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### U.N. PALESTINE COMMITTEE CABLES TRYGVE LIE PLEA TO SAVE LIVES OF THREE CONDEMNED JEWS

JERUSALEM, June 22. (JTA) -- The United Nations Special Committee on Palestine today resolved to cable U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie to call to the British Government's attention a plea for commutation of the death sentences imposed by a British military court on three Jewish youths last Monday.

The members of the committee spent the morning and most of the afternoon in a lengthy discussion of a letter from the youths' relatives pleading for their intervention with the Palestine Government. Obviously realizing the delicacy of their position, both in relation to the people of Palestine and the member states of the U.N., the members of UNSCOP adopted the following resolution:

"In view of the fact that the majority of the committee has expressed concern as to the possible unfavorable repercussions that execution of three death sentences pronounced by a military court in Jerusalem on June 16, the day the committee held its first meeting in Jerusalem, might have upon fulfillment of the task the General Assembly entrusted to the committee; and, considering the opinion of such members as to the scope of the resolution on the Palestine question adopted May 15, 1947, by the General Assembly, the committee resolves that chairman communicate to the Secretary-General a copy of this resolution and of the letter received from relatives of the condemned persons for transmission to the Mandatory Power."

### Ben Gurion Appeals to High Commissioner Against Death Sentences

In behalf of the Jewish Agency, David Ben Gurion addressed an appeal to High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham not to confirm the death sentences against the three youths. He pointed out that the execution of four extremists early in April aided the recruiting drives of the Irgun and the Stern Group. Acknowledging receipt of the plea, Cunningham said the matter was "under consideration."

An attempt by three armed Jews, one a girl, to kidnap a British policeman in the heart of Jerusalem, was foiled this evening. The extremists had attacked the policeman, L. Pound, and had almost subdued him when a mobile police patrol, summoned by another officer, arrived on the scene. The three fled, after firing one shot.

An Agency spokesman told a press conference that the Agency takes the "gravest" view of the escape of Maj. Roy Farran, British officer allegedly charged with having kidnapped and murdered a 17-year-old Jewish youth. It has been reported here that two officers assigned to guard Farran have been arrested.

The Agency also revealed that it has received a "warning" from Peter Bergson, head of the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation, to halt its campaign against the resistance movement. He charged it with betrayal of the Jewish national ideal.

The Palestine Government clamped down a strict censorship this week-end on all mention of the reported arrival of Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the British Staff. Montgomery is said to have arrived late Friday, held hurried conferences with Palestine commander Lt. Gen. H.A. Macmillan and other high officers, and left for India today.

ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES REMOVE POLICE IN TOWNS WHERE ANTI-JEWISH INCIDENTS OCCURRED

BUCHAREST, June 22. (JTA) -- A mixed commission of judicial and police officials, plus a representative of the Jewish Democratic Committee, is taking action in the rural districts of Transylvania to stamp out an alarming increase in anti-Semitic incidents, it was reported here today.

The commission, which is now operating in the Satu-Mare district, has replaced the gendarmerie in all villages where anti-Jewish outbreaks have occurred. In some of these hamlets, attacks on homes of Jews have become almost a daily occurrence, and in one village a Jew was shot, while many have been beaten.

It was announced today that police have arrested a gang of smugglers who robbed Jewish emigrants, whom they were guiding across the Rumanian-Hungarian border. The Jewish press reports that the gang had agents throughout Moldavia, who encouraged Jews to emigrate in order to rob them.

In the Transylvanian town of Medias, the police have arrested Radu Leonte, its former police chief, who terrorized the Jewish population during the Iron Guard regime. Later, Leonte headed a gang of bandits who were responsible for a number of crimes against Jews.

GERMAN COURT SENTENCES JEW TO PRISON FOR STRIKING MEMBER OF HITLER YOUTH MOVEMENT

LONDON, June 22. (JTA) -- A German civil court has sentenced to prison a German Jewish emigre who is employed by the British Army in the British zone of Germany for striking a former member of the Hitler Youth movement, it was revealed here today.

