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IRGUN PROCLAIMS "PERMANENT WAR;" PALESTINE GOVERNMENT WARNS JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- A "permanent war without interruption" against the British in Palestine was proclaimed today by the Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish extremist group, following the blasting yesterday of Haifa police headquarters in which several British and Arab policemen were killed and many persons wounded. Responsibility for the blast was assumed this morning by the Stern Group in a statement to the press.

The Palestine Government reacted to the Haifa explosion by summoning David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, to Government House and notifying him that the sternest measures, short of martial law, will follow any further terrorist activities. The warning was conveyed by Sir Henry Gurney, Acting High Commissioner.

The Irgun proclamation, broadcast over its secret radio, made it clear that neither Jewish Agency leaders nor the British Government should labor under the illusion that extremist activities will cease while informal talks between the two are going on. It ridiculed the reports of an alleged truce and revealed that the organization is preparing for an open "battle" in place of sporadic violence.

"Our war against the enemy," the broadcast said, "will be permanent and without interruption until our aim is achieved - the liberation of our fatherland. We embarked on daily attacks, but our acts are adapted to political and military tactical requirements. We are not resting even when sometimes we are not shooting. This may change when we enter into a battle which will be general and decisive. We believe this day will come, though we are not able to say when."

### Ten Jews Arrested in Haifa; Curfew Lifted by Military Authorities

Ten Jews were held for questioning tonight in Haifa after police and troops combed the city in a hunt for the persons responsible for the attack on police headquarters. More than 800 persons were "screened" during the operation. However, the curfew which was clamped down on the city following the explosion was lifted.

An amended casualty report released this morning discloses that the explosion killed four policemen--two Arabs and two Britons--seriously wounded seven persons and caused slight injury to more than 50 policemen. Forty-eight civilians were hospitalized.

The small truck which was converted into a huge timebomb by the extremists was stolen in Tel Aviv on Saturday, it was reported today. The driver was held prisoner until yesterday evening when he was released unharmed.

### Jewish Agency Executive Meets to Discuss Security Situation

A full session of the Jewish Agency executive--the first since before the Zionist Congress--was held today to discuss various pressing problems, among them the security situation.

The meeting heard a report from David Ben Gurion on political developments

since adjournment of the Congress, including his recent talks with Colonial Minister Arthur Creech-Jones. The London conference was also discussed. The Jewish National Council will meet next Monday for a full-dress public discussion of extremist activities.

#### More Troops Reach Palestine; Partition Without Statehood Projected

Meanwhile, additional British troops arrived in Palestine from Egypt. The arrivals, who are understood to comprise a brigade, are the vanguard of the British Third Division which is in the process of being transferred here.

A British military spokesman in Cairo, queried as to whether the troops are being moved into Palestine to crush terrorism in expectation of a final solution of the Palestine problem, evaded a direct answer, but asserted that the final decision will be a modified version of the federalization plan, it is reported by the Arab press.

Corroboration of this report came from another source today, when the Hashomer Hatzair newspaper Mishmar quoted "reliable sources" as stating that the Colonial Office is prepared to accept administrative partition of Palestine, but not Jewish statehood in part of the country. The paper said that this would be in line with the British Government's promise to the Arabs that any partition will not be final.

The Palestine censor announced today a ban on all references in the press to illegal immigration vessels, even prohibiting mentioning ships in foreign ports.

#### PALESTINE ARABS ACCEPT INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN LONDON CONFERENCE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The Palestine Arab Higher Committee has informed Acting High Commissioner Gurney that it will send a delegation to the London conference, which resumes next week, it was learned today.

The committee is refraining from making an official announcement of its acceptance at the request of Gurney, who first wishes to convey its reply, together with the names of the Committee's delegation to Colonial Minister Arthur Creech-Jones.

It is reported that the Arab delegates will be Jamal Hussein, vice-chairman of the Committee and its actual head in the enforced absence from the country of the ex-Mufti, Dr. Hussein Khalidi, the Committee's secretary, and Emil Ghori, a member of the executive and secretary of the Palestine Arab Party.

#### TEL AVIV MAYOR PROTESTS TO GOVERNMENT AGAINST BRUTALITY, LOOTING BY TROOPS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Mayor Israel Rokach today reported to the Tel Aviv municipal council that he has protested to the government against the wounding of many Tel-Aviv residents by soldiers and the indiscriminate searches of homes during which valuables were looted.

Several members of the council testified to the brutality displayed by the troops and to the losses Jews had suffered as a result of wanton damage and robbery.

#### BRITISH PERMIT PALESTINE DEALERS TO PURCHASE \$1,400,000 WORTH OF CARS IN U.S.

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government announced today that the British Government has agreed to allow Palestinian merchants to purchase \$1,400,000 worth of motor vehicles in the United States in the first quarter of 1947. Palestine dealers are usually compelled to make their purchases in Britain, but British manufacturers have stated that they will not be able to fill the orders for passenger cars and trucks.

