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### NEW BRITONS ARRESTED FOR ATTACKS ON JEWS IN LIVERPOOL, MANCHESTER, SALFORD

LONDON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Twenty arrested Englishmen faced court action today in Liverpool, Manchester and Salford, charged with participating in anti-Jewish riots, assaulting Jews on the streets, attacking synagogue buildings and wrecking and looting Jewish shops.

The arrests took place during a night of terror against Jews in Liverpool and in a dozen other cities, carried out under the disguise of "revenge" for the two British sergeants hanged by the Irgun in Palestine. It was estimated this morning that more than 150 attacks took place throughout England, 101 in Liverpool alone.

In Liverpool, where the anti-Jewish excesses reached their peak during the late hours of the night, attempts were made today to renew the rioting. Several of these attempts, aimed at looting Jewish shops, were broken up by the police. Twelve of the hooligans arrested in Liverpool were remanded on bail. Five were released on bail in Salford, and three fined in Manchester, where several new attacks occurred tonight.

### Liverpool Mayor Appeals for End to Rioting

The Mayor of Liverpool this morning appealed to the citizens of his city to cooperate with the police in preventing further attacks and looting in shops owned by both Jews and non-Jews. He pointed out that under any circumstances the persons who suffered were innocent and themselves condemned the actions of extremists in Palestine.

A cabinet factory owned by a Liverpool Jew was set on fire and demonstrators used water hoses with which firemen were attempting to put out the blaze. Police said that children were encouraged by hundreds of adults to loot stores whose window fronts had been smashed. One Jew was beaten so badly that he was hospitalized. Special constables were called to duty during the night and flying squads of police were on the move for many hours until a heavy rainfall just before dawn dispersed the mobs.

In London a meeting of the Jewish Ex-Servicemen's Association was broken up by police to prevent trouble from a hostile mob of several hundred persons. A short time later the League of Ex-Servicemen held a meeting at which scores of policemen were present. A *Moaley* news-letter was distributed and anti-Jewish speeches were made. In London suburb windows were broken in a synagogue and the bulletin board was torn down. Synagogue windows were also destroyed in Ramsgate.

Some 400 demonstrators surrounded a dance hall last night in Manchester and refused to permit the Jews inside to leave the building. They were eventually rescued by heavily-reinforced police squads. The windows of a large clothing store were smashed by a mob which shouted: "Down with the Jews" and "Death to the Jews." Among the rioters were a number of soldiers.

In Salford a brick was thrown through a window and narrowly missed an 80-year-old woman who was ill with a heart disease. She died a few hours later and her death

attributed partly to the shock she suffered. Other demonstrations occurred in Glasgow and elsewhere.

In London, two women admitted in court this afternoon that they had smashed the window of a Jewish-owned store. The magistrate ordered them to pay damages amounting to \$120.

Dispatches from Southern Rhodesia reveal that an attempt to burn down a synagogue in Bulawayo was foiled by two Jewish youths who succeeded in extinguishing the blaze before serious damage was done. It is believed that the attacks were made in retaliation for the execution of the two British sergeants.

#### NET PREVAILS IN PALESTINE; NO ACTION BY EXTREMISTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT REPORTED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- No extremist action against the government or the British military forces took place during the last 24 hours, marking the first peaceful day in Palestine since July 16, a government press release announced today.

On the other hand, a Haganah announcement tonight lists several attempts on the part of extremists to plant mines. The mines, which were dismantled by Haganah members without incident, were found in the vicinity of Nathanya. The Haganah also lists as one of its members Shmuel Lisbona, a bank clerk, who was killed today in trying to prevent a robbery in Haifa.

The hold-up was carried out by eight Jews, including one woman, who invaded Barclay's Bank in the center of the city with drawn pistols and Sten guns. They took about \$4,000 from a cashier's table, but when they attempted to force the manager to open the vaults, he refused.

