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## TRUMAN TRULE CONGRESS U.S. HAS NOT ADMITTED INQUICH REFUGIES: DECRUES RACIAL BIGOTRY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- President Truman. in his State of the Union message personally delivered today to Congress, emphasized that the United States has not done enough with regard to the admission of displaced persons to this country and called for Congressional legislation to enable the entry of more refugees from Europe.

The President also told the joint session of Congress that existing legislation does not reach "the limit of federal power to protect the civil rights of its citizens." He decried "racial and religious bigotry" and declared that freedom to engage in lawful callings has been denied to many citizens as a result of such bigotry.

"The will to fight these crimes should be in the hearts of every one of us." the President said. He declared that the Department of Justice is carrying on the "Fight" for the Federal Government to the full extent of its powers. The recentlyestablished President's Committee on Civil Rights will study and report on the whole problem of federally-secured civil rights with a view toward making recommendations to Congress, he stated.

# Urges Fulfillment of U.S. Responsibilities to Europe's Homeless People

Emphasizing that only about 5,000 displaced persons have entered the United States since Mcv 1946. President Trussn said that he did "not feel that the United. States has done its part" in admitting refugees. He pointed out that the executive agencies "are now doing all that is reasonably possible under the limitations of the existing law and established quotes" and asked for "Congressional assistance" in the form of new legislation.

"I urge the Congress to turn its attention to this world problem," the President stated," in an effort to find ways whereby we can fulfill our responsibilities to these thousands of homeless and suffering refusees of all faiths." He lauded the United States for its care of war-ravaged peoples and for "the shipment of more supplies to the hungry peoples of the world since the end of the war than all other comtries combined."

## ATTLEE, CUNNINGHAM MEET PRIVATELY IN PREPARATION FOR CABINET TAIKS ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee and Palestine High Commissioner Bir Alan G. Cunningham met in a private session today in prepara-tion for a Cabinet meeting, scheduled for this week, on the Palestine studetion. The Cabinet meeting will decide whether mertial law will be imposed on the country.

Meanwhile, government sources stated that additional British troops will be dispatched to Palestine in the expectation of the largest "offensive" in modern Palestinian history. These sources indicated that there will be 100,000 troops in Falestine.

## COLONIAL OFFICE SAYS NO DECISION TAKEN ON IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW IN PALESTINE

LOHDON, Jan. 6. (MA) -- To decision has been taken to impose martial law in Palestine, or to launch punitive expeditions against Jevieh settlements there, a spokesman for the Colonial Office told the Jevieh Telegraphic Agency today. He said that military measures were not discussed in London, but admitted that such measures had been considered in Palestine.

The spokeman termed as "pure speculation" a report by the diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph that the British Covernment was considering a partition scheme for Palestine under which 60 percent of the country would be ceded to the Arabs, while the remainder would become a Jewish state with the status of a British dominion, with a flag, an army and a foreign minister of its own.

Authoritative circles also denied a press report that a partition scheme for Palestine will be put into effect in March. Admitting that the "federalization plan" is not acceptable either to the Jews or to the Arabs, they declared that the way was being left open for alternative proposals to be discussed at the conference on Palestine which is to be resumed in London two weeks from today.

On the other hand, circles close to official quarters today indicated that a partition plan for Palestine is almost certain to be put forward at the puriey. The principle of establishing separate Jevish and Arab etates in Palestine was the subject of talks this morning between Palestine High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham and high officials of the Colonial Office.

Government circles tonight confirmed that today's conference between Sir Alan and Prime Minister Clement R. Attles was devoted to the question of adopting the strongest measures possible against terrorium in Palestine. These circles said that the government hopes that responsible Jewish leaders will cooperate with the authorities, since it is known that only a small section of the Jews in Palestine sympathize with the extremists.

The Foreign Office denied a report in the London press that the government is planning to transfer to Cyprus or Kanya all terrorist suspects rounded up in Palestine in forthcoming military operations. The report also said that new detention camps for visaless Jewn may be constructed in the British colony of Kanya.

