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## PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ATTACKS JEWISH AGENCY; THREATENS TO DEPRIVE JEWS OF PROTECTION

JERUSALEM, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government today charged the Jewish Agency with attempting to "stir up racial hatred" and with bad faith in not keeping its promises to suppress terrorism within the Jewish community. The charges were contained in an official communique which warned the Jewish community that continuation of "indiscriminate murder and condoned terrorism" can lead only to forfeiture of the community of all rights in the eyes of the world "to be numbered among the civilized peoples."

The communique contained a threat to withdraw military protection from the Jews. In praising the activities of the British security forces, the statement said that despite this fact the Agency has attacked the British troops and police, and added: "It must henceforward be clearly more difficult for British troops to look upon members of the Jewish community as persons who are entitled, as they are, to protection."

Asserting that the Agency cannot, for political reasons, fight internal terrorism, the communique said that therefore the Agency is conducting a propaganda program designed to promote hatred against the British. Pointing specifically to the bombing in Jerusalem last week in which 54 Jews lost their lives, the communique contained: "In spite of official denials, the Jewish Agency has repeated that it was the British Army convoy that was responsible for the Ben Yehuda Street outrage. Nobody outside Jewish circles believes this, and there can be no other purpose in repeating this than to stir up racial hatred."

The government also lashed out at the Agency's refusal to ask Jewish witnesses of the bombing to cooperate with the government inquiry, while the Agency launched an investigation of its own.

### Jews Interpret Blast as Rupture of Diplomatic Relations with Agency

Responsible Jewish quarters interpreted the government's blast as a rupture of diplomatic relations with the Agency. Some observers thought that it amounted to a refusal to recognize the Jewish defense forces as long as British troops remain on Palestine soil.

Listing the major extremist actions of recent months, including yesterday's blasting of a troop train near Rehovoth, the communique stated that when the administration asked the Agency and the Jewish National Council to cooperate in suppressing the Irgun and the Stern Group, the institutions refused on the grounds that it was against the political interests of the Jews. This refusal has "facilitated the spread of lawlessness and disorder to a point at which the community itself is threatened by destruction by elements within itself," the communique added.

Referring to the Agency's recent statement that it stood for law and order, whereas the Palestine Government does not, the communique insisted that the Agency

statement "must be judged in the light of the fact that for many years this international body has been breaking the laws of Palestine and of other countries in which it operated."

It paid tribute to the Haganah for foiling extremist plots "from time to time," but continued that there "still remains no method for dealing effectively with these people except the machinery provided by law."

(The complete text of the Palestine Government's communique was read in Commons today by the British Under-Secretary for Colonies, Lt. Col. David Rees-Williams. Simultaneously, the British delegation to the United Nations released the text at Lake Success.)

The first, semi-official reaction of leaders of Jewish national institutions to the government attack was that it is "a purely denunciatory statement which is in no way calculated to advance the cause of peace in Palestine." One source termed it "adroit manipulation of half-truths and lies." He called it "worse than propaganda-- it is incitement to racial hatred and further violence. The Agency has nothing whatever to do with any terrorist group, whatever its nationality, and absolutely rejects the government charges."

#### ATTEMPT TO KILL COMMANDER OF BRITISH FORCES IN PALESTINE FAILS; HIS CAR BLOWN UP

JERUSALEM, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- An attempt to assassinate Gen. Gordon H.A. MacMillan, commander of the British armed forces in Palestine, failed today, but his car was blown to bits by an electric mine. Gen. MacMillan was not in the car at the time of the blast, which occurred on the road between Jaffa and Jerusalem.

Eleven Haganah members were stabbed to death late last night by an Arab mob which attacked a Jewish factory on the Jaffa-Tel Aviv border after a group of 24 Jews guarding the factory were disarmed by the British, a Haganah broadcast reported today. The other 13 Jews escaped.

From the welter of confused reports reaching here it appears that 24 Haganah guards stationed at a factory in the Manshieh quarter were disarmed by a detachment of British soldiers who arrived in armored cars. Before entering the plant and removing the Jews' arms, the Britons fired on passing Arab vehicles in what appeared to be an attempt to incite the Arabs. An Arab mob attacked the factory as soon as the troops departed.