As they fled in a stolen taxi, they dropped several pistols and a Sten gun. Lisbona gave chase and was shot in the stomach, dying in a hospital a short while later. Police found a suitcase with several hand grenades and a quantity of ammunition near the bank. The robbery took place shortly after noon. The escape car was found abandoned about ten minutes after the alarm was given.

#### Laborites Determined to Check Extremists, Even at Cost of Blood

Histadruth leaders today announced that they will do everything possible to carry out the anti-extremist plans drawn up last week by the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council, even "if it costs blood."

A Jewish Agency spokesman today called on the government to take firm measures to end attacks by British troops and Palestine police against the Jewish population and to bring to justice the perpetrators. But the military authorities denied knowledge of any such incidents. The same spokesman emphasized that the decisions adopted by the Agency and the Jewish National Council last week to combat extremism will take the form of "actions not words." He declined, however, to define the actions.

He also made public a message received by the National Council from a group of inhabitants of a Jewish DP camp in the British zone of Germany who thanked the Jews of Palestine for their efforts in behalf of DP immigration and condemned the killing of two British soldiers by the Irgun.

The Haganah issued a statement last night warning the government to punish Britons responsible for attacks on innocent Jews and to take measures to prevent further riots or the resistance movement would. At the same time the Sternists and Irgun were distributing pamphlets in Tel Aviv calling on the Jewish youth to revolt against the Haganah and the national Jewish institutions which they accused of plotting fratricidal war. The Irgun also announced that it had not booby-trapped the bodies of the two hanged sergeants, but had left mines nearby "to hit the living enemy."

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ISRAELI INITIATE NEW POLICY OF PUNISHING JEWS; BLAST JEWISH-OWNED BUILDING

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- For the first time in the history of modern Palestine a Jewish-owned building was blown up today by the Palestine police force as the government initiated a policy of punishing people in the area where extremist acts occurred.

The building, which is an overgrown shed, owned by a 70-year-old man, Abraham Hamdi, was the one in which an arms cache was discovered Saturday morning during a search of the Givat Shaul quarter of Jerusalem following an attack Friday night on an M. F. installation nearby.

Hamdi and his son have been arrested and face detention for at least a fortnight, although it is quite likely that they will face a military court. They have both maintained that the shed was rented to an unidentified man last year and that he paid rent in advance and that they were completely unaware of what went on in their son's premises.

A half-hour after the Hamdi family was warned, the one-story ramshackle wood-timber structure was blasted. All persons in the immediate vicinity were evacuated, including some 20 patients in a nearby mental institution. The institution suffered damage to the roof from which a number of tiles were ripped away. Other buildings suffered superficial damage.

PALESTINE REFUGEES SETTLE DOWN TO "NORMAL" LIFE ON SHIPBOARD AS DEADLOCK CONTINUES

PORT DE BOUC, France, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The 4,500 Exodus refugees today completed the first week of their sit-down strike aboard the three British prison ships, determined more than ever not to disembark on any but Palestinian soil.

As apparently neither the British nor the French governments have issued new instructions to their officials concerning the fate of the immigrants, the Jews have settled down to as normal a life as possible on shipboard. Classes have been instituted for the several hundred children, and four teachers are holding forth on a number of subjects.

Despite choppy seas, which make transshipment of supplies difficult, the refugees' diet is improving steadily. In fact it has become so good, that they are now presenting their soldier guards with baskets of fruit sent by various relief organizations.

Three doctors and three nurses, one team to each boat, have been caring for the sick since yesterday. They have been sent by the International Red Cross and will remain at least as long as the vessels stay in port. The medical teams have been assured that they may remain when the convoy sets sail again.

EGYPT URGING GREECE TO SUPPORT ARAB CLAIMS TO PALESTINE AT UNITED NATIONS

ATHENS, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government is negotiating with Greece to support the Arab claims on Palestine at the United Nations General Assembly, it was reliably learned here today.

Although it is believed no decision has been reached to date, Greek diplomats are quoted as saying that "owing to the present hostile attitude of her northern neighbor, Greece must secure close and friendly relations with Middle East powers, including the Arabs."

