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DRAFT OF STATUTE FOR JERUSALEM PUBLISHED; WILL BE DISCUSSED BY TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- A draft statute for the international regime of the city of Jerusalem, which will be submitted to the U.N. Trusteeship Council when it reconvenes on Wednesday, February 18, was made public here today.

The internationalized city will be a "corpus separatum" under the administration of the United Nations, acting through the Trusteeship Council and the Governor, to be appointed by the Council. Some of the main provisions of the 29-page draft statute are:

1. The United Nations would guarantee the territorial integrity of the city and the maintenance of the special international regime. In case of aggression, or threat of aggression, "or any other attempt to alter by force" the special regime, the Security Council would be informed.

2. The city itself would be demilitarized, with no "para-military" formations, exercises or activities permitted within its borders. However, a special police force would be organized--of such size as the Governor deemed necessary--"to assist in the maintenance of internal law and order, and especially for the protection throughout the city of the Holy Places, religious buildings and sites." This special police force would be selected as far as possible without regard to nationality, except that no citizen of Jerusalem or of the Arab or the Jewish state would be eligible.

3. The Governor would be appointed for a three-year term, which could be extended if necessary, and would be eligible for re-appointment. No resident of the city, or the Arab or the Jewish state would be eligible. He would have supreme executive authority, subject only to the instructions of the Trusteeship Council.

Besides general powers, the statute provides that "if, in the opinion of the Governor, the administration of the city is being seriously obstructed or prevented by the non-cooperation or interference of one or more sections of the population, the Governor may take such measures and enact by order such legislation as he may deem necessary to restore the effective functioning of the administration." The Governor also has powers in connection with the maintenance and protection of Holy Places elsewhere in Palestine.

## Trusteeship Council to Decide on Composition of Legislative Body

The Legislative Council would consist of a single chamber, composed of citizens of the city over 25 years of age. Citizens, by definition of the statute, would not include any persons who chose citizenship in either the Arab or Jewish state. Several alternative proposals for the composition of the Legislative Council are included in the draft statute, for the decision of the Trusteeship Council. One would have a 40-member legislature, with 18 elected separately by the Arabs in the

18 by the Jews, and 4 by the other residents. Another plan would have the same composition, but the vote would not be separate. A third plan would have a 30-member legislature with 10 Arabs, 10 Jews and 10 Christians.

The Legislative Council would have a four-year term, which could be prolonged by the Governor, if necessary. A simple majority of the members would form a quorum, and decisions would be taken by a simple majority of those present and voting. The city would have an independent judicial system, including a supreme court of three to five judges, appointed by the Trusteeship Council.

#### Immigration into Jerusalem to be Controlled by the U.N. Governor

Subject to "the requirements of public order, security and public health, and economic welfare," residents and citizens of the Arab state and the Jewish state would have free access to the city, as would foreign pilgrims and visitors. Immigration would be controlled by the Governor under instructions of the Trusteeship Council.

Arabic and Hebrew would be the official languages of the city, with English and French recognized as additional working languages.

An "adequate" system of primary and secondary education would be maintained on an equitable basis for the Arab and Jewish community in their respective languages and in accordance with their respective cultural traditions.

The city would be included within the Economic Union of Palestine, but would operate its own central bank, control its own fiscal and credit policy, and conduct international financial operations. Existing municipalities, and any that might be created in the future, would have wide powers of local autonomy.

#### Rumors of Split in Palestine Commission over International Force Denied

A spokesman for the U.N. Implementation Commission today denied rumors that there was a split among the five members of the body on its recommendation that an international force be organized and dispatched to Palestine to enforce the partition decision. He declared that there was complete unanimity in the Commission on this point.

The commission spent the entire day working on its special report on the Palestine security situation except that it heard one report from Danish representative Per Federspiel who reported on his negotiations with the British on the Commission's assumption of administrative and fiscal machinery in Palestine after the mandate is terminated.

The Commission also decided to ask the Palestine Government to postpone action on bids for the Aquir airfield, near Jerusalem, which the government has advertised for sale. The Commission may negotiate for its purchase for its own use because the field has buildings capable of housing 1,500 persons.

