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### THE COMMISSIONER REFUSES TO SEE JEWISH AGENCY DELEGATION; THREE MORE JEWS ARRESTED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A Jewish Agency delegation attempting to see High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham today to protest the arrest of numerous Jewish leaders, including three mayors, yesterday, was turned away at Government House with the comment that the matter was "purely military" and that the civil authorities had nothing to do with it. Meanwhile, three more Revisionist leaders were seized, but their names were not made public immediately.

A delegation from the Jewish National Council this morning visited the detainees in the Latrun detention camp and brought them as many items, such as food, religious articles and radios, as are permitted under camp regulations. First reports from Latrun indicated that Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv, who suffered a heart attack when he was arrested, is in need of constant medical attention.

The prisoners, for whom nothing had been prepared except beds and bare mattresses, were in high spirits today after a warm welcome from the "permanent political residents." The old-timers arranged a dinner in honor of the new "guests" last night.

A clandestine broadcast on the Irgun Zvai Leumi's transmitter, "Voice of Fighting Zion," tonight declared that the underground organization interpreted the arrests as a threat to Jewish Agency leaders that if they did not cooperate with the government in the campaign against the Irgun and Stern Group, they too would find themselves in Latrun. The announcer continued that the arrests had no effect on the Irgun's military strength, which, he asserted, would be demonstrated in the coming weeks.

### Tel Aviv Chamber of Commerce Recommends General Strike

At an emergency meeting tonight the members of the Tel Aviv municipal council protested the arrests and demanded the immediate release of the prisoners. The vice-mayor reported on the failure of a municipal delegation to receive a satisfactory answer from the local district commissioner when it protested the seizures. Included among the delegates was the vice-mayor and Petach Tikvah's mayor.

A meeting of the Tel Aviv Chamber of Commerce decided to recommend to tomorrow's meeting of the Jewish National Assembly that it call a 24-hour general strike, despite the fact that it would cost Jewish industry and labor about \$1,000,000. This is the first time that a business organization has made such a proposal.

(Reuters today reported in London that political observers believe that Britain may be planning to withdraw some troops from Palestine. Commenting on Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee's statement in Commons that Britain will reduce its armed forces by some 200,000 men by next March, they said that he might be assuming a U.N. settlement of the Palestine issue by then, which would permit the withdrawal of part of the 100,000-man occupation force.)

A hand grenade exploded in Jerusalem last night. There were no casualties, damage to property and no arrests.

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ZIONISTS APPEAL TO UNITED NATIONS AGAINST ARREST OF PALESTINE LEADERS

PARIS, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The United Zionists-Revisionists, whose world headquarters are in Paris, today cabled the United Nations a protest against the mass arrests yesterday in Palestine of three Jewish mayors and a number of Revisionist leaders.

The cable requested "urgent intervention" on the part of the United Nations "to prevent a further aggravation of the present conflict" in Palestine. It pointed out that the arrests and the outlawing of the Revisionist Palestine youth organization, Brith Trumpeldor, "constitute a new blatant manifestation of the British police regime and a violation of the United Nations' call for restraint during the inquiry."

Dr. Moshe Sneh, member of the Jewish Agency executive, addressing a meeting called by the French Zionist Federation, said "if Britain does not carry out the Balfour Declaration, Britain must quit Palestine." He pointed out that the British had circulated pamphlets among the refugees on the Exodus in which they promised to send them to Cyprus.

After paying tribute to the heroism of the refugees on the ship, Dr. Sneh told the meeting, at which Andre Blumel presided, that the Jewish Agency was grateful to the French Government, the National Assembly and the French people for their humane attitude towards the Jews.

U.S. Zionists Send Message of Solidarity to Detained Leaders

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, today sent a message of support to the three Jewish mayors and the 30-odd Jewish leaders seized in yesterday's mass arrests. Also sent to the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem for transmission to the detainees, the message reads:

"The entire Zionist movement of the United States joins in this expression of solidarity with you in your moment of tribulation. The Palestine Government's illegal act in arresting you without warrant is the latest example of the contempt for law and justice now prevailing among British authorities in the Yishuv. We are confident, however, that this most recent provocation to further violence, aimed at splitting the Yishuv, will fail as ignominiously as have similar acts of the past. Stand firm and be of good cheer."