ORGANIZATIONS OF DISPLACED JEWS SUBMIT MEMORANDUM TO U.N. COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE

GENEVA, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A ten-page memorandum representing the views of 600 displaced Jews in Europe was submitted today to the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine in behalf of six DP organizations.

Emphasizing that "settlement in Germany or Austria cannot be imposed on us," that the quarter of a million Jews living in DP camps would refuse to be scattered "among the nations of the world," the memorandum declared that the events of the last three years made the Jewish refugees' belief "unshakable" that the only solution to their problem is emigration to Palestine.

The organizations submitting the memorandum are: the Central Committees of Displaced Jews of the American zone in Germany and the British, French and American zones in Austria; the International Committee for Jewish Refugees and Former Concentration Camp Inmates of Vienna, and the Organization of Jewish Refugees of Italy.

The memorandum begins by charging that had Great Britain fulfilled the obligations imposed on her by 52 nations of the world to further the establishment of a Jewish national home by facilitating immigration and colonization, tens of thousands of Jews could have escaped from the hell of fascist Europe to Palestine. "We therefore firmly believe that for our and our children's safety and peace the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine is an absolute necessity," the document states. "We insist on the demands of the whole Jewish people for free immigration to Palestine and for national independence to the Jewish nation."

The memorandum points out that four plans have been developed for the solution of the general DP problem; first, voluntary repatriation; second, settlement in the countries of present abode; third, absorption into European countries, and, fourth, emigration on a large scale to overseas countries.

"These schemes may be suitable for solving the problem of the non-Jewish DP's but they do not provide a solution for us to rebuild our lives amid a people responsible for the extermination of six million Jews. Moreover, the experience of the last six years taught us afresh how deeply rooted the Hitler doctrine of Jewish extermination is in the German and Austrian people," the memorandum added.

Excesses Against Jewish DP's Becoming More Frequent, Memorandum Says

Charging that anti-Jewish excesses are becoming more frequent monthly, the memorandum declares: "Only thanks to the presence of the Allied occupation armies is our physical safety guaranteed to a certain extent." It asserts that absorption of Jewish DP's into European countries can take place only in insignificant numbers because these DP's lack the professional qualifications required by the various countries.

"We who have been living witnesses of the greatest disaster in our time want this chapter of our history to come to an end," the document states. "Our experiences as a part of the homeless people and the fact that two years after the victory of the democratic nations our misery continues and that so far none of the possibilities of rehabilitation which have been considered for us have been put into effect has made our belief unshakable that our wandering must come to an end. Palestine is the only country where a community of 650,000 Jews is anxious to receive us in their midst. We have the great need for emigration and our faith that we can find redemption in Palestine since tens of thousands of us who were tired of waiting to set out for Palestine."

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RUSSIAN JEWS ASK UNITED NATIONS PALESTINE COMMITTEE TO GRANT THEM A HEARING

BUCHAREST, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Three major Jewish groups in this country have issued a joint memorandum to the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine asking the committee give a hearing to representatives of the Jewish community of Rumania.

The memorandum, issued by the Rumanian section of the World Jewish Congress, the Union of Rumanian Jews and the Jewish Party, stresses that the Jews here are vitally interested in free Jewish immigration to Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish state. Reviewing the present situation of Rumanian Jewry, it states that because of disastrous crop failures coupled with low industrial production, the Jews, who are city urban white collar workers and small businessmen, are in dire economic straits.

It also reports that 40 percent of the Jews of Moldavia are on relief rolls and that vocational retraining is useless because the war ruined Rumanian industry. Therefore, the memorandum emphasizes, emigration to Palestine is the only way out for them. For those who desire to remain in Rumania, the document asserts, the establishment of a Jewish state will be a safeguard against anti-Semitism.

British Jewish Group Urges Permanent Trusteeship For Palestine

LONDON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The Anglo-Jewish Fellowship, an anti-Zionist organization, has submitted a memorandum to the U.N. Palestine committee advocating placing Palestine under a permanent international trusteeship.

