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### U.S., BRITAIN WILL NOT FOLLOW JOINT POLICY AT U.N. SESSION; SOVIET VIEW INDICATED

LAKE SUCCESS, April 23. (JTA) -- The United States and Britain will not follow a joint policy at the special session of the U.N. General Assembly on Palestine which opens next Monday, although they both oppose Arab demands for a full-dress debate on Palestine.

This was reliably learned here today as Saudi Arabia formally joined the other four Arab members of the United Nations in asking that an item be added to the Assembly agenda calling for the termination of the Palestine Mandate and for declaring the independence of Palestine.

Both American and British officials denied that their governments are conferring on the adoption of a joint policy at the Assembly. "We are preparing our own policy," a spokesman for the U.S. delegation said. "There is no joint policy and we are not discussing any." The American delegation will be augmented by seven State Department advisors headed by Loy Henderson, chief of the Department's Near East Division.

Indications as to the attitude of the Soviet delegation were seen in an editorial published today in the Daily Worker, official organ of the American Communist Party. The editorial, which attracted wide attention, urged that the U.N. Assembly "must not appoint another of these interminable investigating committees." It suggested that "Britain's mandate over Palestine should be cancelled, and an independent Palestine organized." It called upon the United Nations to use its good offices "to assist in the formation of a joint Arab-Jewish state, based on equal democratic rights."

### U.N. Will Broadcast in Arabic; Jewish Requests Will Not Be Circulated

The U.N. Secretariat today revealed that its radio division is planning to broadcast daily bulletins in Arabic summarizing events at the special session. There will also be special broadcasts in Turkish and Persian beamed to countries of the Middle East. No broadcast in Hebrew is contemplated.

Secretary-General Trygve Lie told a press conference today that the text of the request of the Jewish Agency for participation - without a vote - in the deliberations of the General Assembly will not be circulated to the various delegations since the communication comes from a non-governmental body. However, notification of the request would be conveyed to each of the delegations, which can then obtain the text if they desire. A request for the seating of a "Hebrew national delegation" forwarded by the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation will be handled in the same manner.

Mr. Lie disclosed that he had received a confidential communication from Britain on the question of illegal immigration to Palestine, but had been asked to hold up action on it.

BEN GURION, HIGH COMMISSIONER CONFER ON PALESTINE SITUATION; MARTIAL LAW THREATENED

JERUSALEM, April 23. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion and High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham today conferred on the Palestine political situation at the latter's request.

It is understood that Ben Gurion attempted several times to point out to Sir Alan that the crux of the matter was the government's restriction of Jewish immigration, but that Cunningham refused to discuss this point. He insisted that terrorism be the only subject under discussion, and he is reported to have threatened that the government would take the strongest measures to combat it. He is also said to have implied that all Jewish areas would be put under martial law if attacks continued.

A spokesman for the railway administration today revealed that Egypt has refused to send further trains into Palestine unless the government can guarantee their safety. A passenger train scheduled to leave Cairo for Palestine was cancelled last night and all Egyptian stationmasters were instructed not to load trains with goods destined to cross Palestine.

NINE JEWS, THREE BRITONS INJURED IN INTERCEPTION OF REFUGEE SHIP; 600 DEPORTED TO CYPRUS

HAIFA, April 23. (JTA) -- Nine Jews and three Britons were injured this morning when a boarding party forced its way aboard the blockade runner Shear Yishuv ("The Remainder Will Return"), it was officially announced, as the 600 passengers were transhipped to two deportation ferries and deported to Cyprus. The transfer was accomplished without violence.

Two of the Jews were seriously injured as the sailors fought their way aboard with clubs and tear gas. No guns were used. The British reported "considerable resistance." The refugee vessel was first sighted by R.A.F. planes northwest of the Suez Canal. Before the transfer was started, depth charges were dropped in the harbor to keep swimming saboteurs away from the deportation ferry.

BRITISH TROOPS TIGHTENING CORDON AROUND TEL AVIV AS SECURITY MEASURES ARE DISCUSSED

JERUSALEM, April 23. (JTA) -- British troops today tightened their cordon around Tel Aviv throwing up new entrenchments and gun posts in strategic spots both inside and outside the city.

