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### BRITISH CABINET TO DECIDE FATE OF 15,000 VISALESS JEWS NOW ON HIGH SEAS; 675 DEPORTED

LONDON, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The fate of the approximately 15,000 visaless Jews en route to Palestine aboard the Pan York and the Pan Crescent will be decided at a meeting of the Cabinet this week, it was learned here today.

A Foreign Office spokesman told a press conference that the British planned to follow their usual policy of transferring the refugees to Cyprus when they arrive in Palestine, but other government quarters expressed doubt as to whether so large a number of persons could be accommodated in the internment camps on the island, which already hold about 18,000 men, women and children.

(Six hundred and seventy-five visaless Jewish immigrants who arrived in Haifa aboard the "Twenty-Ninth of November" were today transhipped and deported to Cyprus. The entire operation from the initial boarding operation just before midnight last night to the final deportation took place without incident.)

There were rumors here that any mass landing of visaless Jews in defiance of the British blockade would result in immediate British withdrawal from Jewish sections of the country, allowing Jews and Arabs "to fight it out," but the Foreign Office spokesman stressed that the current disorders would not affect the evacuation schedule.

Questioned concerning "illegal" Arab immigration into Palestine, the spokesman said that he was unable to say whether Arabs entering illegally were deported. He refused to comment on an Arab report that 200 "volunteers" had recently arrived in Palestine from Spain.

It is understood here that the Colonial and Foreign Offices are sending a number of officials to Lake Success in connection with the forthcoming meeting of the U.N. Implementation Commission.

### IRGUN COMMANDOS INVADE JAFFA; MORE THAN 50 JEWS AND ARABS KILLED IN ONE DAY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Eleven Arabs died and 32 others were wounded in a bombing today at the Damascus Gate of the Old City. Shortly after the explosion, and even before the first wave of Arab fury as a result of the attack had died down, the Irgun Zvai Leumi publicly announced that it was responsible for the blast.

An amphibious unit of Irgun commandos late today landed on the Jaffa waterfront and after penetrating a distance into the city attacked and destroyed a cafe which was a meeting place for Arab bands. Casualties are reported to be heavy and preliminary reports state that at least 40 Arabs and Jews are dead.

The Jerusalem casualties were caused by a large bomb, possibly a landmine, which was hurled into a crowd of Arabs assembled at the Gate by two Jews in a taxi cab. The cab sped off, pursued by several cars full of Arabs. The Arabs overtook the cab after a chase at breakneck speed over a course of about a mile. Some reports

ate that both Jews were dragged out of the vehicle and killed, while others assert that one Jew was killed and one was wounded.

At least two British policemen and one Jew died in the shooting which followed the bomb-throwing, as infuriated Arabs swept out of several quarters of the Old City into the Shimon Zadik quarter and fired at anything that moved.

#### Jewish Taxis Barred from Jerusalem Streets Following Bombing

Some hours after the incident, Jerusalem's military commander barred Jewish-owned taxis from the streets of the municipal area of the city from 6 a.m. tomorrow until further notice. An official statement said the ban came as a "result of the employment of such vehicles for indiscriminate, murderous attacks resulting in the deaths of innocent civilians and policemen."

Several versions of the bombing incident and its aftermath are current. One asserted that the Jewish attackers in the taxicab sprayed an Arab bus with machine-gun bullets after bombing the crowd. In this evening's local press it was stated that Zion Cohen, a 63-year-old Jew, was killed and two other persons wounded after British police, rushing to the scene of the explosion, took up positions in the Arab quarter adjoining Shimon Zadik and fired on a group of persons attending funeral services for a Jew killed yesterday.

One Jew was killed and another seriously wounded when a group of workers repairing a roof in the Shapiro quarter, on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border, was fired on by snipers. An Arab hurled a bomb at a Jewish house in a district bordering Jaffa, wounding Israel Cohen and killing his wife. At Kfar Bilu, near Tel Aviv, one Jew was seriously wounded tonight when Arab Legionnaires opened fire on the colony.

One British soldier was killed and two were wounded in the pre-dawn hours this morning at a military camp near Tel Litwinsky, in the Tel Aviv area, when the camp was attacked by a party of Arabs in battle dress. Before withdrawing, the Arabs succeeded in stealing a quantity of arms. At about the same time a supply convoy escorted by a detachment of the Transjordan Frontier Force was attacked and one Arab trooper was slain and three others were wounded.