The document urged that the country be given a constitution which would take into account the significance of the country to the three religions and granting autonomy to the religious communities in the matters of religion, education and cultural matters. It said that this move would grant the religious communities much of the independence they seek. In addition, it favored immediate immigration to Palestine of "as many as possible of those Jews who wish to go there."

CZECHOSLOVAK JEWS URGE U.N. PALESTINE COMMITTEE TO AID EXODUS REFUGEES REACH PALESTINE

PRAGUE, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A message of protest was today sent to the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine by the Council of Jewish Communities of Czechoslovakia against the "British inhumanity" toward the 4,500 Exodus refugees.

The Council also asked the U.N. body to help return to Palestine the Jews who have suffered various tortures and indignities for the past decade. Throughout last week and this week-end protest meetings were held in many Jewish communities in all parts of the country.

Polish Zionists Protest Exodus Deportations

WARSAW, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- All Zionist parties in Poland today cabled Emil Sandstrom, chairman of the United Nations Palestine inquiry committee, protesting against the killing of three persons aboard the refugee vessel Exodus-1947 and protesting the deportation of the passengers to France. A similar protest was sent to the British Embassy here.

Zionists in Belgium Protest Return of Exodus Refugees

BRUSSELS, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A mass meeting held here under the auspices of the Zionist Federation of Belgium protested against the forced return of the Exodus re-

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SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION HOLDS FIRST MEETING; MAY GO ABROAD FOR INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The Sub-Committee on Immigration of the Senate Judiciary Committee held its first meeting today for organization purposes, limiting it largely to a decision to employ five investigators and two stenographers.

It is considered likely that the committee will ultimately go abroad, but no plans have yet been made for the trip. Some members of the committee are now vacationing.

THE AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES OPENS NATIONAL PARLEY; SCORES PALESTINE KILLINGS

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A nation-wide congress of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies was opened during the week-end with welcoming addresses by the mayor of this city and other celebrities. A message was received from Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts, Premier.

The conference adopted a resolution expressing a "profound sense of horror and repulsion" at the hanging of two British sergeants in Palestine and pledged its support to the Palestine Jewish community in the struggle to rid itself of extremist elements. Mayor James Gray, who also condemned the "executions," paid tribute to the contributions of the Jews toward the progress of Johannesburg and South Africa.

Smuts' message expressed the hope that peace would be restored to Palestine and the rest of the world before the deputies' next congress. He urged the South African Jews to place themselves in the forefront of all great movements affecting the Jews of the world.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS URGES U.N. TO BAR YEMEN UNTIL EQUALITY FOR JEWS IS ESTABLISHED

NEW YORK, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress has submitted a memorandum to the U.N. urging that it withhold approval of Yemen's application for membership until such time as that country grants full equality to all its inhabitants.

Charging Yemen with systematic discrimination against its Jewish residents, the memorandum declared that Jews in that country are compelled to pay a special head tax, are forbidden to leave the country under penalty of death, are barred from civil service and many industries and that all Jewish orphans are forced to embrace the Moslem faith.

ROMANIAN JEWS GIVE TRADITIONAL BURIAL TO SOAP MADE FROM CORPSES OF MURDERED JEWS

BUCHAREST, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A large quantity of soap made from fat rendered from the corpses of Jewish concentration camp victims was buried with a traditional religious ceremony in the Jewish cemetery here. The soap had been collected during the year by the Bucharest Jewish community.

HAROLD ROSENBLATT, I.R.O. AIDE IN MUNICH AREA, DIES OF HEART ATTACK AT 38

MUNICH, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Harold Rosenblatt, International Refugee Organization team director for the Munich area, died during the week-end of a heart attack at the town of Gaetting, 40 miles from here. He was 38.

A native of Pittsburgh, Rosenblatt served with UNRRA since April, 1946. Before that he was a captain in the U.S. Army tank corps.

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