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### JEW KIDNAPPED IN JERUSALEM AS POLICE REIGN OF TERROR CONTINUES; BRITISH FEAR REPRISALS

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) -- The kidnapping of a Jewish youth in Tel Aviv this morning and the attempted kidnapping of several Jews last night have highlighted the fact that the unofficial police reign of terror is continuing.

Meanwhile, in apparent fear of retaliation by Jews, Jerusalem District Commissioner J.H. Pollock warned British residents that further restrictions will be imposed unless they cease disregarding the rigid security measures already in force, which regulate their movements outside of fortified zones.

This morning, two uniformed English-speaking policemen entered a work shop on Rabbi Akiha Street in Tel Aviv, and asked the employees to show their identification papers. When Eliahu Span, 17, said he had left his papers at home, the policemen escorted him there, where he was arrested, although he produced a valid official identity card. When his parents went to police headquarters to seek information concerning the boy, they were told that no constables had been sent to the work shop and that there was no record of the youth's arrest.

In Jerusalem last night, British policemen travelling in an armored car attempted to abduct Yehuda Ben Moshe, who was walking along David Street, in the Jewish section of the city. They were frightened off by the screams of a young woman who was with Ben Moshe.

Two youths were dragged into a police car in Tel Aviv last night and driven to the outskirts of the city where they were beaten up. One of the victims said that one policeman had threatened him with a gun, stating: "Now, we will pay you for all that has happened in Tel Aviv."

### Histadruth Agricultural Council Protests New Palestine Water Laws

The Agricultural Council of the Histadruth today protested against the recently promulgated Water Control Law, pointing out that it represented an extension of the White Paper land restrictions, and was aimed at hampering the Jewish agricultural development.

The Haganah today posted placards rejecting a pension which the British Government has announced it would give the survivors of Zeev Werber, 21, who was killed in frustrating an Irgun attempt to blow up military headquarters in Tel Aviv. "Werber was a victim of the non-cooperation with the White Paper regime, which bars our refugees and restricts their settlement," the posters said. "He fell on a mission for the nation, and therefore his dependents are the concern of the Jewish nation alone." The posters stressed that "there will not be any cooperation with this regime in the future."

U.N. PALESTINE COMMITTEE TOURS HEBREW UNIVERSITY; SANDSTROEM PRAISES INSTITUTION

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) -- The members of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine today toured the Hebrew University and the University-Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus. Chairman Sandstroem paid high tribute to the University which "although connected with national aspirations and the land is elevated above the political struggle."

Sandstroem's speech was in reply to a welcoming address by Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the University. Dr. Magnes' speech was non-political. He asserted that an "intellectual and cultural life in Palestine would now be unthinkable without the Hebrew University." He reported that many Arabs use the University's library which has one of the largest collections of Moslem literature in the world.

At a three-hour closed meeting later today the committee adopted a report by a sub-committee recommending oral hearings for the Jewish Agency, Vaad Leumi, Dr. Chaim Weizman, Agudas Israel, Ashkenazi Community, Palestine Communists, Histadruth, the Ihud Party and a J.W. Abileah, who was described as an individual favoring the union of Palestine and Transjordan under King Abdullah. Oral hearings will be public, unless those testifying specify otherwise.

It was reported, without confirmation, that the sub-committee also recommended that the extremist groups be heard on the basis that, although small, they represent considerable influence, and also because failure to hear them might result in their taking action which might hinder the committee's work. The committee is also slated to discuss whether to hear the three Irgunists doomed for participation in the Acre jail delivery.

Palestine Arab Higher Committee's rejection of Transjordanian King Abdullah's appeal for ending the boycott of UNSCOP was reported here today by Arab sources. Vice-chairman Jamal Hussein said yesterday that "daily events since the committee has been here" prove that the Higher Committee's decision to boycott it was "right."

PROF. EINSTEIN ISSUES STATEMENT EXPLAINING HIS WITHDRAWAL FROM BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

PRINCETON, N.J., June 27. (JTA) -- Prof. Albert Einstein today issued a statement here confirming the report that he has severed connection with Brandeis University and explaining the reasons for his withdrawal.

