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### BRITISH MILITARY CHIEFS CALLED TO EMERGENCY CABINET SESSION ON PALESTINE WITHDRAWAL

LONDON, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee this week-end called Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the British Imperial Staff, and the heads of the various armed services to a special emergency meeting of the Cabinet Defense Committee, it was learned here today. During the two-hour parley, Attlee is reported to have told the military leaders that they must produce a final plan for the withdrawal of British forces from Palestine by Thursday, when the full Cabinet is slated to meet on a final Palestine decision.

Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones, who returned from Lake Success last Thursday, met with Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin shortly after receipt of a new United States appeal urging the British Government to agree to remain at the head of the Palestine administration during the transition period prior to complete independence for the projected Arab and Jewish states.

In semi-official quarters it was reported that Britain will refuse to continue to remain in Palestine even if differences between the Soviet Union and America are ironed out. The government is expected to reiterate its refusal to implement any U.N. plan of which it does not approve.

### Creech-Jones Reported Returning to United Nations Session Shortly

Press reports during the week-end said that Creech-Jones told members of the Cabinet that he must be able to announce definitely Britain's intentions when he returns to Lake Success shortly. It is understood that following Thursday's meeting, he will receive all instructions necessary for him to make an authoritative statement at the U.N., except for the actual date of the beginning of the evacuation. The final date, it is believed, will be cabled to him after a later meeting of the Cabinet.

The influential business weekly Economist proposes in its current issue that a joint Arab-Jewish provisional government be established to accept responsibility for carrying through partition, and that it also face the consequences of failure to carry through such a policy. The magazine stresses the necessity of averting chaos after the British withdrawal and asserts that if the U.N. fails to provide a non-Palestinian authority in which power may be vested, then Britain will have to work out its own evacuation program.

"Unless evacuation were to be surrendered to chaos, it would be necessary as in India to set up some provisional government representing both sides," it says. The Economist asserts that the bi-national authority would be temporary and in no way reflect the future government of the country.

Referring to the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, the magazine declares that if the Arabs choose him it will be necessary to permit his return to Palestine. Such a move, the Economist suggests, may be better than "having him make mischief in Cairo or Damascus."

U.N. AD HOC COMMITTEE TO MEET TUESDAY IN ATTEMPT TO SETTLE PALESTINE ISSUE

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The 57-nation Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine is expected to resume sessions Tuesday by which time its chairman, Dr. Herbert Evatt, expects the sub-committee on partition to be ready with a report on implementation of a partition plan, boundaries of the two states, and an economic union between them. Dr. Evatt indicated this week-end that he is determined to hold daily meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee in order to reach a solution of the Palestine problem before the General Assembly closes November 25.

The four-nation working group on implementation continued its discussions this week-end following a renewed American appeal to Britain to continue to maintain responsibility for the administration of Palestine during the transition period. Canadian delegate Lester B. Pearson finally put forward his previously announced compromise plan to reconcile the Soviet and U.S. positions on implementation.

In the form of questions posed to Semyon Tsarapkin, of the U.S.S.R., and Maj. Gen. John Hildring, of the U.S., Pearson suggested that the General Assembly appoint the commission to implement a U.N. decision, but that the body would be responsible to the Security Council alone. He also proposed that the Palestine Mandate be terminated on January 1, as suggested by the Russians, and that the two powers ask Britain to accept responsibility as an agent of the U.N. for administration of Palestine until the two states can take over the state powers on their own. Most observers agree that at least six months will be required before the Jewish and Arab states can be fully independent.

U.S., Russian Delegates Agree to Consult Governments on Canadian Plan

Pearson achieved a major triumph when both the Soviet and American delegates agreed to consult their governments on his plan. Pearson later told a press conference that he was encouraged that Tsarapkin had not rejected his proposal outright. The replies from Washington and Moscow were expected late today.

Another decision, at the meeting of the partition sub-committee, centered around disposition of the city of Jerusalem, with support developing for partition of the city. Uruguay proposed that the old city of Jerusalem and all other Holy Places in Palestine be placed under a special regime, and that the Jewish and Arab parts be placed irrespectively in the Jewish and Arab states.