#### BRITISH GOVERNMENT CONFIRMS ARAB LEAGUE REQUEST TO READMIT EX-MUFTI TO PALESTINE

LORDON, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- A Foreign Office spokemian today confirmed to the Jevish Telegraphic Agency that the Arab League has asked the British Government to allow the ox-Mutti of Jerusalem to return to Palestine without any restrictions. The spokemian added that he had no comment to make at present regarding the League's demand.

The Foreign Office also revealed that the Arab League requested that the British Government invite the Palestine Arab Higher Committee as such to the London payley on Palestine, instead of inviting individual members of the Committee as it fild previously. The Government has not yet taken any decision on this request.

Preparations for the resumption of the London parley Jan. 21 were continuing today, although no arrangements have yet been made by the government for further talks with members of the world Zioniet executive who are now in London, including Moshe Shertok, head of the executive's political department:

Informed quarters have expressed doubt that the London conference will serve any useful purpose under the present circumstances. Rowever, it was officially confirmed today that the Arab states have expressed their readiness to attend the conference when it reopens.

### IMPRATES OF MILITARY PLAN TO SUPPRESS TERRORICM IN PALESTINE REPORTED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Reliable sources today reported that a military plan has been prepared by the authorities here for combatting terrorism if it is reneved on a scale as large as last week when twenty simultaneous attacks were made on British military installations. The scheme provides:

- Palestine will be cut off from the rest of the world by the closing of all frontiers on land, sea and air, including the closing of ports to all commercial shipping.
- 2. Traffic on roads within the country will be allowed only under special permits issued by the authorities.
- 3. All means of transportation, including buses maintained by Jevish cooperatives. are to be requisitioned or put under military control.
- 4. A collective punishment system is to be introduced in places where terrorist acts occur, and a nightly curfer is to be imposed throughout the country.
  - 5. Martial law may be imposed and certain Jewish leaders may be detained.

The Jevieh Telegraphic Agency learns that during the talks between the leaders of the Jevieh National Council and of the world Zionist executive and Acting High Commissioner Henry L. Gurney, the latter expressed the view that the military authorities may not be able to restrain the troops in the event of removed Jevieh attacks "exactly as you are not able to restrain the terrorists." To this the Jevieh leaders replied that the only removed for rerorism would be free Jevieh immigration and, as a first step, the repatriation to Palestine of the refusees interned in Cyprus.

## Jewish National Council Stresses Necessity for Halting Terrorism

The urgent necessity of halting terrorism in Palestine was emphasized at a meeting of the executive of the Jovish National Council here at which Isaac Ben Zvi, president, gave a report of the talks held by him and other Jewish leaders with Actine Chief Secretary Gurney.

The executive also heard a report on the ricting of British troops in Jevish cities and settlements and misbehavior of British troops during the house-to-house searches last week. Similar reports were made today at a session of the municipal council in Tel Aviv, some of the major attacks.

A resolution sharply condemning the attacks on British military installations was adopted by the Tel Aviv municipality. At the same time, the council decided to submit to government authorities a protest charging the troops with firing indiscriminately into dwellings of innocent citizens and wounding a number of them. It also emphasized that looting of Jewish homes has become a frequent occurrence during searches.

The Haganah radio, "Voice of Israel," today repeated its warning to the extremists that the "Yishuv's patience is already exhausted" by the continued terror which may bring disaster to the Jevish community. It warned the Jevish population that the British military forces are preparing actions which will lend aid to the ex-

tremists propaganda. The announcer appealed to the authorities to realize that it was "impossible to solve the Palestine problem against the will of the Jewish people sad-fit omposition to the spirit of Zioniem."

#### Troum Charges Military Authorities with Torturing Captured Members

The Irgun Zvai Leumi, broadcasting on its underground transmitter, "Voice of Figiting Zion," today admitted that it had carried out last week's country-wide attacks and charged that one of its members who was captured in a taxi was "cold bloodedity killed" by the British. The announcer said that three other men apprehended at the same time were taken to a military camp where they were beaten and tortured "by Razi methods," resulting in face and head injuries and broken limbs for all of them.

