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### JEWISH AGENCY MOBILIZES TOP LEADERS FOR ACTION IN WASHINGTON AND AT SECURITY COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Jewish Agency spokesmen today indicated that Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who was originally scheduled to leave England for Palestine, has been urged by Agency headquarters here to change his plans and proceed immediately to New York because of the serious turn of events which has taken place in this country regarding developments in Palestine. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver was summoned to return from Palestine at once for the same reason.

Dr. Weizmann is expected to arrive in New York next Monday. Dr. Silver may arrive earlier by plane. One of the reasons for the intensified mobilization of top Zionist leaders in this country is the fact that some officials in Washington seem to be determined to undermine the carrying out of the United Nations partition decision. Another reason is the uncertainty as to whether the Security Council will vote in favor of sending an international force to Palestine to help in the implementation of the partition decision.

Under the provisions of the United Nations charter, decisions in the Security Council must be reached by an affirmative vote of seven members. Only six countries represented on the Security Council voted in favor of partition at the General Assembly last November. They are: the United States, the U.S.S.R., the Ukraine, Canada, France and Belgium. Of the remaining five members of the Security Council, four - Britain, Argentina, China and Colombia - abstained from voting, while Syria cast a negative vote.

When the U.N. Implementation Commission presents the Security Council with the problem of Palestine security, a decision by the Council will, therefore, hinge on securing at least one vote from those who abstained. Unless this additional vote is obtained, any proposal for sending an international force to Palestine or arming the Jewish militia there would be doomed, despite the fact that the six pro-partition members of the Council will vote in its favor.

Leaders of the Jewish Agency now face the dual problem of combatting anti-partition manipulations in Washington, and influencing at least one "neutral" member of the Security Council to add his vote to the six members of the Council who support partition.

### State Department Charged with Conspiring to Prevent Partition

Investigation by President Truman of State Department complicity in a British plot to destroy any possibility of implementing the U.N. partition plan, turn the country into an Arab state with a substantial British basis, and relegate the Jews to a ghetto was demanded today by Freda Kirchwey, editor of the Nation and president of the Nation Associates.

Under the plan, King Abdullah of Transjordan, with the consent of the states comprising the Arab League, would overrun and take possession of Palestine, Jews would be herded into a ghetto in a restricted area with limited autonomy and the British would take over the Negev area, and the ports of Haifa and Aqaba.

ARAB ATTACK ON TEL AVIV REPULSED; NEGOTIATIONS FOR TRUCE IN "OLD CITY" TO BE RESUMED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Renewed Arab attempts to attack Tel Aviv were checked today by a Haganah counter-attack in which nine Arabs were wounded. The attack was started by Arab guerrillas from the Salamah quarter on the outskirts of Jaffa. One Jew was seriously injured and one slightly in the ensuing battle.

It was officially announced today that negotiations among religious leaders to proclaim the Old City in Jerusalem an open city are continuing. They were postponed for a short time because the government representative, who is serving as mediator, is ill, the announcement said.

An Arab gang today attacked the children's settlement, Ben Shemen, located near Lydda. The Jews repulsed the attackers, killing one and wounding several Arabs. Two Arabs were killed in a fight with Jews near Wilhelmina.

The Palestine Government today closed all the bridges between Transjordan and Palestine, excepting the Allenby Bridge, as part of measures taken to keep a check on the country's frontiers. At the same time all Yugoslav ships were ordered not to unload their cargo in Tel Aviv, but at the Haifa port instead. The Yugoslav consul has filed a protest with the Palestine authorities against the order.

Sixteen Haganah Members Sentenced; Defended Jerusalem and Tel Aviv

Sixteen members of the Haganah, including a girl, were sentenced today to three months imprisonment. Most of them were arrested during the Arab attacks in the Jaffa-Tel Aviv border area or in the Old City here.

In Tel Aviv, an attempt by members of the Stern Group to kidnap Police Inspector Shlomo Bernstein for allegedly contacting agents of the Criminal Investigation Division was foiled today by neighbors whose shouts frightened away the would-be abductors. At the same time the Irgun announced that it has kidnapped two of its wounded members from Yarkon Hospital in Tel Aviv. They had been arrested for "murder and carrying arms."

