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## TRUMAN ASSAILS RACIAL BIAS IN MESSAGE TO CONGRESS; ASKS FOR ADMISSION OF DP'S TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Guarantee of the human rights of American citizens is the first goal of the United States, President Truman told a joint session of Congress today in his State of the Union message.

The President attacked racial, religious and national discrimination as "utterly contrary to American ideals of democracy" and announced that he would send a special message to Congress calling for "effective federal action" on civil rights.

He called for the immediate passage of suitable legislation by Congress to admit "many thousands of displaced persons, still living in camps overseas." Declaring that the United States should do its share "in caring for homeless and suffering refugees of all faiths," the President expressed his belief "that the admission of these persons will add to the strength and energy of this nation."

Of the five goals outlined in his message, the President declared "our first goal is to secure fully the essential human rights of our citizens. 'The United States has always had a deep concern for human rights. Religious freedom, free speech and freedom of thought are cherished realities in our land. Any denial of human rights is a denial of the basic beliefs of democracy and of our regard for the worth of each individual,' he said.

Assailing employment and educational discrimination, Mr. Truman stated that "today some of our citizens are still denied equal opportunity for education, for jobs and economic advancement, and for the expression of their views at the polls. Most serious of all, some are denied equal protection under our laws. Whether discrimination is based on race, or creed, or color, or land of origin, it is utterly contrary to American ideals of democracy."

Urging stronger educational, health and social security programs, the President called for establishment of an executive department for their administration and to provide "greater equality of opportunity to all our citizens for an education. Only by so doing," he emphasized, "can we insure that our citizens will be capable of understanding and sharing the responsibilities of democracy."

## 15 ARABS KILLED, 43 WOUNDED AS IRGUNIS ATTEMPT TO LIBERATE BESIEGED "OLD CITY" JEWS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- In an attempt to break a siege of some 4,000 Jews beleaguered in the Old City of Jerusalem for the past week, the Irgun today carried out its second bomb attack within a week on a group of Arabs blocking off the gates to the Old City.

The attack was made against Arab positions at the Jaffa Gate, main portal to the Old City, by five young Yemenite Jews in an armored car which they had stolen from the Jewish Settlement Police. Fifteen Arabs were killed and 43 were wounded. None

the raiders escaped; three were killed by the police and two were wounded and captured.

The force of the blast was so terrific that it destroyed the fronts of several houses in the vicinity and damaged the Gate itself, studding it with bomb splinters. The attackers then swung around and attacked their secondary target, the Tab Piccadilly Cafe, with hand grenades. This phase of the action was unsuccessful as the missiles fell short of their mark.

#### Police and Jews Battle in Moslem Cemetery

For an as yet unexplained reason the armored car halted its dash toward Zion Square, the center of the Jewish section of Jerusalem, a few minutes short of its goal and the five Jews ran for cover into a nearby Moslem cemetery. In the resulting battle, with the Jews and the police firing at each other from behind tombstones, the three Jews were killed and the other two were captured. One Briton was reported wounded.

The dead Irgunists are Ephraim Levin, Shimon Levi and Nissim Ben Haim. The captured Jews are Uri Cohen and David Mizrahi. All of them are believed to have been about 20 years old.

Jerusalem was the scene of several other battles this morning as Arab snipers ambushed a Jewish bus near the Sanhedria quarter. As Jewish defense units answered the Arab fire, reinforcements were rushed to the snipers from Arab quarters and there was a lengthy exchange of shots. Two Jews were seriously wounded.

In the Sheikh Jarach quarter snipers opened fire on houses in the nearby Jewish section and were answered by the Haganah. The Haganah was forced to launch a full-scale counterattack when two platoons of British infantry stationed in the area refused to intervene.

Hanna Zutta, 24, was killed while aiding three wounded Jewish fighters. When the British continued to maintain their "hands off" policy, an armored Red Mogen David ambulance drove up and first aid men picked up the wounded while bullets whined overhead.

