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### JEWISH AGENCY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT PALESTINE PLAN TO BE ANNOUNCED IN PARLIAMENT TODAY

LONDON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Jewish Agency may refuse to meet further with Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, it was learned here today. Bevin, who promised the Zionists a statement of the British Government's position on Palestine today, has at the last minute changed his mind and refused to give them a statement in writing, but has made a new promise--that they will receive a statement at the next informal meeting which is to be held within a few days.

The demand that no further meetings be held with Bevin was voiced today at a meeting of the Jewish Agency executive by Emanuel Neumann, American member, and was supported by other members of the executive, which held an all-day session to discuss the attitude to be taken towards the ultimatum which the British Government presented to the major Jewish institutions in Palestine. It is believed in Jewish circles that Bevin's statement will announce a modified "federalization plan" which is far from satisfactory to the Jews.

Various reports current here today, on the eve of the expected announcement tomorrow in Parliament on the government's course of action on Palestine, indicated that Bevin insisted at a Cabinet meeting that a specific federalization plan be proffered, with local autonomy and with rights for the Jews to recommend immigration schedules. It was believed that although the Cabinet may not have approved federalization definitely, it had at least given Bevin the authority to present such a plan to the Jews and Arabs. However, it was pointed out that a policy statement of such importance would have to be announced first in the House of Commons.

### Today's Statement in Commons Awaited; Repression in Palestine Expected

The Jewish Agency leaders here, while awaiting tomorrow's statement in Commons, have little doubt that the Bevin plan, whenever presented, will take some form of federalization. They received this impression during their informal talks with him. It appears quite certain that this plan will be rejected by both the Jews and Arabs.

The Jewish Agency here fears that the Jews in Palestine may be facing a period of unparalleled repression. Leaders of the Agency are not certain as to whether Bevin's plan will be imposed or whether the British Government will wait for United Nations action. In the meantime, the executive of the Jewish Agency was today trying to formulate its attitude toward the British ultimatum. Although its decision has not yet been announced, it is believed to be a certainty that the Agency will reject the ultimatum.

A Parliamentary Labor Party meeting today decided to postpone a closed party debate on Palestine until next week in order not to embarrass the government at this time. A group of back benchers, led by Richard Crossman, former member of the Anglo-American Commission, attacked the government for delaying a solution of the Palestine problem and favored the principle of partition.

JEWISH AGENCY COMPLETES STUDY OF BRITISH ULTIMATUM; EXPECTED TO REJECT GOVT. TERMS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency today completed study of the British ultimatum of Monday demanding cooperation against the terrorists, and it is believed that the executive will refuse to join in the government's manhunt on moral and practical grounds. It was decided at the all-day session to reiterate the Agency's stand on terrorism as well as the resolution adopted last month by the Jewish National Council.

A plenary session of the Jewish National Council for Palestine opened to-night to discuss the grave problems confronting the Jewish community. It is understood that practically all Jewish political groups oppose compliance with the British ultimatum. However, two groups - the Aliyah Hadassah and the Hashomer Hatzair - are said to favor its acceptance.

It was learned that the Palestine Government is preparing a new White Paper on the Agency's alleged connection with terrorist organizations. The document will deal with the period from Nov. 1945 to the present and will attempt to link the Agency to the underground with such questions as: "Why was it quiet in Palestine during the Zionist Congress?"

It was also learned today that the dissident groups, particularly the Irgun Zvai Leumi, are still prepared to declare an "armistice" if Dov Gruner, condemned Irgunist, is removed from the shadow of the gallows and if the government gives assurances that it will not undertake further repressive measures and punitive operations against the Jewish community.

Meanwhile, Chief Rabbis Isaac Herzog and Ben Zion Uziel have called off their announced visit to Gruner in order to give his sister, Helen Friedman, who is expected to arrive here by plane tomorrow from the United States, an opportunity to make a prior personal plea to her brother to sign an appeal to the Privy Council.

4,000 Jews Evicted within 48 Hours from British "Protected Areas"

Some 4,000 Jews were evicted within the last 48 hours from Jerusalem's four new "security areas" to make room for troops, police and British civil servants, it was learned here tonight. The Jews have not yet been offered any alternative accommodations.