#### ARMY DEPARTMENT DENIES THAT 40,000 U.S. TROOPS ARE READY TO BE SENT TO PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Department of the Army today flatly denied an assertion by Rep. Noah Mason of Illinois who told the House of reports he had heard that 40,000 American troops were to be sent to Palestine for keeping the peace.

The office of Secretary of Defense, James Forrestal today categorically stated that there is absolutely no truth to a press report that he is trying to sabotage American policy on Palestine.

JEWS THROUGHOUT PALESTINE AROUSED AT BRITISH DESTRUCTION OF TEL AVIV SYNAGOGUE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Jews throughout Palestine were today aroused and angered at the destruction of a synagogue in the Manshieh quarter, on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border, by British troops. A spokesman for the army asserted that shots had been fired at a nearby station from the synagogue.

The demolition was bitterly protested by a Jewish security officer heading a small detachment of settlement police assigned to guard it. He pointed out that the building had never been used as a strong point and categorically denied that any shots had ever been fired from its windows or roof.

Rabbi Iser Judah Unterman, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, declared that the deed might be compared with Nazi actions. He also pointed out that while the British blew up the synagogue they made no attempt to molest snipers operating from mosques on the edge of Jaffa. The Palestine Chief Rabbinate has addressed messages of protest to all Jewish religious centers throughout the world.

British Halt Delivery of Planes Sold to Jewish Agency

The British Army in Palestine has stopped the sale to Jews of surplus stocks of barbed wire and other defensive equipment, the Jewish Agency disclosed today. The British are also withholding the delivery of the last of 21 Auster training-planes sold to Jews recently, although the crafts have been paid for, the Jewish Agency stated.

In line with this new restrictive policy affecting the Jewish defense in the Mandate was the British Army's refusal last week of an escort, as previously agreed, for a supply convoy to the Kfar Etzion settlement. Part of the convoy--the first since the big Arab attack on Kfar Etzion last month--did not go because the trucks contained barbed wire, corrugated iron and cement. These items, the British Army ruled, were "military stores" and accordingly could not be permitted to go to the settlement.

In the meantime, it is reported here that the Arabs, under the leadership of Abu Ali, said to be a former German officer, are preparing a new and large-scale attack, possibly including the use of artillery, on the Kfar Etzion bloc of four settlements near Hebron.

In the pre-dawn hours this morning the Sternists blew up a three-story building in the center of Jerusalem which was owned by Dr. Izzat Tahnous, an Arab leader, and which had been used as the headquarters of an Arab gang. Many Arabs are believed buried in the debris. Several Sternists were injured in an exchange of shots with British troops whom they met as they left the scene of the blast. Four Jews were wounded in Jerusalem during the day and several Arabs were reported killed and wounded throughout the country.

CYPRUS JEWS CHARGE REFUGEES BEATEN BY BRITISH AFTER QUESTIONING OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES

KYRENIA, Cyprus, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Central Committee of the Jewish Immigrant Camps on Cyprus, which previously denied British allegations that Communist agents were among the Pan York and Pan Crescent immigrants, has revealed that three of the visaless immigrants were beaten after being interrogated by a British officer.

The Committee told a Reuters correspondent that the Jews were not queried about visaless immigration but about "Soviet activities in Bulgaria and Rumania, particularly information concerning the number, nature and kind of Soviet vessels in the Black Sea, descriptions of Russian armaments in Bulgaria and details of Soviet troop movements." When the three Jews said they knew nothing of such matters the officer accused them of withholding information and beat them.

JEWS GROUPS IN MUNICH PROTEST TO U.S. MILITARY OVER ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS

MUNICH, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Officials of Jewish organizations here today protested to the German civilian and American military authorities against a series of anti-Semitic incidents which occurred here over the week-end in which the windows of two Jewish restaurants and a Jewish butcher shop were smashed and the signs of several Jewish organizations' offices were removed. The Jews also expressed concern at the continued growth of anti-Semitism throughout Germany.