Russia supported Uruguay, Tsarapkin declaring that the plan was acceptable and sensible because it provides a solution of the nationality problem, satisfies both Jewish and Arab interests while protecting all three religious interests. The U.S. did not express strong objection to the Uruguayan plan. A working group of the Czechoslovak and Uruguayan delegates was appointed by Chairman Ksawery Pruszyński to draft a proposal on Jerusalem.

Speaking for the Jewish Agency, Moshe Shertok urged adoption of the Uruguayan proposal. J.M. Martin, British observer, citing Jerusalem population figures, suggested that divided loyalties and the question of common public services might make the administration problem difficult.

LEBANESE CHRISTIAN LEADER WARNS GOVT. AGAINST USING FORCE TO SOLVE PALESTINE PROBLEM

BEIRUT, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Maronite (Catholic) Patriarch Anton Arida today warned the Lebanese Government not to use force to prevent the solution of the Palestine problem. He also warned that Christian Arabs would not use arms in attempting to solve the problems of Palestine.

GERMAN STATE HEADS IN U.S. ZONE REFUSE TO ENACT PROPERTY RESTITUTION LEGISLATION

STUTTGART, Germany, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The four Minister-presidents of the German states in the American zone of Germany this week and refused to enact legislation providing for the restitution of property stolen by the Nazis from Jewish and non-Jewish victims of persecution in Germany. Nevertheless, it is expected that Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American military commander in Germany, will proclaim such a law tomorrow, in the name of the military government.

During a day-long debate, the Germans endorsed the principle of restitution, but refused to accept responsibility for various provisions in a proposed measure. The heads of Bavaria, Wuerttemberg-Baden and Bremen voted against the proposal, while the Greater Hesse official abstained.

GOLDIE MEIRSON LEAVING FOR CYPRUS CAMPS TO ARBITRATE DISPUTE AMONG JEWS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Goldie Meirson, political leader of the Jerusalem section of the Jewish Agency, will depart for Cyprus tomorrow with a number of Agency immigration officials to attempt to settle a dispute among the interned visaless Jews.

The problem started when the visaless immigrants offered one month's certificates to the Exodus refugees. The Palestine Government refused to accept the offer, but set aside the month's certificates for mothers and children to be admitted out of turn. The internees objected, insisting that they had made the offer to the Exodus Jews only.

(Morris Kaplan, director of the Joint Distribution Committee's medical department, returning to Paris from Cyprus, today reported that the rainy season which has just begun on the island threatens the internees with epidemics. Adding to the overcrowded conditions, the mud and unfavorable temperatures are endangering the health of the 18,000 Jews.

(He disclosed that there are eight doctors, three dentists and eleven nurses among the 50 J.D.C. employees aiding the internees. He also said that the birth rate at the camps exceeds 70 per month. Finally, he stated that the J.D.C. has spent nearly \$1,000,000 to aid the Jews, including food shipments weighing more than 450,000 pounds.)

JEWISH AGENCY LEADER PRAISES "RENAISSANCE" OF JEWISH LIFE IN RUMANIA

BUCHAREST, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Moshe Sneh, Jewish Agency leader, who has been visiting Rumania for the past week, today lauded the "renaissance" of Jewish life in the country. He also stressed that many of the Jews were leaving for Palestine, not because they were facing a hostile regime, as they had done in the past, but because they were attempting to strengthen their ties to their culture. He said that he found the Jews more "Zionist-conscious" than ever before.

"I was most favorably impressed with the unbroken morale of Rumanian Jews--even among the widows and orphans of the Jassy massacre," Dr. Sneh stated. "Rumanian Jewry is not only morally intact but it is going through a period of renaissance," he asserted. Reviewing his trip to many Jewish communities in the country and his visits to most of the Jewish institutions, Sneh said that "for the first time in their history, Rumanian Jews are living under a regime in which they stand without reserve on a basis of full equality." It is making the "most sincere efforts to root out anti-Semitism," he added.