American Brith Trumpeldor Protests Outlawing of Group in Palestine

A protest against the outlawing by the Palestine Government of Brith Trumpeldor, Revisionist youth organization, was issued here today by the American section of the organization.

Pointing out that the Brith Trumpeldor of Palestine was legalized by the government upon its creation in 1923 and that its sole purpose was "to educate Jewish youth in the country in the spirit of the truly democratic and militant Zionism," the statement says: "Britain's assault upon the rights of the Jewish national youth movement will not frighten the Jewish youth in Palestine and throughout the world, and the legitimate struggle of the Jewish people for a free democratic state in Palestine will not be stopped by such acts."

Members of the Congress of American Women today picketed the British Information Service in protest against the turning back from Palestine of the 4,500 Jewish refugees who arrived there on the "Exodus-1947."

ANTI-SEMITIC ATTACKS IN BRITAIN TAPER OFF; FORMATION OF JEWISH DEFENSE UNITS OPPOSED

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- After a telephonic survey of the major British cities in which anti-Semitic demonstrations occurred since the week-end, which established that there were only a few incidents last night, the Defense Committee of the United Deputies of British Jews announced today that "on the whole" the situation is improved and that the authorities have the matter well in hand.

The committee instructed the various local communities not to organize self-defense units, following the release of a statement by the Jewish Legion of Ex-Service-men that if the attacks turn into "organized anti-Semitic outrages," it will "take all measures necessary to prevent damage to Jewish property." It is reported that one group of veterans in Liverpool established a "defense commando unit."

The Legion statement added that "we are waiting to see how far these anti-Semitic acts are to be carried out. At the moment it is hooliganism." The Legion added that all measures will be taken "in conjunction with the police." Thus far, neither the Legion nor any other Jewish organization has taken any special action to protect Jews against the attacks, depending entirely on the police forces.

Attlee Is Urged to Condemn Riots In Nation-Wide Broadcasts

In Manchester, where more than 700 persons rioted yesterday and smashed windows of Jewish-owned shops, the mayor appealed to the inhabitants not to join the attacks. A committee representing 20,000 employees at the Vickers arms plant issued a statement calling on the workers of the city to keep themselves free of mob hysteria and not to take part in the demonstration. A petition, circulated and signed by leading trade union figures in the city, asks Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee to condemn riots on a nation-wide broadcast he is scheduled to make this week.

The National Council for Civil Liberties charges that the killing of the two British sergeants in Palestine is being "deliberately seized on by fascist elements to develop a campaign of anti-Semitic violence and riots." An emergency meeting of the Trades Advisory Council today "deplored" all acts seeking to disturb and hinder development of goodwill between peoples of all creeds. The Council was originally formed to counteract prejudice and misunderstanding between Jews and non-Jews in British commerce and industry.

At Leicester, a Jewish social club was shut down after a demonstration took place in front of the premises. In many cities the Jewish population has imposed a voluntary 10 p.m. curfew on itself. In London an anonymous telephone caller threatened to blow up the St. John's Wood synagogue.

A 38-year-old Englishman, Jack Piggott, was sentenced to six months imprisonment in a Lancashire court for breaking a store window. The magistrate called his action "un-British and unpatriotic."

ANTI-SEMITIC DEMONSTRATION OCCURS IN MONTREAL; NO ATTACKS TAKE PLACE

MONTREAL, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The first anti-Semitic incident, similar to a wave sweeping England, occurred here last night when a group of demonstrators entered Jewish residential districts with an effigy of a Jew hanging from a gallows.

The demonstrators, in a truck cavalcade, shouted insults at all Jews they met in the course of their journey and threatened them with beatings. However, no attacks took place.