Meanwhile, attacks on Jewish vehicles in and around Haifa continue uninterruptedly, with Arab Legionnaires openly aiding the attackers. Two Jews were killed and four other Jews were hurt when Legionnaires fired on their vehicle.

#### AUSTIN WILL MAKE FURTHER STATEMENT ON PALESTINE AT SECURITY COUNCIL, STATE DEPT. SAYS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- Assistant Secretary of State Norman Armour today told an American Jewish Congress delegation that Sen. Warren Austin, U.S. representative to the United Nations, will make a further statement on Palestine at the Security Council after the other governments have made their views known. The delegation presented Armour with a petition bearing more than 160,000 signatures, calling for the lifting of the arms embargo and the dispatch of an international force to Palestine to implement partition.

#### U.N. COMMISSION DISCUSSES FOOD PLANS FOR PALESTINE; HEARS HEBREW COMMITTEE LEADER

LAKE SUCCESS, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- The Palestine Commission today began work on a plan assuring the continuity of food supplies in Palestine after May 15, when the Mandate expires. The Commission heard testimony by Peter Ferguson, chairman of the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation, who urged the setting up of a Jewish state in Palestine pending action by the Security Council.

SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES 'BILL FOR ADMISSION OF 100,000 DP'S TO U.S. WITHIN TWO YEARS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- The Senate Judiciary Committee today reported favorably to the Senate a report on displaced persons and a bill calling for the admission of 100,000 DP's to the United States at the rate of 50,000 a year for the next two years. It also proposed the creation of a three-man displaced persons commission to administer the bill.

The report and bill were prepared under the direction of Sen. Chapman Revercomb of West Virginia, chairman of a Judiciary sub-committee which also included Sens. Forrest C. Donnell of Missouri, John Cooper of Kentucky, J. Howard McGrath of Rhode Island and Patrick McGarran of Nevada. Sen. Cooper was in favor of admitting 75,000 a year for the two-year period, and Sen. McGrath urged 70,000 a year, but both these recommendations were defeated in the full committee, as was one by Sen. Homer Ferguson of Michigan for 100,000 a year for two years.

The deadline on a second section of the bill dealing with the general immigration picture was extended to May 1.

Displaced persons eligible under the bill are those who, from Sept. 1, 1939 to Dec. 22, 1945 entered Germany, Austria or Italy, or who on July 1, 1948 are in Italy or the American, British or French zones of Germany or Austria, or persons who were victims of Nazi persecution who fled and were later returned to one of those countries. Priority in the issuance of visas will be given to persons who are in displaced persons camps on July 1 of this year, but "in exceptional cases," visas may be issued to eligible DP's and orphans living outside the camps.

The bill was reported out with one dissenting vote cast by Sen. William Langer of North Dakota. A number of amendments were defeated. Most of them were variations on the number of persons to be admitted each year. One that was defeated would have allowed numbers to accumulate from one year to the next and another would have chosen DP's with skills in proportion to a cross-section of skills found in the DP camps.

50% Must Be Agricultural Workers; Adopted Orphans Are non-Quota Immigrants

The bill would set up a three-member commission to administer the act with regard to restrictions on qualifications for immigration, on whether adequate job and housing facilities exist for them in the community in which they would wish to settle and whether they might become public charges. The members of the commission would be appointed by the President with Senate approval, would receive an annual salary of \$10,000 and their terms would run to June 30, 1951. The commission would be required to submit a yearly report to the President and Congress on the operation of the program.

The bill also requires that not less than 50 percent of the visas issued shall be available only to persons previously engaged in agricultural pursuits and who will be employed in the United States in the same type of work.

Each DP admitted under the legislation would be required to make a report every six months to the commission regarding his job, and housing facilities for himself and his family. The DP's admitted would be carefully screened by U.S. consular personnel before being admitted. The bill carries the warning that any person who wilfully misrepresents his case for the purpose of gaining admittance to the U.S. as a DP, shall "thereafter not be admissible to the United States."

Displaced orphans in Italy or the British, French or American zones of Germany or Austria, lawfully adopted by American citizens, may be admitted to the U.S. as non-quota immigrants, the bill provides.