At the suburb of Mekor Hayim, which has been subjected to a number of Arab attacks within the past 36 hours, the Haganah repulsed the latest attack, suffering one casualty.

One British soldier was killed and one wounded in the center of the city. It is believed that the Stern Group is responsible for the action.

A convoy en route to the Negev with supplies for isolated settlements was attacked by a band of Arabs. Although the raiders were not discouraged for three hours the Jews suffered no injury. Near Acre Arabs shot and killed Joseph Fogel, 38, who was motorcycling and wounded a companion.

#### Safad Siege Lifted After Four Days; Haganah Brings Supplies

The siege of Safad was lifted last night by the Haganah which broke through road blocks and brought food, medicine and fuel to the Jews of the Upper Galilee town who had been virtually cut off from the rest of the world for four days.

A train proceeding from Lydda to Jerusalem was halted a short distance from Jerusalem by huge boulders on the track. As the engineer brought his train to a halt

Arab bandits opened fire. An escort of British soldiers forced the Arabs to flee, but the train returned to Lydda.

Several heavy attacks were launched last night against Jewish positions on the border of Tel Aviv by Arabs from the adjoining village of Abu Kebir and the Palestinian quarter. They were beaten back with severe losses. No Jews were injured. The raiders used mortars and automatic weapons in the opening stages of their assault.

#### British Police Will Be Withdrawn from Arab Areas

Meanwhile, the government today announced several new security measures aimed at keeping the governmental machinery operating in the larger cities of Palestine, particularly Jerusalem. British policemen will be withdrawn from Arab areas and will be replaced by Arab policemen under command of British police officers and army personnel.

The British police evacuated from Arab quarters will be placed on duty in an enlarged protected zone of Jerusalem and will be used to provide escorts and guards for Jewish and Arab government employees and placed on duty in mixed residential sections. The central post office, which has been hamstrung for several days because of the refusal of workers to report for duty without adequate protection, is expected to be back in full operation within a few days. In addition, at the Lydda airfield the army will take over police duties to release more police for Jerusalem.

The Palestine Agudas Israel is negotiating for the establishment and maintenance of separate Orthodox units within the Jewish defense force, Jacob Landau, a leader of the Palestine Agudah, reported to a nation-wide conference of Orthodox Zionists. He declared that scores of thousands of young Zionists would fight for the Jewish state if the new state will comply with the laws of the Torah and if legal guarantees safeguarding the rights of traditional Judaism are incorporated into the framework of the country's constitution.

A Sternist clandestine broadcast claimed that the Arab guerrillas are being assisted by "Serbian fascists from (the late General) Mikhailovic's army, soldiers of (General Wladislaw) Anders' Second Polish Corps, and members of the British Union of Fascists and escaped German prisoners of war."

#### Former Gestapo Collaborator Executed by Irgunists

The bullet-ridden body of Simcha Baumblatt, 26, was found in Ramath Gan this morning. The Irgun announced that it had executed him after it had learned that he had worked for the Gestapo in Europe and later served the British as an informer on the Irgun, of which he was a member. His connection with the Gestapo was revealed after he was recognized by recent immigrants who were former neighbors in Europe.

A Haganah intelligence officer told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the command staff of Jerusalem Arab bands was meeting at the Semiramis Hotel two hours before the Haganah blew it up yesterday. Only a technical delay saved the Arab leaders because the Jewish attack had been planned to coincide with the Arab parley.

The same source stated that one of the rooms in the hotel was used as an arsenal. It was also learned that the damages in the blasting of the Arab National Committee's headquarters in Jaffa were so severe because an ammunition and explosives cache in the building's cellar went off after the external explosion set off by the Sternists.

JEWISH AGENCY DISCUSSES PLANS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVISIONAL JEWISH GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Plans for the creation of a provisional Jewish government for the projected Jewish state were discussed at a meeting of the Jewish Agency executive which has just completed its current session in Tel Aviv, it was learned here today.