Members of the British Wamen's Auxiliary Air Force yesterday appeared on the streets armed and walking in pairs. This is the first time precautionary measures were decreed by military beginning for young soliding.

A landmine blow up the front of a military truck today near Petach Tikvah. The explicance near the spot where a jesp was blasted last Friday. Another mine went off under an army truck near Mikroh Igreel. No damage resulted from either blast, A landmine was discovered and dismantled this morning on the road between Sarda and Roah Pinna, in northern Palestine.

A Palestine-wide conference of Jewish Lawyers, meeting today in Tel Aviv, adopted a resolution condemning the Emergency Defense Regulations as "contradicting" the principle that individual rights and freedoms are the "very foundations of justice." Other resolutions protessed the detention of Jew without trial and their exile to concentration camps outside the country, scored terrorism and pledged full support to the Jewish community's campaign of combatting it, and demanded the opening of Palestine's sates to unrestricted Jewish immigration.

It was revealed today that in an arms cache found in an Arab cemetery near Hadera yesterday there were a number of pistols, one submachine gun, a quantity of small arms ammunition and some explosives.

### BEN GURION DISCUSSES PALESTINE SITUATION WITH FRENCH PREMIER IN PARIS

PARIS, Jan. 6. (JFA) -- David Ben Gurion, chairman of the World Zionist expective, was received today by Leon Blum, French Premier, and discussed the Palestine situation with him.

Dr. Isaac Gruenbaum, member of the world Zionist executive, addressing a public meeting here tonight, declared that he does not doubt that if Britain imposes partition upon Palestine, it would be accepted by those who refuse to participate in the London conference on Palestine.

## PALESTINE COVERNMENT, ARAB LEADER DISCUSS PARTICIPATION IN LONDON CONFERENCE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Acting Palestine High Commissioner Henry L. Gurney today invited Jesus Husseini, leader of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, to meet with him. It is understood that in the 90-minute parley the two discussed conditions under which Palestine Arabs would be willing to attend the London conference on Palestine.

King Abdullah of Transjordan sailed today from Haifa for Turkey, accompanied by his son and a number of high government and military leaders. Before sailing he was received by the British district commissioner and reviewed detachments of the Arab Legion and British infantsy.

### JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL CONFERENCE ADOPTS \$6,000,000 BUDGET FOR FIGHTING ANTI-SEMITISM

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- A \$6,000,000 budget for 1947 for continuing the activities of the American Jewish Committee and the B'mai B'rith Anti-Defemation League against anti-Bemitiem was adopted here last night at the first national conference of the Joint Defense Appeal.

A resolution calling for a nation-wide drive to collect this sum was unantmonely voted by the 1,000 Jevish communal leaders attending the parley. The resolution also asked that communities outside of New York and Chicago raise a minimum of \$3,000,000 toward the new budget, which is 20 percent higher than the one for last rest.

At today's session Doneld Obordorfor of Atlanta was elected chairman of the mational council of the J.D.A. Judge Joseph M. Prockauer, Henry Monsky, Justice Mair Steinbrink and Jacob Blaustein were elected honorary chairman, while A.C. Horn of How York was elected honorary treasurer. The eight vice-chairman ere: Albert H. Lieberman of Philadelphia, Edmund Vaterman of New York, Avery Carp of East St.Louis. Charles W. Morris of Louisville, Benjamin J. Scheman of Los Angelse, Mar J. Schmeider of New York, Alam M. Stroock of New York and Ben Samuels of Chicago. Richard M. Lederer, Arhold Askin and Haurice Chinet, all of New York, were named secretary, treesurer and assistant treasurer, respectively.

## TWO LONDON SYNACOGUES ATTACKED AS ASHES OF SCHOLLS FROM EARLIER INCIDENT ARE BURLED

LONDON, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Two more synagogues were attacked in Kondon last night. Windows were smashed in both of them.

Two men who were hurling stones at a synagogue in Bayawater, a fashionable West London section, escaped after they were discovered by the caretaker. A youth who had broken several windows of the Eillesden synagogue surrendered to the police a short time after committing the deed.