The Jew, 23-year-old Kurt Berger, and two of his brothers fled Germany in 1939. The brothers served in the British armed forces while Kurt worked in a war plant. After the war the Berger brothers returned to Germany as civilian employees with the occupation forces. Recently, Kurt recognized and turned over to the police Hans Helmke, whom he recognized as a Hitler Youth member.

During the interrogation, Kurt, who could not control his emotions while reciting the Nazi's persecutions of his family, struck Helmke and blackened his eye. The British authorities took no action in the case, but Helmke later complained to the German police who arrested the Jew in the presence of Allied officers. The German court tried and sentenced him to a two-month term.

The details of the case were made known at a press conference today by Eva Elkmor, a German-born Jewish woman, who was appointed to carry the case to Britain by a mass protest meeting of civilian employees of the Allied occupation forces. It is expected that the matter will be brought up for discussion in the House of Commons this week.

U.N. COMMITTEE DRAFTING INTERNATIONAL BILL OF RIGHTS AGREES ON RIGHT OF EMIGRATION

LAKE SUCCESS, June 22. (JTA) -- As the first attempt in over a quarter of a century to create an International Bill of Human Rights neared the close of its first stage, the U.N. committee drafting the Bill this week-end agreed on the right to emigrate and the right of all peoples to equal access to all vocations and professions.

These two specifications give a more concrete meaning to the generalized statements on fundamental freedoms and basic human rights which the committee has incorporated into the draft it will send to its parent body, the U.N. Commission on Human Rights.

IRGUNIST IN ITALY ARRESTED FOR ASSAULTING JEWISH DP WHO TORE DOWN EXTREMIST POSTER

ROME, June 22. (JTA) -- Mordechai Burd, an inmate of a camp for displaced Jews, has been turned over to the Italian police by UNRRA on charges of having beaten another camp resident who tore down posters put up by the Irgun Zvai Leumi, and of illegally bearing arms.

The victim, Shlomo Deutsch, was taken from his room in the middle of the night by three masked men, one of whom had a gun, and beaten. His assailants told Deutsch that he was being punished for defacing Irgun posters, and warned him to cease his anti-terrorist activities.

As a result of the incident, UNRRA today issued orders to all camp directors, prohibiting the posting of political literature of any sort inside the camp precincts.

SISTER OF DOOMED IRGUNIST APPEALS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR CLEMENCY FOR BROTHER

PRAGUE, June 22. (JTA) -- Edith Weiss, sister of Jacob Weiss, who was this week condemned to death in Palestine for participating in the Acre jail break, has appealed to Lieut. Gen. Gordon H.A. MacMillan, British military commander in Palestine, to spare the life of her brother.

Miss Weiss, who spent three years in a concentration camp, informed Gen. MacMillan that her parents and entire family were killed by the Nazis, leaving Jacob as her sole relative.

EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT DENIES OFFICIAL RECOGNITION TO JEWISH ANTI-ZIONIST LEAGUE

CAIRO, June 22. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government has denied legal recognition to the Jewish Anti-Zionist League, it was reported here.

Its application was rejected on the grounds that it was a tool of the nationalist opposition. It is understood that the government has evidence that the opposition parties are attempting to use the League to spread dissension in the Jewish community in an attempt to discredit the government abroad.

JEWISH VETERANS OF CZECHOSLOVAK ARMY EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE; FOUGHT WITH RED ARMY

PRAGUE, June 22. (JTA) -- Two-hundred and ninety-four Jewish veterans of the Czechoslovak forces that fought with the Red Army on the Eastern front, have departed for Marseille, en route to Palestine. They were accompanied by their families. Their emigration was facilitated by the War and Welfare Ministries. Transportation costs are being paid by the JDC.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT EXTENDS EUROPEAN IMMIGRANT LANDING PERMITS EXPIRING THIS YEAR

PARIS, June 22. (JTA) -- The Australian Government has ordered its European consulates to extend for one year all landing permits issued to European immigrants which would expire this year or early in 1948, it was learned here. The move followed UNHCR representations to the Australian Government pointing out that due to a severe shortage of shipping facilities many prospective immigrants would be stranded.

A group of 375 Jewish men, women and children are scheduled to sail from Marseille Tuesday for Palestine. They are the fourth group to emigrate under a British plan to divide the Palestine immigration quota between Cyprus internees and residents of the British zone of Germany.