100,000 JEWISH RELIGIOUS AND MODERN BOOKS DISCOVERED IN THREE CHURCHES IN POZNAN

WARSAW, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders in Warsaw have recovered 100,000 volumes of Jewish religious works and modern Yiddish literature stored by the Nazis during the occupation in three churches in Poznan, it was reported here today.

Most of the books were taken by the Nazis from synagogues and libraries in Lodz and in Plock. Since the transportation of the volumes was entrusted to British and French war prisoners who appreciated their value and handled them with care, they are in good shape.

A shipment of modern works was brought this week to Warsaw and handed over to the Central Committee of Polish Jews. The remainder have been transferred to a building which before the war was a home for aged Jews. It is understood that the religious volumes, many of them rare, will be shipped to Palestine or to the United States.

The Council of Jewish Communities today revealed that it has succeeded in discovering intact the famous religious library of the Yeshivath Chachme Lublin which was the largest Jewish theological seminary in Poland before the war.

WITNESSES AT TISO WAR CRIMES TRIAL SAY HE KNEW THAT DEPORTED JEWS WERE BEING MURDERED

BRATISLAVA, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Witnesses at the trial of Dr. Josef Tiso, former head of the puppet Slovak Government, today testified that he was aware of the ultimate fate of Jews deported from Slovakia. Tiso and Sano Mach, his Minister of the Interior, who is also on trial, have insisted they did not know that deported Jews were being killed in Nazi extermination camps.

One witness stated that he informed the Slovak Government of the slaughter of Slovak Jews in the Oswiecim death camp. Another witness said that as early as 1942 Tiso knew of the killing of deported Jews. He produced a letter from M. Karmasin, former Secretary for German Affairs in the Bratislava Government, to Heinrich Himmler stating that the government was readily complying with German anti-Jewish demands.

IRO PREPARATORY COMMISSION TO MAP PLANS FOR FIRST YEAR'S OPERATIONS AT GENEVA PARLEY

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The preparatory commission of the International Refugee Organization, which will hold its first meeting in Geneva on Feb. 11, will be charged with drawing up plans--in cooperation with UNRRA, the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees and other interested bodies--for the first year's program of the organization, it was pointed out today by the United Nations secretariat.

The commission will also be entrusted with arranging for the convening of the first session of the General Council of the IRO and preparing an agenda for that meeting. However, this action hinges on ratification of the IRO constitution by 15 states whose allotted contributions amount to 75 percent of the first year's operational budget of \$150,000,000. Until such ratification is secured, the IRO will have no legal existence.

The preparatory commission at its Geneva meeting will also have to arrange for the orderly transfer to the IRO--when established--of the functions and assets, if any, of existing refugee organizations. It must also elect a chairman, vice-chairman and executive secretary. The commission will continue in existence until a director-general of the IRO is elected at the first meeting of the General Council.

MORGENTHAU OUTLINES 12-POINT U.J.A. PROGRAM; DRIVE TO BE LAUNCHED AT WASHINGTON PARLEY

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- A twelve-point relief and rehabilitation program of the \$170,000,000 drive proclaimed by the United Jewish Appeal was outlined tonight by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the U.J.A., at a closed dinner meeting of 150 Jewish leaders from various parts of the country, held at the Ambassador Hotel.

Mr. Morgenthau announced that the national drive will be officially launched at a two-day "standard-setting conference" which will open on Feb. 22 in Washington. A record number of 4,000 communities will participate in the first phase of the United Jewish Appeal campaign, he stated, estimating that an army of more than 150,000 volunteers will be mobilized throughout the country "to bring the humanitarian challenge of this campaign of survival and reconstruction to every element in the American community."

Declaring that "unless we help them now to emerge from the misery and uncertainty of the post-war period, the first victims of Hitler will have lost their struggle for freedom and peace," Mr. Morgenthau listed the following urgent objectives of the U.J.A. campaign:

1. Relief and rehabilitation of large sections of the Jewish survivors in Poland, Rumania and Hungary.
2. Supplementary food, retraining and preparation for emigration for 250,000 Jewish displaced persons in Germany, Austria and Italy.
3. Medical care, education and rehabilitation of most of the 170,000 remaining Jewish children in Europe.
4. Emigration assistance for homeless Jews who can be admitted to Palestine, the United States and other countries.
5. Large-scale shipment of medicines, clothing, food and other supplies to distress areas in Europe.
6. Medical assistance and maintenance for newly-arrived refugees in Palestine. (Under present regulations 1,500 refugees are permitted to enter Palestine each month.)
7. Retraining and rehabilitation of former inmates of concentration camps who reach Palestine.
8. The acquisition of land in Palestine for the expansion of Jewish settlement and agricultural development.
9. The establishment of new rural settlements in Palestine and the development of new opportunities for the absorption of large masses of Jewish immigrants from Europe.
10. Financial assistance to refugees who find a haven in the United States to help them during the initial period of adjustment to American life.
11. Help for Jewish children, many of them orphans, who are coming to the United States from displaced persons camps.
12. Resettlement, retraining and integration aid for newcomers to this country.