It was today reported in British circles that High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham is personally opposed to the evacuation of British women and children and non-essential male civilians. It is said that General Sir Evelyn Barker, British military commander, is entirely responsible for the planning and execution of the operation.

Brigadier Pool, British commander of the Nathanya area, has asked Nathanya's mayor, Oved Ben Ami, to grant British soldiers permission to visit the city. Ben Ami, at whose request the troops were barred from Nathanya following Christmas riots there, agreed, stating that the city's population has always displayed friendliness and hospitality toward the soldiers.

Arab sources today stated that the formation of a new Arab party seeking Arab-Jewish rapprochement is being contemplated by a group of prominent Arabs throughout the country who have wide political contacts within Palestine and in the neighboring Arab states. Although the platform of the projected party has not yet been made public, it is understood that it contains planks calling for larger Jewish immigration, the establishment of "a Palestine state" with equal rights for Jews and Arabs, and a number of other concessions to the Jews.

AMERICAN ZIONISTS REJECT BRITISH ULTIMATUM TO JEWISH AGENCY; CALL EMERGENCY PARLEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- American Zionists today rejected the British ultimatum to the Jewish Agency and served notice that the American Jewish community would not stand idly by while the British prepared repressive measures against Palestine Jewry.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, announced that a national extraordinary session of all Zionist leaders in America had been called as the first step towards coping with the forthcoming emergency. This special session, which will be attended by representatives from every city in the United States, is scheduled to convene in Washington on Feb. 17th.

In a statement issued by the American Zionist Emergency Council, which represents the entire American Zionist movement, Dr. Silver labelled British demands as an open invitation to Palestine Jewry to become "informists and spies" and attacked the British Government as violating its international mandate and ruling "by brute force alone."

"The Zionist movement has condemned unreservedly on both moral and political grounds the acts of the dissident extremist groups in Palestine. It is, however, impossible to ignore the fact that the excesses for which they have been responsible are a direct result of the present arbitrary and lawless British regime in Palestine," Dr. Silver declared.

The leader of American Zionism pointed out that the Jewish Agency had continually indicated its willingness to do everything within its power to restrain dissident extremist groups. "It is not, however, prepared to ask the Jewish population to turn informists and spies for an administration which itself has been guilty of gross illegalities and cruelties against Jews who seek refuge in their own homeland," Dr. Silver stated.

U.S. Members of Jewish Agency Say Jews Will Not Become "Informers"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The American members of the Jewish Agency executive, meeting in Washington yesterday, supported the action of the Agency in Palestine in refusing to "become a nation of informers."

Approving the Agency's reply to the British ultimatum for cooperation with the Palestine security forces in stamping out terrorism, the American members of the executive yesterday cabled the Agency a strongly worded message of encouragement and "full support." The text of the cable declared:

"Your statement to the public press on Palestine Government ultimatum has our full support. The ultimatum is obviously a smokescreen for new acts of repression on the part of the Palestine Government. We shall do our utmost to make clear to the world that the responsibility for the bitterness and ruin resulting from such action by the British Government is to be charged to its own lawless policy. Our thoughts are with you in these trying days."

The American section of the Agency's executive has been meeting in special emergency session here the past two days to discuss the situation brought about by Britain's newest policy. It is understood that Dr. Silver while here, conferred with Secretary of State George C. Marshall and O. Max Gardner, American Ambassador to Great Britain, who has since departed for London, and Loy W. Henderson, chief of the Division of Middle Eastern and African Affairs of the State Department. Dr. Silver also discussed the Palestine situation with members of Congress, including Senator Vandenberg, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and Senator Owen Brewster, Republican, of Maine.

STATE DEPT. WILL SEEK CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON ADMISSION OF MORE DP'S TO UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Secretary of State George C. Marshall has informed Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, that the State Department plans to lay before Congress this year legislation for the entry of displaced persons into the United States.

In a letter to Senator Vandenberg, Secretary Marshall also listed Department plans for legislation enabling the United States to participate in the International Refugee Organization, to continue an international relief program after the expiration of UNRRA, and to provide a share in the International Children's Fund.

U.N. COMMISSION BEGINS DISCUSSION ON EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The United Nations Human Rights Commission this morning began consideration of ways and means for effectively implementing human rights and fundamental freedoms. Colonel W.R. Hodgson of Australia proposed the establishment of an International Court of Human Rights.