The Munich Police Commissioner, Franz Pitzer, said the incidents were the work of anti-Semites because neither the restaurants nor the butcher shop were robbed. Military authorities similarly admitted that the acts may be the work of anti-Semites. "Nobody is silly enough to believe that the Nazis or nazism have been eliminated from Germany," a military spokesman said.

Meanwhile, it was learned that eviction orders against several racial persecutees in the town of Passau have been withdrawn and the district councillor, H. Karl, has been suspended from office for issuing them. The eviction of the persecutees was ordered on the basis of a law which permits "denazified" Germans who have paid their fines to retrieve their homes and property. The Council of Ministers in Stuttgart will begin discussions shortly on clarifying this law. The present practice is not to return the property of a "denazified" German unless similar property is given to the persecutee who is being evicted.

ROMANIAN WAR CRIMINALS, CONVICTED FOR CRIMES AGAINST JEWS, APPEAL LIFE SENTENCES

BUCHAREST, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- An appellate court here today began hearings on an appeal against the sentences of 19 Rumanian war criminals who have been sentenced to life imprisonment for crimes against the Jews.

The defendants include 13 members of the pro-Nazi Antonescu government who were convicted and sentenced last year for responsibility in the deportation and murder of Jews. The nineteenth is Ovidiu Vladescu, who was tried and convicted at another time. Vladescu, a notorious anti-Semite, was an Under-secretary of State and head of the "National Rumanianization Centre," which administered the property confiscated from Jews during the war.

A demand that the British Government and military forces withdraw immediately from Palestine and entrust the security of the country to the Haganah was voiced here today by the Central Committee of the Rumanian Zionist Organization.

Previously the Committee rejected a motion submitted by the left-wing Labor Zionist faction expressing non-confidence in the Zionist Organization's executive, headed by Mishu Benvenisti. The vote was 50 to 12. The Committee sent messages expressing Rumanian Jewry's solidarity with the Haganah to the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council of Palestine.

BRITISH VETERANS CONDEMN ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES OF LEAGUE OF EX-SERVICEMEN

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The British Legion, counterpart of the American Legion, at a regional conference held at Carlisle today condemned the anti-Semitic activities of the pro-fascist British League of Ex-Servicemen and asked the public not to confuse its members with those of the fascist organization.

Meanwhile, as protests mount against Sir Oswald Mosley's organization of a new fascist Union Movement this week-end, the board of governors of the school in which the group's first meeting was held, announced an investigation of the granting of a public hall to the fascists by the London County Council.

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POPE RECEIVES UJA DELEGATION; BLESSES "CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS" OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

ROME, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Pope Pius XII today blessed the efforts of the United Jewish Appeal agencies when he received 28 American Jewish communal leaders comprising the U.J.A. delegation touring Europe and Palestine to study the needs of the Jewish survivors on the Continent and the new Jewish state in Palestine.

After greeting each delegate personally, the Pope told the delegation: "This is not the first group of your much-tried people we have been pleased to receive here. We welcome the opportunity of your visit to tell you once more how deeply our paternal heart has been moved by the manifestations of gratitude for what we were able and so happy to do to lighten the burdens of your people among so many others in the dark days of the war. We gladly invoke the blessing of God most high on all the charitable endeavors you may undertake in His name."

The delegation, which arrived a few days ago from Germany and is en route to Palestine, was granted a 20-minute audience with the Pope. Irving Rhodes, chairman of the group, expressed the gratitude of American Jewry to the Pope for the assistance which Catholics gave Jews in Europe during the war.

I.R.O. ASKS AUSTRIA TO GUARANTEE DP JEWS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

VIENNA, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. Walter A. Wood, Jr., of the Washington office of the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization, today asked the Austrian Government to publish a statement guaranteeing against discrimination all displaced Jews forced to accept employment in the Austrian economy under a recent ruling by the U.S. Army that all DP's will become self-sufficient or give up their DP status.

The I.R.O. official specifically requested that the government guarantee that the Jews would not be singled out in the application of the general employment order and that the government guarantee that Jews will not be forced to work for anti-Semitic employers. He also requested that skilled workers be given priority in placement. It was pointed out here that the majority of the Jews in the camps in the U.S. zone have trades and skills which are not in demand in the Austrian economy.

