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### JEWISH AGENCY LEADERS MEET WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS TO STUDY "FEDERALIZATION" MAPS

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Although Jewish Agency leaders today announced that the Zionists have rejected the Bevin proposals on Palestine and will not even consider them a basis for discussion, it was apparent tonight that the door has been left open for further negotiations in an attempt to find a formula acceptable to the Jews.

David Ben Gurion and Moshe Shertok met tonight with officials of the Colonial Office to inspect maps showing the delimitation of the Jewish and Arab zones under the Bevin plan. Neither the Foreign Minister nor Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones was present.

At a press conference earlier in the day, Shertok said that the Agency could not accept the British proposals, would not even consider them as a basis for further talks and was prepared to break off discussions unless the government agreed to the basic Zionist demands for an adequate Jewish area, full power of immigration into that zone and recognition of eventual Jewish independence in at least a part of Palestine.

### Zionist Actions Committee May Be Convoked If Talks Are Broken Off

If the talks should be broken off, a meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee would probably be convened to hear a report on the negotiations, he said. At the same time, the government would be urged to restore the status of the mandate--abrogation of the land laws and no restriction of immigration--while awaiting consideration of the issue by the next session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Shertok said that the Bevin scheme was unacceptable on the following counts:

1. There was no certainty that any immigration would be allowed at the end of the initial two-year period, or at what rate if some were allowed. Also the plan was a step backward compared to Morrison's proposal to admit 100,000 in one year.
2. The suggested Jewish area is inadequate, and provides no room for further expansion since only those areas will be considered Jewish in which Jews now have a majority. This means that not all land now occupied by Jews will be included in the Jewish zones, and since the Jewish area need not be contiguous, it would result in "fragmentation" of the existing Jewish settlement.
3. The purpose of the plan is to prepare Palestine to become an independent, unitary state, which would mean that after five years the Jews would be a permanent minority in a Palestinian state with an Arab majority.

Shertok admitted that the establishment of an independent state was not spelled out in the Bevin proposals, but charged that was the intention of the framers of the

plan. He pointed out that the creation of a permanent Jewish minority was precisely what the Jews found objectionable in the White Paper.

#### Agency Will Submit Written Reply Within Few Days

The Agency stand will be outlined formally in a written reply to be submitted to Bevin within a few days, after which "we will consider our business finished," Shertok said, adding that if Britain attempted to impose the plan by force, the Jews would not cooperate, and consequently it was unlikely that the scheme would work.

H.A. Goodman, political secretary of the Agudas Israel, said today that while the British proposals require considerable clarification, he hoped they would not be rejected "out of hand," since they contain definite pledges on immigration.

An Agudah delegation which met with Creech-Jones yesterday was assured, Goodman stated, that the new plan would implement, rather than supersede the mandate, and that the rights of the Jewish Agency would be safeguarded. He suggested that a commission composed of Colonial Office officials and Jewish representatives be set up to attempt to bring the British plan more in line with Jewish demands.

#### PALESTINE GOVERNMENT PLAN TO EVACUATE ALL AMERICANS BALKED BY U.S. CONSUL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government had planned to evacuate all Americans from Palestine, but was prevented from doing so by U.S. Consul-General Lowell C. Pinkerton, it was learned today. Pinkerton told the authorities that the Americans were in no danger from either Jews or Arabs.

Pinkerton today called on Mrs. Goldie Meirson, chief of the political department of the Jerusalem section of the Jewish Agency, with whom he is reported to have canvassed the general political situation.

A delegation of the Agudas Israel today called on the High Commissioner for discussions of the recent political developments. The details of the talks were not disclosed.

#### Police Raid Hotels in Tel Aviv; Explosion in Haifa

Police descended on Tel Aviv this morning and combed a heavily populated residential section, including roof-to-cellar searches of several large hotels. About 125 persons were screened, of whom six were held for further questioning.

Police guards have been assigned to the judges and prosecutor of the military court which yesterday doctored three young Jews to death for illegal possession of arms. After the trial concluded late yesterday, the president of the tribunal ordered the doors to the courtroom barred. Reporters, the audience and police officials were forced to remain until word had been received that the judges had arrived home safely.

A bomb explosion shook the Haifa port area early this evening, leading the city's residents to believe that an extremist attack was in progress. Sirens were sounded and police reinforcements rushed to the docks. However, a short time later police announced that the explosion was caused by a depth charge accidentally discharged from a police launch.

Lieut. Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker, commander of British forces in Palestine, who has been at odds with the Jewish community, will leave the country on Feb. 15. It was announced several months ago that Barker was being succeeded by Maj. Gen. G.H.A. Mackinnon.

ARAB STATES WILL TAKE PALESTINE ISSUE TO UNITED NATIONS, ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY SAYS

CAIRO, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The Arab states will take the Palestine issue to the United Nations following the failure of the London Conference on Palestine, Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey, secretary-general of the Arab League, declared here today at a press conference.

He revealed that the League had been contemplating such action prior to the calling of the London parley. Azzam Bey reiterated that the Arab states will reject any proposal leading to partition. He insisted that the Arab states will never accede to further Jewish immigration to Palestine and that they will never recognize the Palestinian citizenship of those Jews who entered the Holy Land after 1939.