A government spokesman told a press conference today that the Palestine Government has allowed Syria to send ten uniformed soldiers to guard the Syrian Consulate. The guards may carry only small arms, and must keep their bigger automatic weapons in locked boxes. He said the same ruling applies to ten Saudi Arabians, 14 Egyptians and 20 Lebanese soldiers sent here to guard their respective consulates. The Iraqi and Transjordan consulates are being guarded by members of the Arab Legion.

The spokesman also disclosed that the Foreign Office still has not received a reply to its note to the Syrian Government protesting the invasion of northern Palestine from Syria.

Truman Will Not Permit Scuttling of U.N. Decision, Silver Believes

The belief that President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall would not allow their subordinates to scuttle the U.N. decision on Palestine which they supported, was expressed here today by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver at a press conference prior to his return to the United States.

Dr. Silver, who conferred with the High Commissioner yesterday, attended a final session of the Agency in Tel Aviv.

U.N. QUESTIONS ON PALESTINE SECURITY TO BE ANSWERED BY BRITAIN THIS WEEK

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Sir Alexander Cadogan, British representative to the United Nations, today indicated that he will reply on Friday to a number of questions submitted to the British Government by the U.N. Implementation Commission, dealing with the security situation in Palestine.

The Commission today completed revision of its first monthly report to the Security Council, which will be submitted on February 1st. The Council will meet shortly after it receives the Commission's report, it was announced today at a press conference by Byron Price, U.N. Acting Secretary-General. He indicated that leading U.N. officials are greatly perturbed over the present developments in Palestine.

Andrei Gromyko, Soviet delegate to the Security Council, today told a representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he expects the Implementation Commission to submit its special report on Palestine security "a few days after its first monthly report."

The Commission today forwarded to the British delegation the request of the Jewish Agency for British withdrawal plans from Palestine. The plans were disclosed by Cadogan to the Commission under pledge of utmost secrecy.

STATE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO MODIFY ARMS EMBARGO TO PALESTINE, MARSHALL SAYS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Secretary of State George C. Marshall said today that the State Department is not giving any consideration at this time to a modification or change in the arms embargo to Palestine and other countries of the Middle East.

Asked at his weekly press conference about reports that the State Department is deeply concerned about the Arab reaction to partition and is reconsidering the American decision on partition, the Secretary replied that the American position at the present time is support of United Nations procedures. He revealed that no further consideration was being given to evacuation of American citizens from Palestine other than the families of the Consul General and other Consular officials.

Replying to a question, Secretary Marshall said that the State Department does not know of any agreement between the British Government and King Abdullah of Transjordan for the latter to take over a large part of Palestine.

Senator Owen Brewster, of Maine, today accused the Administration of attempting to frustrate the United Nations decision to establish a Jewish state in Palestine by putting the embargo on arms shipments to that area and by ordering the suspension of citizenship of American volunteers fighting in Jewish defense armies.

Arab Office in Washington Asks U.S. to Clarify Attitude on Palestine

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Arab Office in Washington today issued a statement asserting "it appears certain that the Jewish Agency deliberately misled the U.S. Government" to support partition in hopes that the government would then be compelled to furnish arms, money and men.

"It is now up to the U.S. Government to clarify and to define the extent to which it committed itself to the Jewish Agency," the statement said.

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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ESTABLISHES EXPLOSIVES FOR PALESTINE BOUGHT PRIOR TO EMBARGO

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Arrangements for the purchase of 200 tons of demolition blocks from the War Assets Administration for shipment to Palestine were made before the embargo on arms to the Middle East, Leonard M. Weisman, adviser to Foundry Associates, which made the purchase, stated today.

Testifying before a House Sub-Committee investigating disposition of surplus property, Weisman, under questioning by committee counsel Edmond J. Donohue Jr., said that the blocks were not to be shipped until proper clearance was received from Washington and until a militia had been authorized in the Jewish state.

Asked whether Foundry Associates operated for the Jewish Agency and received its funds from it, Weisman said it did. He described Foundry Associates as a non-profit organization purchasing defense materiel for the Jewish people of Palestine. To Donohue's question whether he was a member of the Jewish Agency and of the Zionist Organization of America, Weisman replied he was a member only of the latter.