Final approval of the plans have been held up pending the return of Eliezer Kaplan with a report on his negotiations in the United States for loans necessary to finance the Jewish state. The members of the executive also discussed the formation of a Jewish militia and turned the problem over to a group of military experts who will hammer out the details.

The ratification of an agreement for the merger of the Haganah and the Irgun Zvai Leumi into one Jewish defense force is expected within the next few days. The rightist Citizen's Bloc, which includes the Revisionists, is known to favor the merger as do the Laborites, including allegedly Moshe Shertok and David Remez. The left-wing Hashomer Hatzair and the Temua L'Achdut Avoda, which are slated to merge on Jan. 16, have expressed vigorous opposition to including the Irgun within the Jewish community's defense organization.

Information from Arab circles indicates that there is a great deal of confusion among all sections of the Arab population in relation to the present "war" on the Jews. The moderates maintain that there is a strong possibility for peace between the Jews and the Arabs if a neutral power were to govern Palestine.

Meanwhile, the arrival of Fawzi el Kaukadj, one of the major leaders of the 1936-39 riots, to take command of the Arab guerrilla forces has been delayed because of reported opposition by the Mufti who is said to favor one of his many relatives, Abdul Khader Hussein, over Kaukadj who has recently been identified with the political forces of King Abdullah of Transjordan.

TWO JEWISH LEADERS ARRIVE FROM JERUSALEM TO PRESENT VIEWS TO U.N. COMMISSION

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Mordecai Eliash, chairman of the Emergency Committee of the Jerusalem Jewish Community, and Daniel Auster, former mayor of Jerusalem, have arrived here from Palestine on a mission in connection with the current discussions at the United Nations on a formulation of the international status of Jerusalem. They are expected to present their views to the U.N. working group dealing with the Jerusalem question.

In a joint statement issued today, the two Jewish leaders said that "it should still be possible to localize the trouble in Palestine and to restore order, if the Palestine Government would cease to act as a disinterested onlooker, and would not only sternly warn the Arab community that it must call a halt to the violence which it initiated, but in fact take effective measures to put an end to that violence.

"By delegating to the Haganah and the Jewish police forces direct duties of preventing breaches of the peace, the government would minimize the recourse to acts of retaliation and reprisals which are resorted to at present as the only means to impress upon the Arabs that violence is a game which two can play," the statement pointed out.

Reporting on the role which the Palestine Government plays at present with regard to the disturbances there, the two Palestinian leaders emphasized that "once looting and burning of Jewish property came to be regarded as acts which the government was not going to stop by the use of force, murder became similarly legalized in the eyes of the Arabs."

GESTAPO LEADER SENTENCED IN POLAND FOR "LIQUIDATING" GHETTOS; NAZI GENERALS FACE TRIAL

WARSAW, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Gestapo leader Dr. Herman Ruprecht, convicted of "liquidating" the ghettos of Otwock and Radzimin, was sentenced here today by a Polish court to fifteen years imprisonment. He was delivered to the Polish authorities by the American Military Government in Germany.

The British military authorities in Germany today surrendered to Poland German Major General Hubert Boettcher, who, as leader of Nazi Elite units, conducted the extermination of the Jews of Radom. He will be tried soon before a Polish court at Radom.

Another German military leader, Gen. Walter Rudolf Gustaw Keuck, will be brought to trial in Lodz, charged with ordering the extermination of Jews in the Lodz and Poznan districts. Gen. Keuck was commandant of the Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation.

FRENCH-JEWISH GROUPS ACT TO ASSIST REFUGEES ENTERING COUNTRY WITHOUT VISAS

PARIS, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Measures to afford legal protection to refugee Jews entering France without visas are being discussed by Jewish organizations here in view of the increasingly large number of cases in which refugees have been jailed or fined for entering the country illegally.

On one day last week 140 such cases were heard in Paris courts. Of the seven defendants who appeared, four were sentenced to four months imprisonment and 20,000-franc fines, while the others were fined 1,800 francs each. The 133 who did not appear were given eight months imprisonment and 40,000-franc fines.