CONGRESSIONAL BODY VOTES TO DENY FEDERAL FUNDS TO STATES PRACTICING RACIAL BIAS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- The House Appropriations Committee, which is considering funds for the Department of Labor and the Federal Security Agency, today voted to deny federal funds to states which discriminate in employment and education on racial grounds.

Rep. Frank B. Keefe, of Wisconsin, chairman of the subcommittee, said that medical aid, unemployment compensation and vocational education would be chiefly affected. The present law provides that persons of all races must be given equal opportunity, he said.

JEWISH FEDERATION LEADERS CALL FOR JOINT PLANNING BY NATIONAL AND OVERSEAS AGENCIES

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Mar. 1. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon national and overseas agencies to study methods for improving their present-day programs by joint planning, was adopted here at the annual meeting of the Western States Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. More than 270 delegates representing 19 Jewish communities attended the two-day parley.

Another resolution endorsed the recent CJFWF General Assembly action calling upon the Jewish communities of America to support the United Jewish Appeal and to make adequate provision for local and national agencies. Marcel Hirsch of San Francisco was elected regional president. Vice presidents elected were Frank M. Fink of Portland; Charles Brown, president of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council, and Raphael Brandes of Tucson. Irving Schneider of Long Beach was chosen treasurer.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY TO OPEN FIRST NON-SECTARIAN MEDICAL SCHOOL UNDER JEWISH AUSPICES

NEW YORK, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- The first non-sectarian medical school under Jewish auspices will be established by Yeshiva University, it was announced here last night at a dinner of the Society for the Advancement of Pre-Medical Sciences at Yeshiva University, attended by some 450 persons.

Dr. Elihu Katz, chairman of the Society, said that the first objective of the organization was to enroll 100,000 members to raise \$7,500,000 for the University's academic and physical expansion program. When sufficient funds are available a medical school will be established, he stated. Speakers at the dinner included Under-Secretary of State David A. Morse, Judge Jonah Goldstein, and Dr. Horace Kallen of the New School for Social Research.

ISRAELI JEWS HOLD FIRST DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS FOR CENTRAL JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE BODY

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- For the first time in the history of Mexican democratic elections were held here for the Jewish Central Committee in which the entire Jewish adult population was given the right to vote.

Arthur Wolfowich, noted Zionist leader, was re-elected president of the Committee. The Zionist list of candidates received sixty percent of all the votes and eight of the 15 seats in the Committee. The Jewish People's Group secured three seats, while the Independent Group and the Jewish Socialist Bund won two seats each.

GEORGIA TEACHERS START COURT ACTION AGAINST OFFICIAL DISSEMINATING RACIAL PROPAGANDA

ATLANTA, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- A group of Georgia teachers is instituting court action to stop Tom Linder, state commissioner of agriculture, from using the Georgia Bulletin - a state publication - to air his religious, racial and political opinions, it was reported here today. Linder was elected to his present post with the support of the Ku Klux Klan, the report said.

35,000 LABOR UNION MEMBERS IN NEW YORK HALT WORK TO ATTEND PALESTINE PROTEST RALLY

NEW YORK, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- Some 35,000 workers affiliated with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union today quit work at 3 p.m. to attend a mass rally to protest the failure of the United Nations to protect the new Jewish state Palestine.

The workers, members of many races, nationalities and faiths, gathered in the streets of the garment district and marched to the Manhattan Center where the protest meeting was held. The Center could hold only a small part of the marchers and an amplifying system was set up so that those who could not enter the auditorium could hear the speeches.

Among the speakers, who called for a lifting of the U.S. arms embargo on Palestine, the dispatch of an international force to Palestine to implement partition and denounced the U.N.'s "policy of passivity," were: Sens. Robert F. Wagner of New York, and Elbert Thomas of Utah; Herbert H. Lehman, former Governor of New York; David Dubinsky, president of the ILGWU; Newbold Morris, chairman of the New York City Planning Commission; Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the United Palestine Appeal; Goldie Meirson of the Jewish Agency; and Israel Feinberg, general manager of the Joint Board of Cloak, Suits, Skirt and Reefer Makers' Unions of the ILGWU, which sponsored the rally.

\$1,135,000 Raised for Histadruth at New York Labor Parley

More than \$1,135,000 was collected here last night for the Histadruth at an emergency session of the National Committee for Labor Palestine, it was disclosed today.