One Jew died and several other persons were injured in Jerusalem by a hand grenade thrown by an Arab, who was captured after a chase by Jewish policemen. In the mixed Katamon quarter another Jew was wounded today in one of a number of sporadic clashes which have occurred during the past few days. A Jewish physician, Dr. M.T. Reich, was asked by the police authorities in the Jerusalem "security zone" to move to other quarters because the "police are unable to guarantee his family's safety."

Dr. C.S. Malouf, an Arab doctor in charge of a mental hospital in Bethlehem, was today shot near that hospital by a group of unidentified men. Arab sources assert that the killing was in reprisal for the murder yesterday of Dr. Hugo Lehr by a group of Arabs.

#### Goldie Meirson Sees Chief Secretary; Protests Seizure of Jewish Arms

Goldie Meirson, head of the political department of the Jerusalem section of the Jewish Agency, today called on Chief Secretary Sir Henry L. Gurney. She discussed the recent confiscation of quantities of arms and ammunition which had been destined for use in defending Jews in various parts of the country.

A Haganah broadcast announced that three Arab villages along the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road and on the outskirts of the latter city were raided during the past two days in reprisal for Arab attacks on Jews travelling the road. Several homes were

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demolished in the areas from which attacks had been launched and a number of casualties, including one dead Arab, were inflicted, the announcer said, adding that all Haganah men returned safely to base.

#### Arab Committee in Haifa Calls for End to Attacks on Jews

The Arab "National Committee" of Haifa has called on all Arabs in the port city to cease their attacks on Jews and to return to work. The statement added that Arab national interests demand that all Arabs await the signal to take action against the U.N. partition decision.

It has just been learned that during the recent battles between Jewish colonists and marauding gangs of Arabs in the Gaza area bullets pierced an electric line providing power to a pumping station on the Gaza and Beersheba water line. The Arab towns were left waterless for hours until the Jewish-owned Rutenberg Electric Company was summoned and repaired the break.

The post office in Jerusalem was almost closed today following the refusal of both Jewish and Arab clerks to work unless they were protected by army units. Similar problems were encountered in several other government departments.

#### SILVER HONORED ON EVE OF TRIP TO PALESTINE; ASKS U.S. AID TO IMPLEMENT PARTITION

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The United States Government stands committed to implementation of the partition decision of the United Nations, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver declared tonight addressing a dinner which was given in his honor at the Hotel Astor on the eve of his departure for Palestine.

"The United Nations plan for the division of Palestine into a Jewish and an Arab state is now definitely a part of American foreign policy and should be as aggressively and determinedly advanced as other major policies of our government," Dr. Silver said. "Our government should assist the U.N. in every way possible and should employ all of its diplomatic machinery and influence to expedite the matter. Delay is dangerous. Defeat will be catastrophic."

Emphasizing that "the Zionist movement has no orientation either to the West or to the East," the Zionist leader bitterly criticized persons spreading propaganda in Washington as well as in the American press aiming at destroying American-Soviet cooperation on Palestine and at preventing the implementation of the partition decision. "If we need to define our orientation, it is definitely and unmistakably to the United Nations," he said. "We are happy that our problem received a solution by international agreement in which the East and the West harmoniously cooperated. We hope it will remain so in the future."

Dr. Silver expressed the opinion that it would be highly desirable to have an international force accompany the U.N. Implementation Commission to Palestine. "But," he added, "whether an international force is sent to Palestine or not, it is immediately imperative that the Jewish people of Palestine shall be enabled forthwith to defend themselves. They have the manpower. They need arms. Surely those states--and foremost among them the United States--which voted to create a Jewish state must and are properly protected against murderous assaults." He expressed confidence that the United Nations will not permit itself to become the victim of "insolent intimidation" of Arab hoodlums.

Principal speakers at the dinner included Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv, Rep. Irving M. Ives, Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney, Herbert Bayard Swope, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Dr. Israel Goldstein and Rabbi Meir Berlin:

DR. SNEH EXPLAINS HIS RESIGNATION FROM JEWISH AGENCY; MAY FORM NEW POLITICAL PARTY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Following his resignation yesterday as a member of the Jewish Agency executive, Dr. Moshe Sneh today indicated that he also intends to resign from the General Zionist Party and form a "Popular Opposition Party" within the World Zionist Organization.