BRITISH JEWS, FOREIGN NATIONALS NOT BEING EVACUATED FROM PALESTINE, HALL REVEALS

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- British Jews are not being evacuated from Palestine, Viscount Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced in the House of Lords today. Foreign nationals will also not be affected by the evacuation order, he added.

Referring to British businessmen in the country, he declared that the activities of those who remain will be hampered as little as possible. He announced that all applications for entrance to Palestine by businessmen are being referred to the Palestine Government for final approval, but that only applications from those with urgent business were at present being referred to the Palestine authorities.

LA NEGEV VISALESS IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN CYPRUS; TAKEN TO TEMPORARY QUARANTINE CAMP

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The British deportation ship Empire Heywood arrived at Famagusta, Cyprus, this morning with 620 visaless Jewish immigrants who arrived at Haifa Sunday on the two-masted schooner La Negev, it was reported here from Cyprus.

Disembarkation was begun immediately. The refugees will be sent to a temporary quarantine camp for 14 days, after which they will be transferred to other camps.

CAIRO POLICE CHIEF DENIES ARAB PRESS REPORTS OF ALLEGED JEWISH TERRORISTS IN EGYPT

CAIRO, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Selim Zaki Pasha, chief of police in Cairo, today issued a flat denial of Arab press reports that there is a Jewish terrorist organization in Egypt. "I formally declare these reports are untrue," Zaki said.

He was commenting on a report from London to the Egyptian newspaper Al Misri allegedly quoting Scotland Yard officials as stating that Jewish terrorists were active in Egypt and that the police had arrested 30 of them.

AMERICAN PROSECUTOR CHARGES NAZI INDUSTRIALISTS WITH "ARYANIZATION" OF JEWISH PROPERTY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Charges of aryанизation of Jewish property in Germany and of persecutions on racial, religious and political grounds constitute the third count of the indictment filed in Nuremberg by the United States against three leading German industrialists, the War Department announced today. General Telford Taylor, chief counsel for war crimes in Germany, filed the American charges against Friedrich Flick, Otto Steinbrink and Konrad Kaletsch with the military tribunal conducting the war crimes trials.

PREPARATORY COMMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION BEGINS MEETING IN GENEVA

GENEVA, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The first meeting of the preparatory commission of the International Refugee Organization was opened here today by Sir Rafael Cilento, chief of the refugee section of the United Nations.

In his opening address Sir Rafael recalled the General Assembly's resolution urging member nations to receive their fair share of the refugees as immigrants. He stressed the difficulties facing the organization pending ratification of the I.R.O. constitution by more nations.

The purpose of the commission meeting is to appoint officers of the I.R.O., establish a basis for the organization, lay down its program and make provision for finances. Morris Pope, of Canada, was elected chairman of the commission.

BRAZIL REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE VISAS OF JEWISH DP'S; EXPIRED FOUR DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Forty-seven Jewish refugees who sailed from Italy for Brazil last week landed here today because the Brazilian immigration authorities refused to admit them. Their visas expired four days before the ship on which they were travelling put into port and the Brazilian officials barred them from landing.

Action has been instituted here to revalidate their visas and prevent their return to Italy where they had assembled from various points in Europe. Efforts are also being made here in behalf of a number of immigrants arriving with "first class" visas but who travelled in second and third class quarters, a violation of the terms of the first class visa. The first class visa category has been abolished but the refugees received their entry permits before the classification was abandoned.

500 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS FROM U.S. ZONE OF GERMANY DOCK IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- More than 500 Jewish refugee immigrants arrived here today on the Marine Perch from the American zone of Germany.

The vessel carried a total of 721 immigrants of all religions. The Joint Distribution Committee assisted 310 Jews while the HIAS and other organizations aided most of the other Jewish refugees. They were met at the pier by relatives and representatives of HIAS, J.D.C., and the United Service for New Americans.

VETERANS ORGANIZATION AIDE URGES SUSPENSION OF IMMIGRATION TO U.S. FOR TEN YEARS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Suspension of immigration to the United States for a period of ten years was advocated today by Omar Ketchum, legislative representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, over a nationwide broadcast during a discussion on the question "Should We Further Restrict Immigration" arranged by the American Forum of the Air. He emphasized that he spoke "for some two million veterans."

Siding with him was Representative Ed Gossett of Texas who said that "not only should we temporarily reduce or suspend quotas, but we should have better enforcement of the immigration laws to prevent multiplied thousands of illegal entries."

The liberalization of the immigration laws was urged by Earl G. Harrison, dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School and former U.S. Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization. He pointed out that "our existing laws permit the barest trickle of immigration in comparison with the size of our country and our population." Any proposal to restrict immigration further at this point stems only from a lack of confidence in America and her future, he said. The admission of more immigrants was also urged by Representative Emanuel Celler of New York.



\$1,000,000 CONTRIBUTED TO BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL DRIVE NOT YET OPENED

WALTHAM, Mass., Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Nearly \$1,000,000 has already been contributed to Brandeis University, the first Jewish-sponsored secular university in America, which will open in the fall of 1948, it was revealed here today by George Alpert, chairman of the board of trustees. The drive for \$15,000,000 for the university has not yet been inaugurated, Alpert added.