The sum exceeded the goal of \$1,000,000 set by the organization for this phase of its drive. The total goal of the 1948 campaign is \$7,500,000, of which more than \$2,000,000 has already been raised. Some 2,000 representatives of Zionist, labor, civic, fraternal, women's and youth groups attended the parley.

SENTIMENT IN CANADA SHIFTING TO SUPPORT U.N. IMPLEMENTATION OF PALESTINE PARTITION

OTTAWA, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- Despite the British position on Palestine, sentiment in Canada is shifting toward support of complete implementation of the United Nations decision to partition Palestine.

In Parliament, Minister for External Affairs Louis St. Laurent, in response to direct questioning from the floor, indicated that Canada will accept her full share of responsibility for any action which the Security Council may undertake to implement partition or restore peace to Palestine.

An attack on Britain's Palestine policy was voiced in the Manitoba Provincial Legislature by M.A. Gray, Labor M.P. and a Jew, who expressed the hope that "Canada will continue to support the Palestine partition decision." He praised the Canadian delegation at Lake Success for fighting for partition "against every open and covert attempt to defeat it."

In Montreal, two local newspapers, the Herald and Standard, have warned that failure by the U.N. to implement its decision may mean the end of the International body. The Herald said that the future of the U.N. rests on its decision on the Palestine Commission's request for an "adequate force" to implement partition, while the Standard also rested its analysis of the situation on the question of an international force.

COVER MATZOHS FOR JEWS IN POLAND RECEIVED BY J.D.C. HEADQUARTERS IN WARSAW

WARSAW, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- Close to 600,000 pounds of matzojs and matzoh flour reached the local offices of the Joint Distribution Committee for distribution to the Jewish community in Poland for the Passover holidays, it was announced here today. Every Jew in Poland will receive approximately four pounds of matzojs and a pound of flour, it was estimated.

Representatives of the J.D.C. and the Central Committee are working out a distribution plan. It is expected that the wealthier individuals will be asked to contribute a special matzoh tax which will be used for Passover seders for the poor. Homes for the aged and children's institutions will receive matzojs free.

Jewish bakeries in Lodz, Cracow, Wroclaw, Walbrzych and Rychbach have been assigned allotments of flour by the Food Ministry for the local manufacture of matzojs for Passover.

PLAQUE HONORING GEN. MAURICE ROSE UNVEILED IN SYNAGOGUE OF NEW YORK HOSPITAL BY J.W.V.

NEW YORK, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- A plaque in memory of Major General Maurice Rose, Denver, who died in action while serving on the European front, was unveiled yesterday in the synagogue at Bellevue Hospital here.

The plaque was presented by the Jewish War Veterans, whose national commander, Brig. Gen. Julius Klein said at the unveiling ceremonies: "This is a reminder to those who slander American Jews." High-ranking Army officers, including Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Deputy Chief of Staff, of the Army, attended the ceremonies.

The United States must keep itself strong to encourage victims of aggression and oppression and keep up their hope for liberation, Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, former commander of U.S. forces in Germany, declared here last night at the 53rd anniversary dinner of the J.W.V. Other speakers included ex-Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and former Governor Herbert H. Lehman.

NUMBER AND SIZE OF REFORM CONGREGATIONS IN U.S. INCREASING, U.A.H.C. CONFERENCE HEARS

NEW YORK, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- The size and number of Reform congregations in this country has been increasing steadily, it was reported here last night at the closing session of a two-day meeting of the Eastern Presidents Conference of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The parley, attended by 100 presidents and vice-presidents of congregations in the eastern part of the U.S., also heard a report to the effect that the UAHC's program of seminars, forums and symposia for Christians and Jews was helping to clear up misunderstanding among the various faiths.

DR. ABRAHAM L. SACHAR, FORMER DIRECTOR OF HILLEL FOUNDATIONS, HONORED AT DINNER

NEW YORK, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Abram L. Sachar, who served for 15 years as director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, was honored at a dinner here last night sponsored by the Metropolitan Council of B'nai B'rith. Dr. Sachar, who resigned from his post at the end of last year, will devote himself to lecturing and writing. Speakers at the dinner included Frank Goldman, national president of B'nai B'rith.