"The press statements which Mr. George Alpert and another member of the Board of Trustees of Brandeis University released on the occasion of the withdrawal of myself and of my friends, Professor Otto Nathan and Mr. S. Ralph Lazrus, have convinced me anew that it was none too early for us to sever a connection from which no good was to be expected for the community," Prof. Einstein said. "My associates and myself had very reluctantly come to the conclusion that the type of academic institution in which we have been interested could not be accomplished under the existing circumstances and the present leadership.

"I should like to state specifically that my associates, Professor Nathan and Mr. Lazrus, and I have always been and have always acted in complete harmony. I feel deep gratitude particularly to my old friend, Professor Otto Nathan, who with great devotion and complete selflessness gave his time and effort to a cause which the three of us alike considered worthy and most urgent."

JEMS OBJECT TO CZECH LAW DIVERTING PROCEEDS OF HEIRLESS PROPERTY TO GOVERNMENT FUND

PRAGUE, June 27. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders today voiced objections to a new bill being drawn up by the Czechoslovak Finance Ministry which would place the proceeds of heirless Jewish property in a fund to be used by the government to repay depositors, whose funds were blocked in an attempt to stabilize the currency directly following the liberation.

The section incorporating the heirless property in this Currency Liquidation Fund was added at the last moment and surprised the Jewish community which had been informed that the fate of such property would be decided by another law. The Jews, who believed that they would be consulted in the drafting of legislation to cover heirless property, insist that it be used for the economic rehabilitation of the survivors. They are supported by the Association of Liberated Political Prisoners.

ROMANIAN POLICE ARREST NAZI WAR CRIMINAL WHO POSED AS A JEW FOR OVER A YEAR

BUCHAREST, June 27. (JTA) -- Police at Oradea Mare, in Transylvania, today arrested a Nazi who had been posing as a Jew for over a year.

The Nazi, Ludwig Muellaner, a former supervisor at the Birkenau death camp and a member of the Gestapo, had been using the identification papers of Joseph Haas, who emigrated to Palestine. Muellaner had ensconced himself in local politics, winning a reputation as a democrat, and held an important post in a local business firm where he also won himself a reputation as a democrat.

The police authorities have announced that they have launched an investigation to determine which government officials handed over Haas' surrendered documents to the Nazi.

LEAFLETS THREATENING JEWS WITH DEATH APPEAR IN HUNGARIAN BORDER TOWN

BUDAPEST, June 27. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish leaflets and slogans appeared this week on the walls of buildings in the center of the town of Sarkad, in south-eastern Hungary, on the Rumanian border, it is reported in the Radical Party weekly Haladas.

The leaflets were addressed to "our working brethren," and charged that "while we lack bread, the Jews have cake; we are ragged and they are finely clad, disabled soldiers must beg, while they lack for nothing." They concluded with a threat to wipe out the Jews.

UNRRA HALTS PHOTOGRAPHING OF DP'S FOLLOWING PROTESTS BY JEWISH REFUGEE LEADERS

ROME, June 27. (JTA) -- UNRRA authorities in Italy have halted the photographing of refugees and displaced persons following sharp protests from the Central Committee of the Jewish Refugee Organization, it was announced today. Very few Jews had obeyed the orders to report for the photos which were to be mounted on an identification card bearing the refugee's fingerprints.

What perturbed the DP's was the provision that they were to be photographed with a number across their chest. To them, the procedure smacked of the Nazi concentration camps, where they bore numbers. Jewish refugee leaders had advised UNRRA against issuance of the cards, but their advice was not heeded until the failure of the program became evident.

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STRATTON BILL CANNOT SOLVE BASIC PROBLEM OF JEWISH DP'S, GILLETTE TELLS HOUSE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, June 27. (JTA) -- Passage by Congress of the Stratton Bill would not solve the fundamental problem of the displaced Jews of Europe, former Senator Guy Gillette, who is president of the American League for a Free Palestine, today told the House Sub-Committee on Immigration.

