in the displaced persons camps in Germany.

Speaking at an American ORT Federation dinner attended by ORT leaders from various countries, Dr. Boris Pliskin, Samuel Shlomovitz and Norbert Wollheim described activities in ORT schools and workshops in the U.S., British and French zones. Dr. Pliskin reported more than 4,000 persons are now being trained by ORT in the camps. Other speakers included George Backer, president, and Louis B. Boudin, board chairman, American ORT Federation and Chief Rabbi Francis Havesi of Budapest.

GROUP OF TUBERCULAR DISPLACED JEWS ARRIVE IN SWITZERLAND FOR TREATMENT

BASEL, Dec. 19. (JTA)--A group of 15 tubercular Jews who arrived here last night from Germany left this morning for Davos where they will enter a sanatorium maintained by the OSE and the Joint Distribution Committee.

Other displaced Jews from Germany suffering from tuberculosis are expected to arrive shortly and will be sent to Davos and Montana, Switzerland, where the OSE recently opened a sanatorium.