11 JEWS DETAINED IN GERMAN CAMP IN AFTERMATH TO BEATING OF TWO AMERICAN SOLDIERS

ANSBACH, Germany, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Fifty-one Jews from a nearby DP camp were today being held for questioning regarding the beating of two American soldiers last week by a group of DP's at the camp, following an assault by three other soldiers on several Jews. Meanwhile, the Army continues to maintain a cordon of military police with fixed bayonets around the camp.

Jewish circles today charged that the two soldiers who were beaten are members of a local group of anti-Semitic soldiers which has been harassing the displaced Jews. Previous reports said that the soldiers, Privates Robert C. Kennedy and Thomas W. Ulrich, were innocent victims of a retaliatory act. The new accusation states that the two were members of an organized gang which has beaten a number of Jews recently.

American military authorities yesterday admitted that American soldiers had provoked the incident and promised that they would be punished.

Dispatches from Dachau, where a number of German prison personnel are on trial for war crimes, report that a former Jewish inmate told an American tribunal that German civilians who supervised slave labor gangs were "as bad as the Gestapo." The witness, Joseph Berman, called to refute defense claims that civilians on trial had not committed war crimes, declared that he personally knew of eight prisoners who died from beatings administered by German civilians in factories where the prisoners worked. He also charged the civilians with informing on the DP's to the Gestapo.

JEWS LEADERS HAIL GEN. CLAY'S REBUKE TO GERMANS WHO BLAME DP'S FOR BLACK MARKET

MUNICH, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Jewish authorities today applauded a statement made yesterday by Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American commander in Germany, rebuking a German minister for charging that the displaced Jews were responsible for Germany's vast black market.

"Such a charge makes no sense at all," Gen. Clay told a parley of German ministers in the American zone, meeting in Stuttgart. Declaring that "you know who is responsible for the black market," he asserted that it was unfair of the Germans to try to rid themselves of the blame. Such statements by German officials lessen the chances of tolerance and understanding, he added.

The General's remarks were obviously aimed at Bavarian Minister of Economics Emdolph Zorn, who several months ago made the charge. Jewish leaders immediately challenged Zorn, but this is the first indication of official American opinion on the charge.

ROMANIAN PARLIAMENT ASKED TO HOLD PUBLIC TRIAL OF MURDERERS OF 126 JEWS IN SARMAST

BUCHAREST, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Parliament heard today a request by Gen. Stoica, of the Ploughmen's Front Party, that a public trial be held of the murderers of 126 Jews who were slaughtered in the village of Sarmasi, in September, 1944.

Pointing out that although three years have passed since the crime was committed, Stoica said no measures have been taken so far to punish the perpetrators of the crime. Gen. Dumitriu Damascanu, Under-Secretary of National Defense, promised to initiate an investigation.

The victims of the Sarmasi massacre were exhumed and buried in a common grave according to Jewish rites, in March, 1945.

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BRITISH PRISON SHIPS REPORTED READY TO SAIL FROM FRANCE FOR AN "UNKNOWN DESTINATION"

MARSEILLES, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The British Consulate here today declined to confirm persistent reports that the three British deportation ships which brought the 500 Exodus refugees to French waters are preparing to sail with the immigrants for "unknown destination," possibly Tobruk.

One of the three ships, the Runnymede Park, arrived in Marseilles this morning from Port de Bouc to refuel. The other two ships, which have enough coal to reach Malta or Gibraltar, remained in Port de Bouc, but it is possible that they will also be here to take on coal. The loading of food on board the ship was also reported.

French authorities ordered the Runnymede Park to remain several hundred yards from the shore, with lighters bringing out the coal, so that the British could not see the Jewish refugees ashore. Thirteen refugees left the ships yesterday, making an unofficial total of 104, although British authorities claim that the figure is much larger.

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OPTIMISTIC ON REACHING A DECISION ON PALESTINE QUESTION

GENEVA, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A feeling of optimism prevailed today among the members of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine as they emerged from their secret meeting, at which signs of cooperation among the various delegations were reported for the first time.