In a solemn, impressive ceremony the cases of twelve Scrolls destroyed in a fire set by vandale last week in the Dollic Hill synagogue were buried last night with treditional rites for the dead. The services, which were conducted a few hours before the latest attacks on London temples, were attended by Jews from all parts of the city including Acting Chief Rabbi Harris M. Lazarus and representatives of various synagogue federations.

Scotland Yard today announced that it had frustrated attempts by two gangs of oriminals to set up a "Protection Society" to "guard" Fore against beating and destruction of their shops in the East End of London. In the usual reacted entering manner, the gangeters offered to "protect" the Jews for a fee. Following complaints, the police discovered that the two gangs were covering the same "territory."

# AMERICAN ZIONIST LABORITE RECEIVED BY POPE; ASKS FOR STATEMENT AGAINST ANTI-SEATTISM

ROME, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Louis Segal, American Zionist Laborite leader, was received today by Popp Pius XII. Declaring that he represents the World Jewish Congress, hr. Segal asked the Pope to issue a statement condomning anti-Semitiam. He later told newspapermen that the Pope promised to issue such a statement at the first opportunity.

#### Canadian Jew Honored by Pope; Sympathy for Jews Emphasized

Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Ben Obrant, a local Jewish butcher, has been honored by receiving an apostolic benediction from the Pope. In the certificate given to Obrant, the Pope stated that he wished his sympathy for suffering Jewry to be known. Obrant received the blessing for his charitable contributions to the order of the Religious Franciscan Sisters of Mary.

#### ZOA LEADERS ASSAIL CRITICS OF ZIONIST CONGRESS DECISIONS; DEFEND "MILITANE" POSITION

MEW YORK, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Leading figures of the American Zionist delegation to the 22nd World Zionist Congress headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Z.O.A. president, sessiled critics of the decisions of the Congress and staunohly defended its "militant" position on major Palestine issues, at a Z.O.A. mass rally tonight. The rally was the first public appearance of the delegation since its return from Resle.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, inferentially answering the attack of Dr. Stephen S. Wise upon the outcome of the World Zionist Congress, urged "those who hold the responsible positions in the Zionist movement" to recognize the authority of the Congress, "Its decisions reached by the democratic process are binding as all decisions arrived at by democratic process are binding as all decisions sarrived at by democratic process are binding. /To discredit democratic process, "he said, "is to weaken the authority of the Zionist movement." He asserted that the Zionist Congress "marked and registered the lowest point of Jewish confidence in the British Government."

Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, who was elected a member of the World Zionist Actions Committee, stated that "the failure of the Labor Government to mullify the White Paper and the intensification of its restrictive policies, even in the face of the recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, had engendered smong the delegates to the World Zionist Congress the conviction that a policy of further cooperation with the British Government was illusory; that no other course was left to the Zionist movement but one of responsible Jewish resistance to British violation of its pledges and of its obligations under the Mandate,"

#### London Conference But Another Maneuver to Defeat Jevish Hopes

Judge Rothenberg said that the "opposition of the majority of delegates to participating in the proposed London conference, under present circumstances, indiscated a determination on their part no longer to be lulled into a false belief in the good intentions of the British Government to bring about a just solution of the Palestine problem, and to regard the forthcoming conference as but another maneuver in British policy to defeat Jowish hopes."

Daniel Frisch, chairman of the Z.O.A. Administrative Council and newlyelected member of the World Zionist Actions Committee, declared that "the Z.O.A. delegation, under the leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, has triumphed in the adoption by the Congress of its militant policy."

(Dr. Silver had not delivered his address by the time the Bulletin went to press. A summary of his address will appear in tomorrow's sesse.)

# JEWISH AGENCY OFFICIAL KITMAPPED; RELEASED WHEN CAPTORS DECIDE THEY MADE A "MISTAKE"

TEL AVIV, Jan. 6. (JEA) -- Jacob Riftin, an official in the immigration department of the Javish Agency, was today kidnapped by five armed men believed to be members of the Iraqua Yvai Leuni.

After transporting him to the Yarkon River, north of the city, the five man decided they had made a "mistake" and released him. The car in which he had been kidnepped was later found near Tiberiae,