Gillette, who expressed support of the measure, said that he was appearing to clear up any confusion that might result from the testimony of some Jewish groups and prominent individual Jews who had appeared before the committee to speak for the bill, which would allow 400,000 displaced persons to enter the U.S. over a four-year period.

"It is of paramount importance that consideration of this bill shall not be taken to mean that admission to the United States of certain numbers of DP's could even in part substitute for the only solution of the Hebrew DP problem in Europe; repatriation to their homeland--Palestine," Gillette said.

Rep. Frank Fellows, chairman of the sub-committee, said that he had been told that 95 percent of the Jewish DP's wanted to go to Palestine, and asked whether they should be brought to the U.S. "against their will." Rep. Ed. Gossett cited figures from the American Jewish Year Book to show that between 1907 and 1946 the Jewish population of the U.S. increased by 4,000,000. He commented that he did not think the Jewish people had any right to complain about immigration to the U.S. Rep. Emanuel Celler pointed out that the bill did not provide for the entry only of Jews.

Spokesmen for the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars testified in opposition to the measure, declaring that no additional immigrants should be admitted since they would compete with veterans for homes and jobs. Hearings will be resumed on Wednesday.

SMALL GROUPS OF RUMANIAN JEWS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE IN AUSTRIA; 3,000 NOW IN VIENNA

VIENNA, June 27. (JTA) -- Small groups of Rumanian Jews continue to arrive in Austria despite efforts by the Hungarian authorities to check the movement of refugees through their country, the Austrian Interior Ministry revealed today.

The number of Jewish refugees now in Vienna has risen to nearly 3,000, but still they are not permitted to proceed to the American zone. In the DP centers in the U.S. zone there is mounting concern among the 30,000 Jews over the probability of their spending a third winter in the camps.

The Jews are not complaining about camp conditions or the food situation, but the long wait for permission to enter Palestine is beginning to wear them down. Only small groups of young people have left the camps and made their way to Italy where they hope to find passage to Palestine. The majority of the inmates, with family ties must remain in the camps and hope for immigration visas to the U.S. or other countries.

Jewish quarters in Salzburg are concerned at the increasingly hostile attitude of the local population. The Austrians charge that the Jews are occupying most of the available space in hotels, thus interfering with the lucrative summer tourist trade.

FIRST GROUP OF POLISH-JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ARRIVES IN NORWAY; ANOTHER 160 EXPECTED

OSLO, Norway, June 27. (JTA) -- The first group of 40 Polish-Jewish refugees, approximately 200 to be admitted as immigrants to Norway has arrived in the country, it was reported here today. They will spend a short period in a special camp learning the language and customs of the country before accepting employment in

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS URGES DISCOURAGEMENT OF MIXED MARRIAGES

MONTREAL, June 27. (JTA) -- The Central Conference of American Rabbis at its 58th annual convention here today reaffirmed its resolution of 1909 declaring that mixed marriages "are contrary to the tradition of Jewish religion and should therefore be discouraged by the American Rabbinate."

This almost unanimous action was taken after another resolution, which would have prohibited under any circumstances marriages between Jews and unconverted Gentiles, was barely defeated by a vote of 74 to 72. The defeated substitute resolution declared: "The Central Conference of American Rabbis does not sanction mixed marriages between Jew and non-Jew, without conversion, and it therefore calls upon the members of the conference to discourage such marriages and to refrain from officiating at them."

A third resolution, which would have left the decision up to the individual rabbi, was soundly defeated by the rabbinical group, as it was felt that the passage of this resolution would open the doors to more mixed marriages.

The desire to formally forbid mixed marriages under any and all circumstances by the Reform Rabbinate was largely advanced by the younger rabbis while the older group, most of whom declared they never officiated at mixed marriages, preferred the slight leeway in special cases which is allowed under the provisions of the 1909 resolution.

Another resolution said: "The Central Conference of American Rabbis considers all sincere applicants for proselytizing as acceptable whether or not it is the intention of the candidate to marry a Jew." Other actions taken on marriage and conversion of children follow:

1. "We recommend that whenever a civil marriage between Jews has taken place, it be followed as soon as possible by a Jewish religious marriage ceremony."