The Central Consistory of French Jewry has received from the Polish Government a box containing ashes taken from the Oswiecim crematoriums. The ashes will be placed in sealed metal tubes, and distributed to Jewish communities throughout France which will place them in memorials to be erected to the Jewish victims of the Nazis.

JEWISH REFUGEES IN TRANSIT PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THREE MONTHS

PRAGUE, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The Czechoslovak police have issued an order permitting Jewish refugees from other Eastern and Central European nations to remain in the country for a maximum period of three months if a refugee has a written statement from the Joint Distribution Committee or the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society to the effect that he has definite possibilities for emigration within the near future.

Jewish circles here believe that in the event that a number of refugees are forced to remain in Czechoslovakia beyond that period, the government will grant them an extension rather than place them in internment camps for forced deportation.

A large number of Polish Jews have been stranded many months in this country, either because immigration arrangements which they made have been delayed or because they have nowhere else to go. In addition the number of Rumanian Jewish refugees is increasing now that the Hungarian authorities refuse to permit the migrants to pass through Hungary en route to Austria.

The GHT opened five new schools and training workshops throughout Czechoslovakia last month, it was disclosed here. This brings the total to 15. They are located in Karlovary, Usty, Podmolky and two in Littomerice. The workshops offer training in upholstery, leatherwork, shirt and dress manufacture and auto mechanics.

CZECH JAILED FOR POST-WAR REMOVAL OF JEWISH TOMBSTONES SOLD TO FIRM DURING OCCUPATION

PRAGUE, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A Czech administrator of a former German tombstone company in the city of Marienbad has been found guilty by a county court of removing from the local Jewish cemetery, after the war, several tombstones which had been assigned to the original owner of the business by the Germans during the occupation.

Frantisek Pojer, the defendant, was named administrator after the liberation, of the stone-cutting establishment of a German named Linger, when Linger was deported to Germany. In September, 1945, Pojer, without consulting the authorities, proceeded to remove from the local Jewish cemetery several monuments which had been sold by the German occupation officials to Linger, but which Linger had not had time to remove before the Red Army overran Czechoslovakia. Pojer was ordered to make full indemnification to the Jewish community and was sentenced to one year in prison.

HOUSE UN-AMERICAN COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE GERALD SMITH'S PROPAGANDA, FINANCES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The House Un-American Activities Committee will begin hearings next week into the racist propaganda carried on by Gerald L.K. Smith and the sources of his financial backing, it was announced here by Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, chairman of the Un-American Committee.

DISALLOWING TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR GIFTS TO GROUPS PRACTICING DISCRIMINATION URGED

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Disallowing tax deductions for charitable purposes for gifts or contributions to organizations and institutions which practice racial or religious discrimination was offered yesterday as a deterrent to discriminatory practices in colleges and charitable institutions by Morris L. Ernst, member of President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights. Ernst made the proposal in an address before the New York Section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

AMERICAN ZIONIST LABORITES PLAN TO RAISE EMERGENCY FUND FOR HISTADRUTH IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The National Committee for Labor Palestine today sent out a correction to its statement issued earlier this week announcing that it intends to raise an emergency fund of \$1,000,000 for the Haganah and the Histadruth in Palestine. The text of the correction reads:

"In our release of January 4th, it was erroneously stated that the aim of the Emergency Conference of the National Committee for Labor Palestine at the Hotel Astor on January 18th will be to raise \$1,000,000 for the Haganah and Histadruth. This is not correct. The purpose of the Conference is solely to mobilize aid for the Histadruth for its regular and emergency needs."

AMERICAN ZIONIST COLONY TO BE ESTABLISHED IN PALESTINE ON FORMER NAZI SITE

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A tract of 200 dunams (50 acres) of land in the recently purchased German colony of Sarona, near Tel Aviv, will be called the ZOA Golden Jubilee Colony, it was announced today by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America. The entire colony was purchased recently by the Jewish National Fund and the city of Tel Aviv from the Palestine Government at a cost of \$5,000,000.