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## U.S. DELEGATION AT UNITED NATIONS AWAITS WHITE HOUSE ORDERS ON ACTION FOR PALESTINE

LAKE SUCCESS, March 26. (JTA) -- The U.S. delegation at the United Nations was awaiting today White House orders to initiate Security Council action for an Arab-Jewish truce on the basis of the American proposal for placing Palestine under temporary international trusteeship. Up to this evening no such orders had been received.

It is assumed in U.N. circles that private consultations will be held by the U.S. delegation with other members of the Security Council during the week-end in order to sound out to what extent they would be ready to support the plan for trusteeship and the American proposal for the calling of a special session of the General Assembly to deal with such a plan. The feeling is strong here that the trusteeship proposal will not receive the required majority of votes, unless the U.S. would be willing to supply American forces to implement it.

(In Washington, a State Department spokesman today flatly denied that Anglo-American negotiations on Palestine are now going on in London or elsewhere in connection with the American proposal for trusteeship. The same spokesman declared that he was unable to say when the U.S. delegation at Lake Success will make its next scheduled statement on Palestine at the Security Council.)

## Truman's Trusteeship Proposal Has No Merit, American Zionists Declare

The American Zionist Emergency Council, representing the entire Zionist movement in the United States, today issued a statement declaring that "not only has Mr. Truman failed to convince us that his proposal has merit, but his statement yesterday has only served to confirm our original contention that the U.S. trusteeship plan will exacerbate the situation in Palestine, bring about the shedding of further innocent blood and endanger a just political settlement."

Stating that the Zionists in this country "are not deluded" by the attempt made by the President yesterday to make the U.S. trusteeship proposal "more palatable" to public opinion, the Zionist Emergency Council said:

"The President's conception of the Palestine issue was most unrealistic and leaves unanswered all of the questions which were raised in the Security Council by delegates who indicated unwillingness to be led up a blind alley by an improvised plan, which, on the one hand scuttles the decision of the United Nations and on the other offers no sounder solution."

Commenting on Truman's call for an Arab-Jewish truce, the central Zionist body said: "We wonder whether Mr. Truman is fully cognizant of the facts concerning the conflict in the Holy Land when he calls for a 'truce' between Arabs and Jews." The Zionist statement then referred to an answer given by the Jewish Agency to the United Nations declaring that "the moment that Arab aggression ceases, Jewish armed reaction will also terminate" on the clear understanding that the Arabs will stop preparations for future aggression and will evacuate their foreign forces.

JISH AGENCY WARNS JERUSALEM MAY BECOME BATTLEFIELD; HIPS TRUMAN STATEMENT

JERUSALEM, March 26. (JTA) --The Jewish Agency's first reaction to President Truman's re-affirmation of the U.S. trusteeship proposal for Palestine was described by an Agency spokesman as "bewildering."

The Security Council has vast powers to enforce a U.N. decision if it chooses to do so, the spokesman declared at a press conference, but the statement yesterday by Truman fails to clarify why the U.S. Government thinks it necessary to suspend the trusteeship program and machinery to substitute a different set of proposals. One thing is clear, he added, in 50 days, when the Mandate ends -- "unless Britain changes its mind" -- a Jewish Provisional Government must be ready to step into the void with administrative machinery and its own security forces.

The spokesman asserted that the Jews reluctantly accepted the U.N. decision to make Jerusalem an internationalized city under U.N. supervision, but four months have passed and nothing has been done to provide for the city's security or administration. The spokesman pointed out that no governor or international police force for Jerusalem has been named as yet nor has the U.N. draft statute been accepted. Unless arrangements are speeded up, he said, Jerusalem will become a battlefield in 50 days. This will not be the fault of the Jews, the Agency representative stated, since the proposed Jewish state does not include Jerusalem and the Jewish Provisional Government is not expected to exercise authority over the city.

Observing that, officially, Jewish militia are not required to protect the city, the spokesman said neither the United Nations nor the British have lifted a finger to do anything about the city's defense. The spokesman went on to say that the Arabs have drawn up an elaborate plan to isolate Jerusalem and establish military control there.

"But," he warned, "we have a plan to defend the 100,000 Jerusalem Jews and to keep open the life-line with the coast."

"We are most anxious to respect the Holy Places in Jerusalem, but it is practically impossible to do so with bombardments and street fighting. It is to forestall just such an unhappy state of affairs that the Jewish Agency has suggested that Norwegian and Danish units now stationed in northern Germany be dispatched here to garrison the city," he said.

Jewish Convoy Fights Clear of Arab Trap in Negev

An eight-vehicle Jewish convoy fought a running battle with a strong Arab force on the main Gaza-Tel Aviv road today. Six Arabs were killed before the Jews succeeded in breaking through the trap, the Haganah reported. The Jews lost an armored car which was escorting the convoy when the automobile struck a landmine.