PROF. EINSTEIN WITHDRAWS FROM BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY; LAZRUS, NATHAN RESIGN FROM BOARD

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) --- Professor Albert Einstein announced during the week-end that he has withdrawn his support from Brandeis University, the Jewish-sponsored institution of higher learning to be established in Waltham, Mass. He has also arranged for his name to be removed from the title of the fund raising Foundation for Brandeis University.

Professor Einstein also announced that simultaneously his friends, Professor Otto Nathan and S. Ralph Lazrus, have resigned from the board of trustees and severed their connections with the projected University.

INSTITUTE ON OVERSEAS STUDIES ESTABLISHED BY COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- Organization of an Institute on Overseas Studies by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds was announced today by H.L. Lurie, executive director. The Institute will provide American Jewish communities and voluntary agencies with data essential for their guidance in determining long range financial and functional responsibilities.

Dr. Isadore Lubin, former U.S. Commissioner of Labor Statistics, has accepted the chairmanship of a Technical Advisory Committee which has been organized to assist and guide the Institute's program. Dr. Mordecai Ezekiel will act as special consultant. A full-time director for the project is still to be selected. The major aspects of the Institute's research program were announced by Mr. Lurie as follows:

1. Jewish needs will be analyzed and appraised in relation to the general economic and political setting of the various countries in which Jews live.
2. The role of American Jewish voluntary programs will be studied in relation to governmental and inter-governmental programs, local resources, non-sectarian voluntary agencies, Jewish voluntary agencies in other countries, and the re-establishment and stability of Jewish communities in the European countries where American programs are now operating.
3. The Institute will study both the existing work of the Jewish voluntary agencies and their plans for future programs of rehabilitation and reconstruction.
4. The Institute will not duplicate research work already being done by operating agencies. In addition to its own direct studies, it will obtain basic data through the staff resources of those agencies as stimulated and directed by the Institute. The Institute will emphasize the coordination of such data, its analysis and presentation so that the material can be used as the basis for arriving at judgment concerning agency programs and activities.
5. On-the-spot studies will be undertaken in Europe and Palestine as required, in order to obtain information not available in this country and as conditions make such surveys possible.
6. The Institute will conduct a continuing program rather than a one-time survey. It will make periodic appraisals of the material gathered and it will issue

periodic reports. These will be available for use by local community leaders and by the operating overseas Jewish agencies.

The Institute will examine the overall situation of Jewish needs, particularly an appraisal of current situations and prospects of Jewish populations for adjustment and for immigration.

#### Plans for Studies in Europe, Palestine, Latin America Outlined

In Europe it will analyze basic political and economic factors affecting Jewish needs on a country to country basis. This will include analysis of activities and expenditures for relief, medical aid, emigration, vocational training and rehabilitation, welfare institutions, cultural and religious reconstruction.

In Palestine the factors to be studied include political and economic developments affecting immediate and long range Jewish needs and programs, analysis of activities and expenditures for land purchase, reception and care of immigrants, health and welfare programs, housing, agricultural and industrial development, cultural and religious programs, analysis of requirements of new immigrants, and progress achieved in making them self-supporting; relationship of American aid to local resources and assistance received from other countries.

Studies will also be made of settlement possibilities in Latin America, the United Kingdom, Australia, Asia and other areas. These will include an analysis of the readiness of those areas to absorb refugees in general and Jewish refugees in particular; of efforts to facilitate such movements, and of steps that might be taken to enlarge immigration opportunities.

#### J.D.C. FORMS RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE TO ADVISE ON MEASURES TO MAKE DPs SELF-SUPPORTING

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- Formation of a new committee on reconstruction, to advise the Joint Distribution Committee on activities designed to help Europe's Jewish survivors to become self-sufficient, was announced during the week-end by Edward M.M. Warburg,, chairman of the J.D.C.