Meanwhile, Mayors Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv and Joseph Saphir of Petach Tikvah were summoned to a conference with the military commander of the Tel Aviv area on security measures. The results of the conference were not made public.

In Jerusalem the Stern Group announced that it had smuggled in the hand grenades which Moshe Barazani and Meir Feinstein used to commit suicide in prison. The announcement said that the two extremists planned to blow themselves up on the scaffold, together with the guards and executioner, but changed their minds at the last minute when Rabbi Jacob Goldman, prison chaplain, insisted on accompanying them to the gallows.

The Sternists also admitted responsibility for the raids on a military convalescent camp at Nathanya and for yesterday's wrecking of a train south of Rehovoth. They accused British and Arab police of torturing two Arabs reportedly hired to stage a mock argument in a military hospital here, covering the escape of Geula Cohen, woman Sternist. Although they insisted that the Arabs were not connected with the escape and were not members of the organization, they threatened that "those responsible for the torture of innocent Arab citizens will pay heavily for their crimes."

HOUSE OF LORDS DEBATES PALESTINE ISSUE; U.S. ZIONISTS CRITICIZED BY LORD SAMUEL

LONDON, April 23. (JTA) -- American Zionists were criticized today in the House of Lords by Viscount Herbert Samuel in the course of a debate on the Palestine question, in which he demanded the admission of 50,000 Jews annually to Palestine and condemned terrorism.

The American Zionists, the first High Commissioner for Palestine said, made an "unfortunate political blunder" by pressing for a Jewish state during the war. He expressed his opposition to partitioning Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish states and advocated bi-nationalism.

In condemning terrorism in Palestine, Viscount Samuel said that "the Jewish population of Palestine as well as the Jewish Agency is blameworthy for not having extirpated this curse." He emphasized that all the Jews in Palestine support the demand for free immigration, and asked whether there was any clause in the Palestine Mandate authorizing Britain to halt immigration.

First Lord of the Admiralty George Hall told the House of Lords that 68 military, 30 policemen and 15 civilians have been killed in Palestine since August, 1945. A total of 168 Jews were convicted for terrorism. Four of them were executed and two committed suicide. During the same period 33 Jewish extremists were killed and nine wounded, Hall stated.

Final Solution of Palestine Problem Expected at U.N. Session in September

He disagreed with Viscount Samuel's contention that Jews should be admitted to Palestine under all circumstances. He denounced as criminals those persons responsible for fostering "illegal immigration" and called upon "the moderate Jews and Arabs" to assert themselves. He expressed the hope that a final solution of the Palestine problem will be achieved at the September session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The First Lord of the Admiralty also denounced the campaign "to raise \$30,000,000 in the United States for encouraging illegal immigration and buying guns" and for "openly advocating the support of the terrorists who are shooting down British soldiers." On the other hand, he admitted that during recent months the Jewish Agency has done much to cooperate with the British authorities in Palestine and that it has denounced terrorism. However, he claimed that the Haganah could do more to check violence in Palestine than it does.

Urge Abolition of Palestine Mandate; Advocate Bevin's Partition Plan

Lord Lloyd advocated the abolition of the Palestine Mandate. The sending of another fact-finding commission to Palestine seems an "incredible" folly, he said, adding that the Arabs consider themselves the rightful inhabitants of Palestine. "To force upon them immigrants who may in time become a majority in the country would be a negation of international morality," he said.

Lord Altringham, Liberal, declared that the partition plan offered by Foreign Secretary Bevin is the only solution and the only hope for peace in Palestine. He denounced visaless immigration as "reminiscent of the slave trade," and supported the government policy of intercepting refugee ships. Jewish homelessness, he said, is Europe's responsibility and cannot be placed as a burden on the Arabs. "The gravest aspect of the Palestine problem," Lord Altringham declared, "is that British forces there are developing anti-Jewish feelings because of terrorism."