## PARLEY OF MAJOR JEWISH COMMUNITIES ADOPTS FIVE-POINT PROGRAM TO MEET 1948 RELIEF NEEDS

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- A five-point program was adopted here today at the conclusion of the two-day session of the representatives of the 30 largest Jewish communities in the United States called by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to plan ways and means of meeting the 1948 obligations of American Jewry to the Jews of Europe and Palestine. The program provides that:

1. The campaign executive committee of the United Jewish Appeal on which there is community representation should counsel the UJA on the 1948 national goal-setting process in advance of the Atlantic City UJA conference and, subsequently, on the procedure for establishing local quotas.
2. For this purpose representatives of the 30 large communities not already directly represented on the executive committee should be invited to serve in an advisory capacity.
3. In order to achieve the common purpose of the UJA and the communities there should be a closer working partnership between them through more frequent meetings and greater use of the executive committee by the UJA for all policy decisions by which the communities are directly or indirectly affected.
4. For the same ends there should be greater use by the communities of their representatives on that committee in funneling through them their suggestions for improved cooperative relationships for more effective campaigns.
5. And for the same purpose the community representatives should report regularly to their communities and to the Council regions which selected them.

Speakers at the parley, who included economists and social welfare experts, outlined the magnitude of the task at home and abroad. Isador Lubin, chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Council's Institute on Overseas Studies, declared that much will depend on other sources in addition to American Jewish voluntary agencies--the IRO, reparations and the restitution of heirless Jewish property by various governments. Another factor which will increase the 1948 relief budgets is the increase of world prices, which he estimated to have risen 30 percent.

### Resettling 150,000 Displaced Jews in Palestine Will Cost \$400,000,000

Economists Robert Nathan and Oscar J. Cass estimated the cost of resettling 150,000 displaced European Jews in Palestine during the next two years, as proposed by UNSCOP, would amount to \$400,000,000. This sum, which would include many transitional and permanent needs, would be in addition to the operating budget of the Jewish Agency and would come from loans, grants, governmental and intergovernmental funds, domestic resources in Palestine and voluntary contributions.

Soaring relief costs in European countries where local and displaced Jews require aid was the greatest problem the JDC had to contend with, Moses Leavitt, executive vice-chairman said. "The termination of UNRRA activities raised the prices of food to such an extent that the JDC had to increase its food supplementation in countries where military governments were meeting basic relief needs." He added that "unless voluntary agencies like the JDC make sufficient supplementations there may be riots in those areas this winter."

Joseph E. Beck, executive director of the United Service for New Americans, estimated that his organization would spend \$9,000,000 this year against \$2,700,000 in 1946. The JDC will disburse \$64,000,000 in 1947 against cash receipts of \$52,000,000, while the United Palestine Appeal will spend nearly \$74,000,000 against a cash intake of \$41,000,000, it was revealed.

AMERICAN JEWISH GROUPS ASKED TO AID POLISH-JEWISH LEADERS OBTAIN U.S. VISAS

WARSAW, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The Central Committee of Jews in Poland today sent an appeal to Jewish organizations in the United States to intervene with the State Department to issue American visas to Adolph Berman and Jacob Egit, leaders of the Central Committee, who were refused visas by the American consulate in Warsaw. Berman and Egit were appointed by the committee to visit the United States in order to acquaint American Jewry with the needs of the Jews in Poland.

The 50th anniversary of the Jewish Socialist Party is being observed in Jewish communities in the larger cities of Poland. A jubilee convention will open Nov. 15 in Warsaw. Representatives of the government and Polish political parties will greet the convention.

MANCHESTER COUNCIL ASKED TO PAY OWNERS OF PROPERTY DAMAGED IN ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS

LONDON, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The Manchester City Council will be asked tomorrow to approve the expenditure of nearly \$3,000 to pay 26 compensation claims filed by the owners of property damaged during anti-Semitic demonstrations in the city last August. Under the law, the police authority is liable for compensation claims in cases where damage results from a riot.

The possibility of a split in the Jewish community of Britain over the appointment of a new Chief Rabbi of the British Empire was averted this week-end at a special meeting of representatives of the United Synagogue and various other synagogue bodies. A special committee was appointed, with representation given to all groups, to study and report on the duties of the Chief Rabbi and methods of financing his office.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PARLEY VOTES \$1,500,000 DRIVE TO STRENGTHEN JEWISH CULTURE

CHICAGO, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- A campaign to raise \$1,500,000 to be used for a national program to intensify Jewish adherence to Judaism and advance public understanding of the Jewish faith and culture was voted today at a Jewish Theological Seminary conference for "Fostering Dynamic Judaism in America."