Under the chairmanship of Monroe Goldwater, New York attorney, the Reconstruction Committee, which consists of business executives, labor leaders and economic experts, will develop an expanded program of rehabilitative measures in Europe. A four-point program of reconstruction is now under way consisting of credit societies, producers' cooperatives, vocational training centers and work projects, Mr. Warburg said. Emphasizing that the program aims to provide opportunities for self-support both for those Jews who plan to remain in Europe and those seeking new homes elsewhere, Mr. Warburg announced that preliminary appropriations of \$5,000,000 have been made thus far this year for the reconstruction program already in operation.

Members of the committee include former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Dr. Isadore Lubin, former U.S. Commissioner of Labor Statistics; Morris Rosenthal, one-time Deputy Administrator of the Foreign Economic Administration; Harold Stein, former head of the office of Mobilization and Reconversion; David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union; Jacob Aaronsen, vice-president of the New York Central Railroad; Walter Ross; Prof. Emanuel Stein, and Eric M. Warburg. Boris M. Joffe, ex-director of the National Wage Stabilization Board, is secretary pro tem of the body.

The system of credit societies, Mr. Warburg explained, is to aid small merchants, artisans, craftsmen and professional persons to obtain the tools, equipment and other supplies needed for return to their careers and self-support. Vocational training will be carried on in the displaced persons' camps of Germany and Austria as well as in other European countries in cooperation with the ORT.

POLAND SUPPORTS JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE, POLISH DELEGATE TO U.N. DECLARES

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- The government of Poland supports the idea of Jewish immigration to Palestine and the aspirations of the Jewish people in that country, Dr. Oscar Lange, chief of the Polish Delegation to the United Nations, told more than 1,200 delegates of the Council of Organizations of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York at a luncheon meeting today at Webster Hall.

The sum of \$300,000 representing treasury gifts from 700 fraternal, benevolent and landsmannschaften organizations affiliated with the Council of Organizations, was presented to the U.J.A. of Greater New York at the meeting.

Jews in Silesia May Face Expulsion if Poland Cannot Retain Territory, Ambassador Says

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- Fear that the Jewish population recently settled in Silesia and the western provinces of Poland may be forced out if the three great powers question Poland's right to that territory as outlined in the Potsdam agreement was expressed by Joseph Winiewicz, Polish Ambassador to the United States, this week-end, addressing a meeting here of the first Inter-American Conference of the World Federation of Polish Jews.

Deploring anti-Semitism in pre-war Poland, Winiewicz said: "As a Pole and a Christian I am sorry to say that we Poles were at times in the past guilty of lack of tolerance toward our Jewish compatriots. It is, however, a characteristic feature of the democratic revival of Poland after the end of hostilities in 1945 to wipe out the remnants of the past, to be tolerant, to treat the Jews in Poland not only as citizens of the same country, but as brothers."

Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the Federation, in a speech read for him by Harold I. Fisher, member of the executive, charged that in the matter of Palestine the Truman administration "talks big on small matters and acts small on big matters with a record of good intentions and poor results." Dr. Tenenbaum pointed out that the 100,000 Jews for whom President Truman requested entrance to Palestine are still in European DP camps and that the 39,000 annual quota for DP immigrants to this country which the President ordered in Dec., 1945, is "far from filled."

Earl Harrison Charges House Committee "Not Too Eager" to Approve Stratton Bill

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- Earl Harrison, chairman of the Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons, this week-end charged that members of the House Sub-Committee on Immigration which is conducting hearings on the Stratton Bill, to admit 400,000 DP's to this country during the next four years, are "not too eager to push the thing along." The statement was made at a press conference called in connection with the 41st annual convention of the fraternal organization Brith Sholom, which today presented Mr. Harrison with its 1947 National Award.

In a speech to the convention Frank A. Simons, head of Brith Sholom, declared that if economic conditions worsen "we are likely to see an upsurge of anti-Semitism, the like of which has never been known before." He also reported an increase in discrimination in employment since the end of the war.

Memorial Forest to Honor Henry Monsky to Be Planted in Palestine by J.N.F.

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- A memorial forest will be planted in Palestine to perpetuate the memory of Henry Monsky, late president of B'nai B'rith and one of the founders and leaders of the American Jewish Conference, it was announced yesterday by Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund of America. The Monsky Memorial Forest will be planted on a land tract which has been set aside by the Jewish National Fund.

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