12 JEWS HOSPITALIZED FOLLOWING CLASH WITH U.S. MILITARY POLICE IN MUNICH; RABBIS INJURED

MUNICH, April 23. (JTA) -- Twelve Jews were today hospitalized, several with serious injuries, following a clash last night between American military police and some 40 members of the Agudas Israel who were holding a conference in a local Jewish restaurant. There were 15 rabbis in the group.

The melee started when a hysterical German woman accompanied by two military policemen entered the restaurant. The woman accused some of the Jews of beating her, whereupon the soldiers commenced beating the DP's. The noise of the clash attracted other military policemen and when several of the Jews attempted to escape, they were fired upon. None of the shots found their mark.

Meanwhile, the German woman beat several of the Jews and shouted anti-Semitic epithets. She also trampled several Bibles and prayer shawls. Among the injured were 70-year-old Rabbi Israel Goldberg, and aged Rabbi Isaac Zamba. Rabbi Zamba was later removed to a hospital.

When military police officers arrived they halted the assaults and ordered the soldiers to leave. They permitted the Jews who had been forced to stand against a wall with their arms in the air for a considerable time to lower them and rest.

Following an investigation, the military authorities denied that any of the Jews had been beaten by the soldiers. The official version of the incident said that the German girl started the trouble when she saw the Agudists and that while several soldiers were searching the Jews two of them jumped through a window, injuring themselves.

The report also states that several other Jews ran outside the restaurant and entered a bus at which the soldiers fired. The Jews who were held during the investigation will be released shortly and the Army announced that no one was arrested except the German girl, who had entered the cafe for beer. No explanation was given for the searching of the Jews.

JEWISH HEIRLESS PROPERTY FROM ABROAD MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO HUNGARY WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS

BUDAPEST, April 23. (JTA) -- The proceeds of heirless Jewish property abroad may be transferred to this country by the administrators of the Jewish Rehabilitation Fund without taxes being paid, and without any restrictions, the Hungarian Government has informed Dr. Lajos Stoeckler, head of the Jewish community. At the same time Dr. Stoeckler was told that Jewish property which remains abroad does not have to be declared as must assets of all other Hungarians.

Gyula Ortutaty, newly-appointed Minister of Education, visited the Jewish Community Council here. He assured the Jews that he intends to do everything possible to eliminate anti-Semitism through an educational campaign.

SOME NEWSPAPER CHARGES "HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS" ENTERING ITALY

ROME, April 23. (JTA) -- The charge that "hundreds of thousands of Jews" are entering Italy en route to Palestine was made today by the Rome newspaper "Momento Sera" in a front-page article capped by large headlines.

The newspaper declared that the influx of DP's might jeopardize Italy's economy and cause international political complications. It demanded a tightening of border controls and the maintenance of a "strict" attitude toward the refugees and that the problem be removed from the shoulders of the Italian Government and dealt with on an international level.

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WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS EUROPEAN PARLEY OPENS IN PRAGUE; DELEGATES FROM 20 NATIONS ATTEND

PRAGUE, April 23. (JTA) -- The European Conference of the World Jewish Congress opened here today with delegates from 20 countries attending. Present at the session, which was opened by Dr. N. Berou, chairman of the W.J.C. European Council, were representatives of the Czechoslovak Government and the municipal administration.

Mrs. Hodinova, vice-chairman of the parliament, and Dr. L. Vacek, mayor of Prague, extended greetings to the delegates in behalf of the government while Ernst Frischer, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Bohemia and Moravia, and Dr. I. Frider, head of the Slovak Council of Jewish Communities, pledged the cooperation of Czechoslovak Jews with the Congress.

Samuel Silverman, British leader of the Congress, replying in behalf of the delegates, stressed that the Jews desire to live in peace and unity with all peoples because "division means the destruction of Jewry and civilization." Dr. Barou declared that mere promises to the Jews were insufficient and that they needed the extermination of fascism and a solution of the Palestine problem on a "human, not an imperialistic basis."

REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN ASK STATE DEPT. FOR NATURE OF U.S. POLICY ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, April 23. (JTA) -- Twenty-nine Republican Congressmen from seventeen states today addressed a joint letter to Secretary of State George C. Marshall and Warren R. Austin, United States representative to the special United Nations session on Palestine, expressing their deep "concern" with the "performance" of the British promise in the Palestine Mandate to establish "the Jewish National Home in Palestine."