Alpert disclosed that several hundred applications have already been received from students all over the country. The university will commence its activities with a core of 1,000 students in a liberal arts college. He said that an educational advisory committee is being formed to elect a president, and expressed the hope that one would be named in the near future.

N.Y. STATE STUDY ON NEED FOR BIAS-FREE STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR

ALBANY, N.Y., Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The establishment of a bias-free state university was virtually ruled out for another year today when the Assembly decided to extend for one year the existence of the special commission which is studying the need for such an institution.

Assembly Democratic Leader Steingut urged the Legislature to authorize a \$50,000,000 bond issue to cover the costs of the proposed university. He was opposed by several Republicans who argued that the state had enough colleges. The 17-man commission studying the project is headed by Owen D. Young. It received an appropriation of \$200,000 last year to conduct its study.

B'NAI B'RITH CONFERENCE SUPPORTS BILL BANNING DISCRIMINATION IN N.Y. COLLEGES

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the New York State Legislature to pass the Autsin-Mahoney bill to outlaw discrimination against members of racial and religious minority groups in colleges and universities in the state was adopted here at a conference of 400 Jewish leaders sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League and the Grand District Lodge No. 1 of B'nai B'rith.

Other resolutions endorsed the work of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination and the Massachusetts Fair Employment Practices Commission. Sen. Irving M. Ives was awarded the B'nai B'rith Citation of Merit for the role he played in establishing the Commission Against Discrimination in New York.

FOURTH JEWISH SETTLEMENT TO BE FOUNDED IN WEEK ESTABLISHED IN JUDAN HILLS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The fourth Jewish settlement to be established in the past week was begun last night on JNF land in the Judean Hills, in the vicinity of Kafar Etzion, midway between Jerusalem and Hebron. Founded by Palestine-born members of the Hashomer Hatzair, it is called "Nachalin."

A report from Damascus says that the Syrian Government has drafted a law providing a life term at slave labor for Syrians selling Palestine holdings to Jews or helping to smuggle Jews into Palestine.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF UNITED STATES ESTABLISH POST AT HAIFA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

CLEVELAND, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Establishment of a post of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States at the Haifa Technical Institute in Palestine was approved here by the quarterly meeting of the national executive committee of the JWV. The post will consist of 31 Americans studying at the Institute under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

FLIGHT OF EUROPE'S JEWS WORSE THAN A YEAR AGO, MRS. LEVY, UJA WOMAN LEADER, REPORTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Describing the plight of the majority of the 1,500,000 Jewish survivors of Europe as "indescribably bad and considerably worse" than it was a year ago, Mrs. David M. Levy, who returned last week from a mission in Europe and Palestine on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, declared today that the future of Europe's Jews hinges on the success of the \$170,000,000 UJA campaign.

Reporting on her visit to the DP camps in Germany and Austria, Mrs. Levy told a press conference at her home that "it is criminal that the physical hardships, the lack of privacy and the absence of any creature comforts should prevail so long after liberation. But these people represent the toughest core of the survivors of Hitler, and refuse to succumb to despair."

She said that Jews were still leaving Poland because of the fear that they may become the "scapegoat" of anti-government forces. "The Jews who remain feel that they are living in a graveyard," she said. "They feel that they have no future or any assurance of security and they are eager to go to other lands, especially to Palestine." But those Polish Jews who are seeking to rehabilitate themselves, she pointed out, are receiving a large measure of help from the JDC.

On the subject of Palestine, Mrs. Levy emphasized that although the activity of the "terrorists" has created anxiety, "it did not interfere with the daily life of the country any more than an isolated incident of robbery or violence would interfere with every-day life in New York City." Coming from the misery of Europe to Palestine is like going "from darkness into the sunshine," she observed. "Palestine is the only country in the world where Jews are wanted."

She announced at the press conference that she has accepted the chairmanship of the National Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal campaign to raise \$170,000,000 for the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement programs of the Joint Distribution Committee, United Palestine Appeal and United Service for New Americans.

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM OPENS ANNUAL CONFERENCE TODAY IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The questions of Palestine and havens for displaced persons will be among the major problems under consideration at the third annual conference of the American Council for Judaism, which opens here tomorrow for a two-day meeting. Delegates from 21 states and the District of Columbia will attend.

Principal speakers at the conference will be Earl G. Harrison, dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School and chairman of the Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons, who will speak on "Displaced Persons and the U.S. Immigration Policy;" Guelton Beals, author and writer, who will discuss "What Price Jewish Nationalism?" Rabbi Irving F. Reichert of San Francisco, whose subject will be "The Jewish State and the Status of the Jew;" and Elmer Berger, executive director of the Council, whose topic will be "For Integration - Not Segregation." The presidential address will be delivered by Lessing F. Rosenwald.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS LATIN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN MONTEVIDEO IN APRIL

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president, and Dr. A. Lom Kubovitzki, secretary-general, today announced that the Latin-American conference of the World Jewish Congress will be held at Montevideo, Uruguay, on April 20th.

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