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION AGREES TO PROTECT ALL DISPLACED JEWS IN ITALY

ROME, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The International Refugee Organization has agreed to extend legal and political protection to Jewish refugees and DP's not only in camps and training centers but also those living in private residences throughout Italy, it was announced here today.

The agreement came after protracted negotiations between the I.R.O. and the Jewish Refugee Organization. The I.R.O. guarantees are most important at this time because the Italian Government has recently intensified its control of foreigners and many Jewish refugees who live outside the camps have already been asked to leave the country as "undesirable aliens."

AMERICAN JEWS HAILED FOR AIDING HUNGARIAN JEWRY; J.D.C. SPENT \$15,000,000 IN ONE YEAR

BUDAPEST, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- American Jewry was highly praised today for its contribution to the reconstruction of Jewish life in Hungary at a celebration marking the third anniversary of J.D.C. activities in this country. It was revealed by speakers at the gathering that the J.D.C. spent \$15,000,000 during one year in helping the Jews return to a normal life. Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the J.D.C., assured the gathering that the Jews of the United States will continue to take a deep interest in the fate of Hungarian Jewry, one of the largest Jewish communities in Europe.

## NEW JEWISH COMPOSER WINS \$1,000 PRIZE IN J.W.B. INTERNATIONAL MUSIC CONTEST

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Jacques Berlinski, French Jewish composer who fought in the French resistance in Lyon, was announced the winner today of a \$1,000 prize for his symphonic work, "Kanaan," submitted in the international contest for Jewish music reflective of the spirit of the Jewish people, conducted by the National Jewish Music Council. The Council is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Berlinski, who came to France from Poland in 1930, is director of music at the Jewish Art Center of France for the Advancement of Jewish Music. A prize for a chamber orchestral work was given at the same time to Jacob Avshalomoff, music instructor at Columbia University, for his composition "Evocations." Mr. Avshalomoff came to this country from China in 1938.

The two awards were made at a ceremony at the offices of the J.W.B. David Morgenstern, of Cleveland, presented the prizes, which were donated by the Morgenstern Fund of the Cleveland Jewish Community Council. Mrs. Frank Cohen, chairman of the Music Council, spoke on the aims of the contest and the Council-sponsored Jewish Music Festival in which synagogues, Jewish Community Centers and Jewish educational and fraternal groups are currently participating.

On the judges committee were: Leonard Bernstein, conductor of the New York City Symphony and composer of the "Jeremiah Symphony"; Mark Blitzstein, composer of the "Airborne Symphony" and "Cradle Will Rock"; Alexander Dushkin, executive director of the Jewish Education Committee of New York City; Erich Leinsdorf, conductor of the Rochester Symphony. Also Curt Sachs, professor of music at New York University; Randall Thompson, professor of music at Princeton University; Joseph Yasser, chairman of the Jewish Music Forum; and Bernard Hermann, symphonic director of Columbia Broadcasting System.

## JEWISH WAR VETERANS PRESENT MERIT AWARD TO ARMY PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish War Veterans Award of Merit was presented to Lt. Gen. Willard S. Paul, director of the Personnel and Administration Division of the Army Department, for "invaluable aid to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States." The plaque was presented at a ceremony in the Pentagon Building by Col. Julius Klein, national commander of the J.W.V.

## JEWS IN FRENCH ZONE IN GERMANY JOIN WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Central Committee of Liberated Jews of the French zone of Germany, with headquarters in Constance, has voted to affiliate with the World Jewish Congress, it was announced here today by Dr. I. Schwartzbart, head of the Congress organization department.

## PALESTINE ARAB DELEGATION ARRIVES IN HAVANA; THANKS CUBA FOR ANTI-PARTITION VOTE

HAVANA, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- A delegation from the Palestine Arab Higher Committee told a press conference today that it had come to Cuba to thank the Cuban people for voting against the Palestine partition plan at the last U.N. General Assembly session. The delegation is touring Latin America propagandizing against the "Jewish invasion of Palestine."