The letter pointed out that the United States had conditioned its agreement to a special session of the General Assembly, as proposed by Great Britain, on "a concrete formulation of the problem" by Britain, and asked the following questions: 1. What proposals has Britain made on Palestine; 2. Whether the United States interprets Article 79 of the U.N. Charter on trusteeship as meaning this nation is "directly concerned" in the disposition of Palestine; 3. If the United States has formulated its policy regarding Palestine and the nature of this policy.

The Congressmen declared that their letter implied "no criticism or direction, nor any variance from the bi-partisan foreign policy of the United States in respect to Palestine," but sought "only to ascertain what will be done by the executive branch so that we may consider how the Congress can contribute its part in bringing about a just solution."

RUSS OPEN AIR MEETING IN NEW YORK PROTESTS EXECUTION OF JEWS IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- An open air protest meeting against the execution of Jews in Palestine was held here today at Madison Square Park, attended by a huge crowd. The meeting was sponsored by the American League For a Free Palestine. Speakers included Charles Connolly, publisher of the "Irish Echo," Prof. John J. Smartenko and others.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, last night issued a statement in behalf of the entire Zionist movement in the United States, branding the British conduct in Palestine as "organized banditry."

NEWS TO FOUND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN ARGENTINA TO AVOID COMPULSORY TEACHING OF CATHOLICISM

BUENOS AIRES, April 23. (JTA) -- As a result of the new law making instruction in Catholicism compulsory in the Argentine public school system, private Jewish schools will soon be founded throughout the country, Jewish circles here predicted. Earlier in the week, the Senate passed the measure without discussion, giving it immediate legal effect.

The DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, revealed that it has asked Foreign Minister Juan Atilio Bramuglia to issue instructions to all Argentine consulates in Europe to grant transit visas to Jewish refugees desiring to emigrate to neighboring South American countries. Dr. Bramuglia has not promised to issue such instructions, but asked the DAIA for specific examples of Jews who would have to pass through the country to reach their ultimate destination.

675 IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK FROM GERMANY; INCLUDE 44 ORPHANED CHILDREN

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- Six hundred and seventy-five refugee immigrants, including 44 orphaned children, arrived here today aboard the Marine Perch from Bremerhaven. The majority were displaced Jews.

The United Service for New Americans provided corporate affidavits for most of the immigrants and the Joint Distribution Committee made immigration arrangements abroad and paid transportation costs for those who have no American relatives. The European-Jewish Children's Aid, an affiliate of U.S.N.A., will care for the orphans until cooperating Jewish, Protestant and Catholic agencies make arrangements for placing them throughout the country.

MASS MEETING HELD IN LONDON IN COMMEMORATION OF JEWS WHO DIED IN WARSAW GHETTO BATTLE

LONDON, April 23. (JTA) -- A mass meeting in commemoration of the 40,000 Jewish men, women and children who perished in the Warsaw Ghetto during the uprising of 1943 was held here last night by the British Federation for Polish Jews.

Among the speakers were several survivors of the battle, and the service was led by J. Lichtenstein, only surviving cantor of the famous Nozic Synagogue of Warsaw. S. Margulies, chairman of the Federation, declared that Jews who died at the hands of the Nazis had left an imperishable legacy to mankind.

CONFERENCE OF AFL AND CIO LABOR UNIONS IN CHICAGO PLEDGES FULL SUPPORT TO HISTADRUTH

CHICAGO, April 23. (JTA) -- Leaders of all the major unions in Illinois affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and the CIO today pledged full support to the Histadruth in Palestine at a conference held here. The conference was addressed by Joseph Schlossberg of New York and Don Pines, Histadruth representative now in the United States.

"It is our ardent desire that Chicago labor should be well represented in the emergency conference of the American trade union movement to be held in Atlantic City on May 16-18, in connection with the Palestine question," the conference resolution said. "We ask all affiliated unions and also the central labor bodies to send delegates to this conference so that Chicago labor can be of assistance in forging a policy of help and moral support for the labor movement (Histadruth) in Palestine."