The UNSCOP members seem in general agreement that the situation in Palestine is intolerable and must be changed, that the British mandate is legal but unworkable, and that Palestine must be given independence - an independence in which there is no foreign interference and which would mean the withdrawal of Britain.

UNSCOP will continue its series of secret, self-exploratory and off-the-record discussions, which might almost be described as "political confessionals" in which each member takes the floor in turn, and explains frankly what he feels and believes about the tentative solutions thus far advanced.

At this juncture, the likelihood of a United Nations trusteeship over Palestine, which had so long been rumored as a ranking possibility, seems much less emphasized, perhaps because of the belief of many that Palestine is a unique problem, demanding a unique custom-tailored solution.

At the same time, there is recognition here of British imperial interests, and any further meetings of the Committee can disclose how those interests are to be treated. UNSCOP also realizes, it is evident, that today Palestine has a large Jewish population which has achieved a great deal, and members of UNSCOP unquestionably feel that that is a fact which must be accepted now, and one overshadowing the historical fact that for centuries Palestine was principally inhabited by Arabs.

E.C.O.S.O. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL FORWARDS DRAFT GENOCIDE CONVENTION TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The U.N. Economic and Social Council today decided to pass on to the General Assembly the Secretariat's draft convention outlawing genocide. It will forward with the draft whatever governmental comments are available at the time the Assembly opens its session in September.

INTERNATIONAL PARLEY TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM RECOMMENDS CHANGES IN RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS

SEELISBERG, Switzerland, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Resolutions calling for changing some Christian teachings as a means of fighting anti-Semitism and urging an immediate and "righteous" solution of the Palestine problem, were adopted here by 65 churchmen, lay leaders and educators attending the International Emergency Conference to Combat Anti-Semitism.

The delegates, representing Catholics, Protestants and Jews in 17 countries, ended their week-long parley with a proposal to religious leaders to revise such teachings as the story of the Crucifixion of Christ, in order to eliminate religious bias. Jewish delegates stressed that they would seek to eliminate attacks on Jesus from Jewish instruction and to promote good relations between Christians and Jews.

The Conference also condemned acts of extremism in Palestine as contrary to the spirit of religion. The delegates saw such action as a "grave obstacle" to the achievement of a righteous Palestine solution.

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL EXPERT VOICES CRITICISM OF DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Serious misgivings as to the substance of the draft Declaration of Human Rights as it now stands were voiced here by Prof. Hersch Lauterpacht of Cambridge, international legal expert, and consultant to the American Jewish Committee at the Paris Peace Conference earlier this year.

Prof. Lauterpacht warned that early publication of the Declaration, as recently approved by a majority of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, in the form of a manifesto, would result in vitiating the effects of the document. He suggests that more is needed before the measure is released.

In its present form, he says, it is merely a declaration of principles without adequate enforcement provisions and, as such, provides even fewer specific safeguards than the United Nations Charter, which it is intended to supplement. As it stands, he states, it is a "retrogression."

He points out that a number of serious modifications are still required and that international legislation is required before the declaration can have full meaning. In addition, Prof. Lauterpacht asserts that specific, intricate problems of economic and social rights are involved as well as controversial problems concerning the rights of individuals in relation to governments.

ARAB FESTIVAL IN PRAGUE DEVELOPS INTO ANTI-JEWISH, ANTI-BRITISH MEETING

PRAGUE, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- An Arab festival here developed into a huge anti-Jewish and anti-British propaganda meeting when inflammatory leaflets, demanding the abolition of the Palestine Mandate, the establishment of an independent Arab Palestine state and the stoppage of legal and illegal immigration to Palestine, were distributed.

100 JEWISH YOUTHS CONCLUDE WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY PACIFIC COAST REFORM RABBIS

SAN JOSE, California, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A week-long religious conference of 100 Jewish youths between 15 and 20 years of age, sponsored by the Western Association of Reform Rabbis, concluded last night at Lake Tahoe, near here. The delegates, from 22 Reform congregations on the West Coast, discussed the basic tenets of Judaism, other religions, and the Jewish contributions to civilization.

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