Rep. Chet. Holifield of California, ranking Democratic member of the Committee, interrupted questioning of Weisman to say that "the record ought to show that the Jewish Agency for Palestine is the recognized Jewish body to represent the Jewish people of Palestine in their negotiations with the British Mandatory, and not one of the terrorist organizations like the Irgun or Stern Group but recognized internationally and nationally as a legitimate organization."

Nahum A. Bernstein, New York attorney, who, under questioning by Donohue, was identified by Weisman as holding funds in trust for the Jewish Agency, was asked first whether he is a member of the Agency or the Z.O.A., and replied he was a member only of the Z.O.A. In answering questions, he said certain Agency funds have been placed under his control but that he merely disbursed them without knowing for what purpose. Queried whether he advised the Agency of the embargo when the question of purchasing the demolition blocks arose, Bernstein replied there was no ban in November when the project was first suggested to him.

A War Assets Administration official told the committee that 94 tons of the demolition blocks purchased were still undelivered, but not officially rescinded. He asked the Committee whether the W.A.A. should rescind the 94 tons and refund the money to Foundry Associates, or deliver the remainder of the order under terms of the original sale. Rep. Ross Risley, of Oklahoma, chairman of the Sub-Committee, said they could not instruct the W.A.A. but suggested that it "make a deal with Foundry Associates and give them back their money." Rep. Holifield objected, declaring a civil action between the two was the answer. "If the court sustains the contract," he said, "the W.A.A. is bound to fulfill the terms of the contract."

Charles Lowy, on whose farm near Asbury Park, N.J., the blocks were found, as a result of an anonymous call to the New Jersey state police, was called on to testify, but, on advice of his counsel, declined to do so on constitutional grounds, since he is under indictment for illegal storage of the material.

The Sub-Committee will hold no further hearings on the sale of the blocks, and will conclude its investigation with a report to the full Committee on expenditures.

ARAB LEGION MAY BE RETURNED TO TRANSJORDAN; COMMANDER CONFERRING WITH WAR OFFICE

LONDON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The units of the Arab Legion now stationed in Palestine may be returned to Transjordan as a result of talks now going on here between officials of the War Office and Brigadier John Glubb, commander of the Legion, who represented Transjordan.

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TEN OFFICIALS OF MAIDANEK CONCENTRATION CAMP RECEIVE THREE TO TEN-YEAR SENTENCES

WARSAW, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Ten officials of the Maidanek "death camp" have been sentenced to prison terms ranging from three to ten years. The group includes Austrians, Yugoslavs and Rumanians.

It was learned here today that officials in the British zone of Germany have rescinded an order under which 87 Polish war criminals were to have been repatriated to Poland. Among the 87 are: M. Bartech, assistant chief of police in Poland during the Nazi occupation, who was responsible for the death of thousands of Jews in Cracow; H. von Malotky, who was responsible for the murder of Jews in Tarnow, and a professor Thoring, who was involved in much of the looting of Poland's art treasures.

HAGANAH LEADERS IN AUSTRIA ORDER ALL JEWS TRAINED IN CAMPS TO PROCEED TO PALESTINE

VINNA, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Haganah leaders here have ordered all Jewish refugees under training in Austria to be prepared to proceed to Palestine immediately for service in the fighting against Arab followers of the Mufti.

The first contingent, numbering 100 men, has already left for Palestine and approximately 1,000 more have been alerted for movement. Competent sources here explained that increased trouble is expected in Palestine in the spring and the Haganah wants all available trained men on the scene as soon as possible.

Young Jewish refugees in Austria are given basic military training without arms. Final training, including the use of weapons, is given the men when they reach Palestine.

WISE DP'S URGED TO MAKE SACRIFICES COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF JEWS IN PALESTINE

MUNICH, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Jewish displaced persons were urged to make "sacrifices comparable to those being made by the Jews in Palestine" at the closing session of the three-day conference of Labor Zionists in Germany which concluded here today. The appeal was made by Dr. Chaim Hoffman, Jewish Agency director in Germany and Austria, who has just returned from Palestine.