The 167 delegates from all sections of the United States adopted a four-point plan to achieve the objectives set up by the parley. They are: 1. To meet the need for trained religious, educational and communal workers through enlarged Seminary schools; 2. To enrich Jewish life by restoring the synagogue as the spiritual and cultural center of Jewish communal life; 3. To advance Jewish education by aiding Jewish communities achieve higher standards and an increased enrollment; 4. To foster American understanding of the Jewish people and Judaism through the Seminary's public education program.

Maxwell Abbell, Chicago philanthropist and businessman, was named to head the national drive. Speakers at the parley included Alan M. Strook, chairman of the Seminary's board, and A. Arthur Oppenheimer, treasurer.

J.N.B. REGIONAL CONFERENCE PLEDGES SUPPORT OF REPORT OF PRESIDENT'S CIVIL RIGHTS BODY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Delegates to an annual meeting of the Middle Atlantic Section of the Jewish Welfare Board today pledged their full support to implementing the report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights. The 200 Jewish leaders from Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, also expressed support of the UNSCOP majority plan for Palestine and backed the Stratton

U.J.A. NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO OPEN DECEMBER 12; BOSTON SURPASSES \$9,100,000 GOAL

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The 1947 national conference of the United Jewish Appeal will be held in Atlantic City, from December 12-15, it was announced today. The conference will consider a report on the results of this year's \$170,000,000 campaign and will also decide the quota for the 1948 drive.

Meanwhile, U.J.A. national headquarters announced that the Jewish community of Boston has for the second successive year surpassed its goal--this year \$9,100,000. Henry Morgenthau Jr., U.J.A. general chairman, in a message to Herman Gilman, chairman of the Boston campaign, hailed the successful campaign as an "example of high inspiration for the entire country." It was also reported that Archbishop Richard J. Cushing had contributed \$2,500 to the Boston drive.

NEUMANN WARNS OF POSSIBLE DISAPPOINTMENTS BEFORE U.N. RENDERS PALESTINE VERDICT

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- "Unpleasant surprises and disappointments may still be in store for us before the United Nations renders a verdict on Palestine," Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, declared here tonight at the opening of the four-day 22nd annual convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America, attended by 500 delegates. He added, however, that although the necessary two-thirds vote needed for adoption of partition at the General Assembly may not be pledged yet, he believed that it is attainable.

A message from President Truman praising the Mizrahi Women for its "good work to relieve human misery" was read to the opening session. "The plight of displaced persons and others--men, women and children--who are suffering today because of the aftermath of war is one that enlists the sympathy of generous-hearted people everywhere," the President declared, adding that he trusts that the organization's deliberations "will be fruitful of constructive action to bring relief to millions of innocent victims."

Mrs. Samuel Goldstein, head of the organization, delivered her presidential report, outlining the group's activities and goals for the future. She made a special plea for the admission to Palestine of 150,000 homeless European Jewish children as soon as a Jewish state is established.

J.D.C. PARLEY HEARS STATE DEPT. OFFICIAL WARN OF NEED FOR INCREASED AID TO DP

DALLAS, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Charles P. Taft, chairman of the State Department Advisory Committee on Voluntary Aid and the first lay president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, this week-end declared that "the approaching winter will be the most critical for Europe's Jews since liberation." Speaking at an annual meeting of the Southwest Region of the J.D.C., he warned that "unless increased American aid is forthcoming, the progress of Europe's Jews towards revival may be dissipated."

Edward Warburg, J.D.C. chairman, who also spoke, said that "no governmental plan for European relief has been proposed, which will appreciably benefit Europe's Jews, adding that the Marshall Plan applies only to Western Europe and specifically excludes the DP camps." A.I. Lack, of Houston, was re-elected chairman of the Southwest Region.

LATIN AMERICAN GENERAL ZIONIST CONFERENCE OPENS IN URUGUAY; DANIEL FRISCH SPEAKS

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- A Latin American conference of General Zionists opened here during the week-end, with delegates from eight Central and South American countries attending. Daniel Frisch, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, greeting the delegates, praised the Latin American General Zionist organizations for being a "source of great strength" to the Jewish community of Palestine.

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