2. In the case of civil marriages between a Jew and a Gentile, the fact that the couple is already married by civil law does not obviate the necessity of conversion of the Gentile party before the Jewish marriage ceremony can take place."

Recognize Validity of Common Law Marriages, but Urge Religious Ceremonies

3. In the case of common law marriages between Jews, the rabbis ruled them valid but urged that, just as in the case of civil marriages, "they be changed to regular marriage by license and religious ceremony."

4. In the case of common law marriages between a Jew and a Gentile, the rabbis ruled that the "couple be remarried after securing a regular license, according to the Jewish faith if the Gentile party sincerely desires to be converted."

5. On the matter of children, the rabbis ruled that "with regard to infants, the declaration of the parents to raise them as Jews shall be deemed sufficient for the conversion of the infants." Regarding children of religious school age, it was ruled that they "not be required to undergo a special ceremony of conversion but should receive instruction as regular students in the school. The ceremony of confirmation at the end of the school course shall be considered in lieu of a conversion ceremony." For children over confirmation age, there should be no conversion without their own consent and "if he or she consents sincerely to conversion, should receive regular instruction for that purpose and be converted in the regular conversion ceremony."

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PROMINENT ANTI-SEMITIC REMOVED AS DIRECTOR OF ARGENTINE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

Buenos Aires, June 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Santiago Peralta has been removed as director of the Immigration Department, it was learned today. He will remain, however, as head of the Ethnic Institute, a government bureau established to make studies to determine which immigrants would be best suited to Argentine needs and customs.

Peralta's removal may benefit displaced Jews in light of the decree issued last week permitting the Immigration Director to admit as immigrants all relatives of Argentine residents. With Peralta as head of the Immigration Department, it had been assumed that few Jews would be admitted under the order.

(Peralta has been under fire frequently by liberal groups for his avowed anti-Jewish and ultra-nationalist views. His removal is viewed by observers as another move by President Juan Peron to rid his administration of the extreme nationalist and pro-fascist elements. Recently, police chief Philomenas Velasco, also an ultra-nationalist, was replaced.)

JEWISH GROUPS LAUNCH \$1,000,000 DRIVE TO EXPAND YIDDISH CULTURE HERE AND ABROAD

New York, June 27. (JTA) -- The launching of a drive to raise \$1,000,000 for an educational campaign to strengthen and expand Yiddish culture was announced here today by the Organizing Committee for a World Congress on Yiddish culture.

Cooperating in the committee are the Jewish Labor Committee, Workmens Circle, Jewish National Workers Alliance, Jewish Writers Union, Jewish Pen Club and other groups. The funds collected will be devoted to publishing Jewish books and sending teachers to Jewish camps and communities of Europe which are being rebuilt.

YOUNG ISRAEL CONVENTION OPENS; WILL DISCUSS METHODS TO FIGHT ASSIMILATION AMONG JEWS

Bradley Beach, N.J., June 27. (JTA) -- The 36th annual convention of the National Council of Young Israel opened here today with approximately 1,000 delegates from all sections of the country attending. The four-day convention will deal with problems concerning youth activities, boy scouts, veterans aid, employment, education, overseas relief and Palestine. The central theme of the convention is a program for fighting religious indifference and assimilation.

RABBI WILLIAM ROSENBLUM RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

New York, June 27. (JTA) -- Rabbi William F. Rosenblum of New York, has been re-elected president of the Synagogue Council of America for the ensuing year, it was announced here today. The Council is composed of representatives of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, United Synagogues of America, Union of Orthodox Congregations, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Rabbinical Assembly of America and Rabbinical Council of America.

PROF. KLAUSNER ELECTED HONORARY MEMBER OF AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Jerusalem, June 27. (JTA) -- Prof. Joseph Klausner of the Hebrew University has been elected an honorary foreign member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, it was announced here today by the university.

Rabbi Chaim Heller of New York was today awarded the Rabbi Cook Literary Prize for his comment on Maimonides.

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