The Haganah also reported that ten Arabs were killed and many more injured when a band of Arabs was caught harassing traffic on the roads around Ein Harod, on the Plain of Esdraelon. At Neve Jacob, north of Jerusalem, which the Haganah has converted into a fortress after evacuating all women and children, the Arabs unsuccessfully renewed their efforts to overwhelm the colony.

A special inner war cabinet has been formed by the Jewish Agency to more easily deal with the shifting war scene in the country, it was announced in Tel Aviv last night. The members of the four-man body are David Ben Gurion, Eliezer Kaplan, Itzhak Greenbaum and Moshe Shapiro. The body was set up because of the difficulty of maintaining contact among the many members of the Agency executive who are generally divided between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. It was felt that since the road between the two cities was under frequent attack and for long periods impassable, it would be much easier for a small body to meet in emergencies than the full executive.

PROFESSOR EXECUTED FOR HELPING TO EXTERMINATE 80,000 PERSONS DURING NAZI REGIME

NUREMBERG, March 26. (JTA) -- Death sentences were carried out in Dresden against three Nazis condemned to death last summer for crimes against humanity. One of the executed men, Prof. Paul Nitsche, was found guilty in July, 1947, of complicity in exterminating approximately 80,000 persons by gas or poison in hospitals.

An account of the first meeting between Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler and the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem was given here today by a prosecution witness in the trial of 21 former top German diplomats and government officials.

The witness, Gen. Wilhelm Bach-Zelewski, said he was present at the meeting. He testified that Himmler first looked askance on an alliance with the forces of a man whom he thought had "clearly Semitic features." After suspiciously scrutinizing the Mufti, Himmler suddenly cried out: "Look, he has blue eyes!"

From then on, the witness said, all was harmony between the two. Himmler later boasted that "our connections are stretching as far as Palestine in the fight against our common enemy - Judah," the former Gestapo general told the court.

PREMIER COSTELLO ASSURES EIRE JEWS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MINORITIES WILL BE BANNED

DUBLIN, March 26. (JTA) -- Premier John A. Costello today assured a delegation of the Jewish Representative Council of Eire that the government would not tolerate any anti-Jewish activities. The delegation had expressed anxiety over recent anti-Semitic remarks by Irish officials. The Premier emphasized that neither his nor any other administration would permit discrimination against racial and religious minorities in Eire.

The Jews were particularly perturbed at a speech delivered by Michael Donnellan, Parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Finance, in which he urged that Jews in Eire be prevented from buying land. Later, however, Donnellan apologized for his remarks, stressing that neither the Irish Government nor he had any intention of limiting the rights of the country's Jewish citizens.

AUSTRIAN POLICE FREE TWO RUMANIAN JEWS SEIZED IN CONNECTION WITH VIENNA HOTEL BOMBING

VIENNA, March 26. (JTA) -- Austrian police officials today released two of five Rumanian Jewish refugees whom they detained earlier following investigations of an explosion over the week-end in the British-requisitioned Park Hotel here. Police said they did not find any connection between the explosion and the two Jews.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS URGE UNITED NATIONS PARLEY TO OUTLAW RACIAL PROPAGANDA

GENEVA, March 26. (JTA) -- The Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations today submitted a memorandum to the U.N. Conference on Freedom of Information here urging it to take the necessary steps so that the nations of the world recognize the principle that propaganda against, and defamation of, racial and religious minorities are an abuse of freedom of the press and "constitute a threat to the victimized minority and a menace to the peace of the world."

FEDERAL COMMISSION WILL STUDY CHARGES OF ANTI-SEMITISM AGAINST RADIO STATION

WASHINGTON, March 26. (JTA) -- The Federal Communications Commission will consider charges that G.A. Richards, owner of radio station KMPC in Los Angeles, ordered newscasts slanted in an anti-Semitic manner, it was announced here last night. The F.C.C. said it would also investigate two other stations owned by Richards, WJR in Detroit, and WGAR in Cleveland.

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INCREASE IN ANTI-JEWISH PREJUDICE IN UNITED STATES REPORTED IN NATION-WIDE SURVEY

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish prejudice in the United States has increased considerably during the last year, it is reported in the annual nationwide survey on anti-Semitism released today by the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith.

While Americans overwhelmingly rejected association with professional anti-Semites, and there was less "organized" anti-Semitic activity than in previous years, the public nonetheless "exhibited a disturbing lack of insight into and an unthinking acceptance of the activities of less overt bigots who, under cloaks of respectability, spread hatred of Jews," the survey declared.