Dr. Hoffman told the 500 delegates attending the parley that the spirit of the Jews in Palestine was very high, but warned that grim days lie ahead. Other speakers included Berl Locker, member of the Jewish Agency executive who reviewed the United Nations proceedings leading up to the partition decision, and Marc Yarbium, Labor Zionist leader from Paris, who spoke of the current problems of socialism.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ITALIAN JEWS RESOLVES TO RAISE \$160,000 FOR PALESTINE DEFENSE

ROME, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Representatives of all Jewish communities in Italy resolved today at a conference in Milan to raise 100,000,000 lira - approximately \$10,000 - for the defense of the Jewish state. Dr. Umberto Nachon, Jewish Agency representative in Italy, presided at the meeting.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN POLAND TO JOIN WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS; WILL ALSO AID PALESTINE JEWS

WARSAW, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Central Jewish Committee, at a special plenary session, has decided to become an affiliate of the World Jewish Congress, it was announced here today. The meeting also resolved to extend to the Jews in Palestine the material, moral and political support of Polish Jewry.

EDUCATORS HAIL BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY APPLICATION FORM; SEVEN NAMED TO ADVISORY POST

BOSTON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Brandeis University, which expects to open in the fall of this year, announced today that it has distributed 15,000 specimen application forms to high school principals throughout the country which will enable the non-sectarian institution to "secure as Brandeis students those young men and women who are qualified scholastically, without reference to race, color or religion."

Pointing out that the application forms have aroused considerable favorable comment in educational circles throughout the United States, Provost Max R. Grossman explained that the top section of the form, where personal data is supplied, is perforated from the lower half which contains pertinent scholastic information. The committee on admissions, Mr. Grossman said, will not see the section bearing personal data.

At the same time, it was announced that seven distinguished educators and cultural figures have been named to the University's Educational Advisory Committee. They are: Dr. Paul Klapper, president of Queens College, New York; Leonard Bernstein, conductor and composer; Mrs. Susan Brandeis Gilbert, member of the New York State Board of Regents; Prof. Stephen A. Freeman, dean of the French School at Middlebury College, Vermont; Prof. Louis M. Hacker, of Columbia University; Prof. Hubert C. Jeffner, head of the Department of Speech and Drama at Stanford University, California; and Dr. Abram L. Sachar, chairman of the National Hillel Commission, Washington, D.C.

FEDERATION OF POLISH JEWS WILL BUILD 400 HOUSES FOR REFUGEES ARRIVING IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Representatives of the World Federation for Polish Jews and the Rural and Suburban Settlement Company of Tel Aviv, today signed a contract calling for the construction of a large non-profit housing project in Palestine for homeless Polish Jewish refugees now in Germany, Austria and Italy who will go to Palestine when the new Jewish state is established.

Work on the project will begin in March, with a group of 400 houses scheduled for completion before the end of this year. Funds will be raised by a world-wide campaign of the Federation for Polish Jews. The land was contributed by the Jewish National Fund.

SPECIAL EMERGENCY FUND TO AID PALESTINE JEWS LAUNCHED IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The foreign policy of the new Jewish state in Palestine will be based on friendly relations with all the Big Three Powers, Major Michael Comay, a member of the Jewish Agency delegation at Lake Success during the U.N. Palestine deliberations, who is now visiting South Africa, told a Zionist mass meeting which launched a Palestine emergency fund campaign to "aid in the present Palestine crisis."

Major Comay said that the Jewish state wanted peace with the Arabs, "but not peace at any price. Peace with the Arab world must mean a peace based upon a healthy respect for our state," he said. The Arabs in the future Jewish state, he declared, are in a "favored position -- they will be a protected and pampered minority." Pointing out that the Jewish state will be required to pay the Arab state a subsidy of \$16,000,000, Comay said, "We are loyally accepting this decision."

JUDGE MAURICE BERNON RECEIVES ANNUAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING WORK IN CLEVELAND WELFARE

CLEVELAND, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Judge Maurice Bernon, of this city, tonight received the 1947 Charles Eisenman Award, presented annually by the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Federation to the person making the outstanding contribution to the city's communal welfare. Judge Bernon is chairman of the National Council of the Joint Distribution Committee.