Mr. Morgenthau called upon all Americans regardless of race, creed or color to share in "this life-saving and life-rebuilding endeavor which represents a major factor in the building of a better world of freedom and peace for all mankind." He



emphasized that the national campaign of the United Jewish Appeal merits the generous support of the entire nation. "It is the solemn responsibility of every American to save the victims of Hitler and help them regain their place in society on a level of brotherhood and equality with all other peoples," he said. "This task is part of our program of winning the peace."

Following the adoption of the 12-point program, plans were drawn up at tonight's meeting for carrying on the nationwide campaign.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CJFWE WILL DEAL WITH ALL PROBLEMS AFFECTING U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Every major problem which the Jewish communities in the United States and Canada must face in the year ahead will be a subject of discussion at the 1947 General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to be held Friday, January 31 through Monday, February 3, at the Ambassador Hotel in Atlantic City. More than 600 delegates and observers are expected to attend, it was announced today by the Council.

The sessions will review results and project plans for Jewish education, community organization, overseas needs and programs, fund raising and Jewish community relations. They will present a perspective of local Jewish community service and trends as they relate to general social, economic and public welfare, and a review of current directions in case work, child welfare and related services, programs for the aged and medical care, and recreational services.

A session on "Overseas Needs and Programs" will review the general European scene especially in terms of governmental plans and problems, and analyze the Jewish overseas problems and programs, particularly as they relate to Europe and Palestine.

#### HIAS ARRANGES PASSAGE OF 400 JEWS FROM EUROPE TO AUSTRALIA ON DUTCH STEAMER

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- HIAS officials in Amsterdam have obtained passage for 400 Jewish refugees to Australia on a Dutch ship, it was announced here today by Abraham Herman, president of the organization.

The immigrants will include displaced Jews from Germany and Austria as well as Jews from Poland, Hungary and other European countries. Included in the group will be several rabbis, doctors, students and children who will join relatives in Australia. The sum of \$160,000 has been advanced to the Netherlands Government by the HIAS which will finance the trip for those who cannot pay their own passage.

#### J.D.C. OPENS WINTER RELIEF CAMPAIGN IN BULGARIA WITH DISTRIBUTION OF CASH, FOOD, CLOTHING

SOFIA, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has opened its winter relief campaign in Sofia and 34 provincial centers with the distribution of 6,000,000 levas (approximately \$25,000) in cash, clothing, food and medical supplies, it was revealed here today.

In addition the J.D.C. has arranged for the feeding of all children in Jewish schools and recently opened a number of soup kitchens in the larger cities. The Chanukah candles distributed last month were the first seen in the country for six years.

CONGRESS GETS BILL BARRING G.I. PAYMENTS TO SCHOOLS PRACTICING DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Rep. Arthur G. Klein, Democrat, of New York, today introduced a bill amending the G.I. Bill of Rights, to forbid payments to schools "which purport to be non-sectarian but actually discriminate against veterans belonging to minority races or religions." Klein's action was prompted by a joint study on discrimination in educational institutions prepared by the Jewish War Veterans and the American Jewish Congress.

The amendment would empower the Veterans' Administrator to hold hearings whenever a school is charged with discrimination against veterans and to attempt to eliminate the discriminatory practices by conciliation and mediation. If the school refuses to stop its discriminatory practices the Veterans' Administrator would then suspend payments under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

Introducing the bill, Klein said: "Discrimination by an educational institution against a veteran strikes at the very heart of the democracy for which he fought. This bill may not eliminate this un-American practice but will at least stop these institutions from feeding at the public trough. There is no reason why the government should subsidize un-American practices."

DISCRIMINATION BY PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS FRIGHTENING STUDENTS AWAY FROM DENTISTRY, MEDICINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Discrimination practiced by medical and dental schools through use of quota systems is discouraging students belonging to minority groups from pursuing those professions, according to a survey by the sociology department of City College here.

Based on questions submitted to 295 members of the senior class, the survey showed that 18.8 percent of those who had changed their vocational choice since entering college had done so because they anticipated discrimination by graduate schools. Of all the students who planned to enter professions, only 10.6 selected medicine or dentistry, because of the existence of bias.

Even those who still desire to enter medicine or dentistry indicated that they anticipated difficulty in securing admission to graduate schools, but were planning to "buck" the system in the hope that they might be admitted by some school, the report shows.

Ninety-seven percent of the class recommended the establishment of a bias-free state university as the only solution to the problem of professional discrimination.

NEW FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE BILL INTRODUCED IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Helen Gehagen Douglas, Democrat, of California, has introduced a bill to establish a permanent fair employment practices commission.

The bill prohibits discrimination in employment on grounds of "race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry," and would apply to all employers of six or more persons engaged in interstate commerce or holding government contracts. The measure would also apply to labor unions.

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