In a statement to the press, Dr. Sneh denied that he had ordered the approximately 15,000 visaless Jews in Rumania to sail on the Pan York and Pan Crescent -- which are now on the high seas -- in spite of the veto of the Jewish Agency. At the same time, it was reliably learned here today that the chief motive for Dr. Sneh's resignation was the decision of the Agency to accede to the request of the British Government and the State Department to discontinue "illegal" immigration.

Dr. Sneh last night issued a statement saying that his resignation from the Agency executive was not due to temporary misunderstandings or a personal disagreement, but to the "parting of ways" between him and the other members of the executive on matters concerning the internal and external policy of the Jewish Agency. The following four points summarize his differences with the Agency:

1. He opposes the decision of the Jewish Agency to discontinue visaless immigration to Palestine and demands the continuation of such immigration until the decision of the United Nations to open a free port in Palestine for Jewish immigration is implemented.
2. He vigorously objects to the negotiations now being carried on with the British Government in London by Prof. Selig Brodetsky and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, members of the Jewish Agency executive.
3. He demands that all the various aspects of the present developments in Palestine be brought before the United Nations by the Agency without discriminating against either the Eastern or the Western bloc.
4. He disagrees with the present policy of the Haganah, the leadership of which he left some time ago.

In the statement which he issued last night, Dr. Sneh said he "cannot continue to bear collective responsibility" for the policy of the Jewish Agency executive, since he sees dangers facing the Jewish State "on the one hand from intrigues to curb and foil the State, and on the other hand from a possibility of being subdued by imperialism."

Dr. Sneh specified in his statement that he fears "dangers from London and from influential government circles in Washington" as well as from several Mediterranean capitals. "Breaking the decisions of the United Nations within their first stages of materialization, non-intervention in the face of the murderous onslaught on the Yishuv and joint Anglo-American prevention of visaless immigration to Palestine are the first signs of a policy to foil the Jewish State," Dr. Sneh said.

Agency Circles in London Inclined to Minimize Sneh's Resignation

LONDON, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Jewish Agency circles here are not inclined to attach much significance to the resignation yesterday of Dr. Moshe Sneh, former head of the Haganah and member of the Agency executive, although no members of the London office will make an official statement until they have had an opportunity to contact their colleagues in Jerusalem.

The general opinion seems to be that Dr. Sneh's insistence that the Agency maintain closer relations with countries of Eastern Europe, as well as with the

tions of the Western bloc, is unwarranted since it is asserted that the Agency is determined to remain aloof from power politics.

Regarding Dr. Sneh's charges that the Agency vetoed the sailing of 15,000 stateless immigrants from Rumania, local Agency circles insist that the Agency executive does not issue directives in such matters, but merely expresses its views as to the desirability of such actions, and that its views may change in line with changes in the general political situation.

Dr. Sneh's attack on the current talks in London between Agency leaders and the British Government brought forth the explanation that since the conversations are confined to the security situation, which is clearly within the competence of the British Government, it is proper for the Agency to participate in such meetings. It was also pointed out that such talks would be proper even after the U.N. Implementation Commission begins functioning in Palestine, as long as the Mandate is still in the hands of Britain.

TEL AVIV MAYOR RECEIVED BY MAYOR OF NEW YORK; ROKACH DISCUSSES MISSION TO U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The Jews of Palestine "are most reluctant to have a conflict, or to enter into open warfare with the Arabs," Israel Rokach, mayor of Tel Aviv, declared here today upon his first visit to the United States. He was given a reception at City Hall by Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York.

Mayor Rokach said that the primary purpose of his visit to this country is "to insure the implementation of plans mapped out by the Jewish National Fund of America which will make possible a sound agricultural and urban development within the Jewish State, and will secure its frontiers and safeguard all its people." The plans will be discussed at a three-day conference of J.N.F. leaders which will open Jan. 2 at the Pennsylvania Hotel here.