Col. Hodgson said a declaration of human rights by the General Assembly would not be sufficient. The next stage must be a multilateral convention obliging member governments to incorporate these rights in their constitutions if they were not already there. There should also be an International Court of Human Rights to ensure that the rights are observed. Some asserted, said Col. Hodgson, that international law without sanctions was not effective, but the six hundred judgments of the Permanent Court of International Justice had been accepted without reserve. Neither the International Court of Justice nor the Security Council had jurisdiction to deal with human rights cases.

Col. Hodgson proposed that an international court consisting of independent judges, should have jurisdiction to hear and determine all disputes concerning rights of citizenship and enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms provided for in the declaration to be made by the General Assembly. It should be open to any person or group of persons and to any state that accepted the declaration and it should hear all appeals from decisions of courts of states bound by the declaration in which any question of human rights was involved. The court should report annually to the Economic and Social Council.

The United Kingdom, USSR, United States and other representatives expressed the view that it would be premature to consider machinery for implementation before the initial draft of the bill was available. The proposed International Bill of Rights will be prepared in the form of a resolution of the General Assembly.

ENGLAND JOINS INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION; REPRESENTATIVE SIGNS CONSTITUTION

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The British representative to the United Nations, Sir Alexander Cadogan, this morning signed, without reservation, the constitution of the International Refugee Organization. The United Kingdom signature is the first so far which does not require any subsequent ratification.

The United Kingdom is the eleventh country signatory to the constitution. It thereby also becomes a member of the Preparatory Commission for the IRO, which is due to hold its first meeting at Geneva on Feb. 11., and has been allotted a contribution of 14.75 percent of the first year's operational budget of \$151,060,500, amounting to \$22,281,424.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA BANS SHOWING OF FILMS DEBUNKING NAZI RACE THEORIES

EDMONTON, Canada, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The provincial government of Alberta, which is controlled by the Social Credit Party, some of whose leaders have been charged with anti-Semitic tendencies, has refused to allow a number of films warning against race hatred to be shown in schools throughout the province.

Among the banned films is "Man, One Family," a British Information Office release debunking Nazi race theories. Another of the prohibited productions is the American Army's "Don't Be a Sucker," which relates how Hitler built his world-wide movement by turning race against race and religion against religion.

RATE OF INCREASE OF JEWISH POPULATION OF CANADA Waning, SURVEY REVEALS

MONTREAL, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of Canada increased 8.6 percent during the decade of 1931 to 1941, a study by the Canadian Jewish Congress research department has revealed. The total number of Jews in Canada in 1941 was 170,241.

The rate of increase was somewhat lower than that of the general population which was 10.9 percent for the same period. The birth rate for Jews decreased from 11.1 per 1,000 in 1926 to 7.4 per 1,000 in 1941, while the general population showed an increase during that period. In addition, immigration restrictions cut down the number and percentage of Jewish immigrants to Canada.

Until 1931 Quebec province had the largest number of Jews, but after that period Ontario was the home of the largest number. However, Manitoba, in which three percent of the population was Jewish in 1941, had the highest proportion of Jewish residents of any province.

J.N.F. OWNS 6.9 DUNAMS OF LAND FOR EVERY JEW IN PALESTINE; INFANT MORTALITY AT NEW LOW

TEL AVIV, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- There are now 6.9 dunams of land (a dunam is one-quarter of an acre) owned by the Jewish National Fund for every Jew residing in Palestine, statistics at a J.N.F. exhibit here reveal. In 1920 there were 7.9 dunams for every Jew.

Infant mortality among the Jewish population in Palestine has dropped drastically in comparison to other medically advanced areas of the world, charts and statistics at the exhibit also disclosed. The present death rate for Palestinian Jewish babies is 31 per 1,000 as compared to 49 per 1,000 in England and 40 per 1,000 in the United States.

CANADIAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATION WARNS AGAINST SUPPORTING LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE

MONTREAL, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Canadian Zionists were warned today not to support the American League for a Free Palestine, which is planning to send a representative to raise funds among the Jews in the Dominion.

The warning, issued by Samuel J. Zecks, president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, says that the League is not recognized by the World Zionist Organization or any of its branches and is not authorized to speak and act on behalf of the Yishuv or any of the representative Jewish bodies in Palestine.