It noted that there was "no wide denunciation" or "expressions of resentment" in the American community where "obvious acts of an anti-Semitic nature were prompted by the 'gentleman's agreement' type of bigotry -- an unfortunate trend on the American scene." Major findings which the League recognized as "disturbing" were:

1. A tendency among responsible sections of society to accept public figures previously considered "unacceptable."
2. An increase in employment discrimination.
3. Greater discrimination in housing, with increased use of racial and religious restrictive covenants in new home-building developments.
4. Widespread use of racial and religious quotas in screening applicants for admission to colleges and professional schools.
5. An increase in the practice of excluding Jews, as a group, from many hotels and resort areas:
6. Widespread circulation of approximately 75 anti-Semitic or suspect newspapers, in addition to other types of "hate" literature.
7. Increased anti-Semitic sentiment evident in the foreign-language groups which was reflected in its press published and circulated in the United States.
8. Anti-Jewish campaigns promoted by Arab propagandists and "their native allies" and intended to becloud the Palestine issue.

The survey reported several "favorable" findings. These included the diminution of anti-Jewish hatred in political campaigns and the "noticeable decrease" in assaults on Jews, desecration of synagogues and similar acts of vandalism.

Also "encouraging" was the fact that "un-American veteran organizations which sprang up in 1945 and 1946 virtually collapsed in the last year. Such groups as Frederick Kister's Christian Veterans of America attracted an insignificant few." The League attributed this to the Americanism educational programs put into force by existing, legitimate veteran groups.

Small Number of Anti-Semitic Organizations Remained Active

The Ku Klux Klan, Gerald L.K. Smith's Christian Nationalist Crusade and Merwin K. Hart's National Economic Council were named in the survey's findings as the outstanding anti-Jewish organizations operating in the country today. However,

ring 1947 only a small number of anti-Semitic organizations of any "significant influence, resources and membership" remained active. "This represents a considerable improvement over the late 1930's."

Emphasizing the "failure of large sections of the public to recognize and oppose anti-Semitism that comes from presumably respectable circles," the survey cited a prominent syndicated columnist who publicly supported a convicted secessionist; a Senator who introduced legislation to prevent the deportation of pro-Nazis, and a columnist and radio commentator, widely known for his anti-Jewish leanings, whose utterances are still being syndicated in the nation's press.

The rise in job discrimination was noted in almost every section of the country except the Deep South and the Northwest -- and in those states, such as New York, which have fair employment practice legislation.

In its analysis of anti-Semitic propaganda the survey revealed that "little change manifested itself either in the quality of the nation's hate press or the quantity of its production." Besides regularly published newspapers, an average of one different anti-Semitic pamphlet or leaflet was issued each week during the same period.

"German, Ukrainian and Slovak newspapers were especially guilty," the survey declared in its study of the foreign-language press. "The problem of displaced persons and other economic and political issues in Europe were the springboards for expressed anti-Jewish animosity."

#### LEHMAN IS 70 TODAY; DEPLORES REVERSAL OF U.S. POLICY ON PALESTINE AS "UNFAIR" TO JEWS

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- Herbert H. Lehman, former Governor of New York and one of the outstanding leaders of American Jewry - who has been active for many years in the United Jewish Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee, the American Jewish Committee and other important Jewish organizations - will observe his 70th birthday on Sunday.

In an interview here today Gov. Lehman said that the reversal of the U.S. position on Palestine "was tragically unfair" to the Jews in Palestine and to those Jews in Europe who have no other place to which they can go in large numbers. "I believe the U.S. plan of trusteeship for Palestine, instead of lessening violence and disorder, may actually increase it," he declared.

"I have always been an ardent supporter of the United Nations as an instrument of peace," he said. "But their tragic action in refusing to implement their own decision on partition has dealt the U.N. another grievous blow from which they will have difficulty recovering."

#### AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS LEAVE FOR PARIS PARLEY ON REHABILITATION OF JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- A delegation of American Jewish leaders left today for Paris to attend a conference of directors of the Joint Distribution Committee's programs in various European countries. The conference, scheduled to be held April 5-11, will analyze the relief, resettlement and reconstruction projects of the J.D.C. this year.

Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the J.D.C., who heads the delegation, declared "the conference will enable us to present to the American Jewish community an accurate, detailed picture of the still-pressing conditions and needs of Europe's Jews." Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and a delegation member, said "the tremendous progress of Europe's Jewish survivors since V-E Day has been made possible in large measure by the unstinting assistance of American Jews through the U.J.A. Other members of the delegation are Judge M. Bernon of Cleveland, Robert H. Klein of Chicago, Moses A. Leavitt and S.H. Scheuer of New York.