"The question of defense," Mayor Rokach stated, "is in this crucial period present in the minds of the friends of Jewish Palestine and of all those who believe in the sanctity of international agreements and decisions. Palestine Jewry is most reluctant to have a conflict or to enter into open warfare with the Arabs. I am a descendant of a family which has lived in Palestine for more than a hundred years and has maintained most friendly relations with our Arab neighbors. I know that our Arab neighbors are also averse to such conflict. The present Arab attacks are the handiwork of hired hands directed by intriguing politicians. At all events, we, the Jews of Palestine, will know how to defend our lives and our national status. Naturally, we shall need and have every right to expect and receive the cooperation and armament to which we are entitled by virtue of the decision of the United Nations.

"Important as these problems of defense are, they do not, to our way of thinking, eclipse the imperative necessity for uninterrupted immigration of Jews into Palestine and for continuous land purchase and development. We are preparing to receive many thousands of our fellow-Jews who are still languishing in the DP camps in Europe. Every Jew in Palestine wants more Jews to come there. For the absorption of the great influx we must prepare the necessary land areas," the Tel Aviv mayor said.

Speaking briefly, Mayor O'Dwyer greeted Mr. Rokach "as a leader and representative of a new and honorable state" and "as a man who has dedicated himself to the task of enlisting aid for a liberty-loving people." He said that it was very appropriate that Mayor Rokach made his first official stop in New York, which was the seat of the U.N., whose historic decision means statehood for the Jewish people. The ceremony was attended by several hundred persons. Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the JNF, spoke and the Police Department chorus sang Hatikvah.

CONGRESSMEN PROTEST DEATH SENTENCES OF DISPLACED JEWS IN BRITISH ZONE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Protests against the recent death sentences imposed on four Jewish DP's in the British zone in Germany have been directed by several members of Congress to General Lucius D. Clay, U.S. military commander in Europe.

Sen. William Langer of North Dakota and Rep. Andrew L. Somers of New York jointly cabled General Clay that "political vengeance rather than justice" motivated the sentence of the British military court which sentenced the four men, Abraham Hubert, Richard Orlinski, Jacob Redlich and Jacob Kryszek. They were sentenced to death after a four-day secret trial during which they were charged with collaborating in an alleged plot to blow up a British troop train.

Rep. John Blatnik of Minnesota wrote Gen. Clay that the American "denazification program will suffer," and Judge William S. Bennet, vice-president of the Sons of the American Revolution, wrote British Ambassador Lord Inverchapel, protesting the sentences and asking for their commutation.

HOLLAND ADMITS DISPLACED JEWS FOR EMPLOYMENT IN CLOTHING AND MECHANICAL INDUSTRIES

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Two-hundred and thirty Jewish artisans and their families arrived here this week for employment in the clothing industry and in machine shops. Other DP's will also be admitted, under a recent government ruling. The refugees will be eligible for naturalization after a five-year stay in the country.

The local branch of the ORT is arranging vocational refresher courses for the arrivals. The ORT, through its president Dr. A.R. Vedder, is represented on the Committee for Displaced Jews.

PRINCIPAL COUNSEL SOUGHT FOR JEWS CHARGED WITH PLOTTING DEATH OF FASCIST LEADER

LONDON, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, formerly chief British prosecutor at the Nuremberg War Crimes Trial, may be engaged as counsel for two Jewish youths who have been charged with an attempt on the life of fascist leader John Peen.

The youths, Gerald Flamberg and John Winborne, are leaders of the "43 Group," which is made up of Jewish veterans who act as volunteer defense squads to protect Jews attending fascist street meetings and who have been active otherwise in combatting anti-Semitic organizations. They are out on bail pending trial.

CANADIAN SOCIAL CREDIT PARTY BANS PUBLICATION OF ANTI-SEMITIC ARTICLES IN ITS ORGAN

OTTAWA, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Social Credit Party have finally announced a ban on the publication of anti-Semitic articles in the organization's official organ, following conferences with Joseph E. Fine, chairman of the public relations committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

In addition to the ban, party leaders forced the resignation of the editor and assistant editor of the publication, "Social Creditor." Chiefly affected by the new policy will be Norman Jacques, Social Credit Member of Parliament, who has been using the magazine as one of his platforms for anti-Semitic propaganda.

The "Basic Book Club," organized early in 1947 in Edmonton, has just offered its members a new edition of the "Protocols of Zion." The club is also circulating a book entitled "The World Food Shortage - A Communist-Zionist Plot."