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## BRITAIN SUSPECTED OF AIMING TO WAGE WAR AGAINST ISRAEL; ISSUE MAY BE BROUGHT TO U.N.

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government may charge Britain before the U.N. Security Council with being an active ally of the Arabs in the Palestine war, it was indicated here today by an Israeli spokesman. He emphasized that the latest British diplomatic and political activities tend to show that Britain is apparently aiming to wage a major war against Israel, under the pretext that Israeli troops have entered Egyptian territory.

Declaring that Israel "has no territorial ambitions," the spokesman said that Israeli military activities in the Negev are "prompted solely by the effort to smash Egyptian aggression and secure the integrity of Israel's frontiers."

"In the last few days," he stated, "the British Foreign Office has been extremely active on the diplomatic front, exerting the heaviest pressure on the United States to intervene to save the Egyptians from the results of the folly of their aggression. There has also been British military activity with British reconnaissance planes, according to a British Foreign Office spokesman, 'active over Israel's positions in the battle areas.'"

"I don't know whether this military and diplomatic activity which the British press yesterday described in the gravest terms--suggesting the imminence of an Anglo-Israeli war--has the approval of the Egyptian Government. I have seen that the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936 has been widely quoted by the diplomatic correspondents of the British newspapers."

## British Warning to U.S. Cited As Proof of War Threat

"There was," the spokesman added, "a familiar ring about all their pieces on the gravity of the warning by Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, carried by Ambassador Oliver Franks to Under-Secretary Robert A. Lovett at Washington, which stated bluntly that Britain was prepared to extend help to Egypt to the point of war with Israel. We are not unmindful of this high compliment to Israel's Defense Army, but I think I must place on the record the fact that this pressure puts Britain completely out of court as an objective, impartial member of the United Nations, seeking to produce peace and stability in the Middle East."

"When Egypt defied the U.N. decision and her troops drove deep into Israeli territory, Britain was silent. Indeed much of that aggression was assisted by British vehicles and guns supplied by Britain. Now that the Egyptian troops are being flung out of our territory, and shattered on their own doorstep, Britain seeks to rush to Egypt's aid and is even prepared to wage a full-scale war against Israel in the process."

"What Winston Churchill terms 'Bevin's sulky boycott' is now developing into a major war. I do not know whether the Egyptians will thank Bevin for openly proclaiming Egypt's weakness and the Egyptian forces' incapacity to defend themselves. I do not know whether Egypt is prepared now to regard the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936 as sacredly as Bevin does. I do not know whether British reconnaissance planes serving

Egypt's interests by flying over Israeli positions have the approval of the Egyptian Defense Ministry. But I hope that when the U.N. Security Council meets again, Britain will be considered an interested party and an active ally of the Arabs.

"Anyway, I repeat again that Israel has no territorial ambitions, and its activity in the South has been continuing prompted solely by our efforts to smash Egyptian aggression and to secure the integrity of all of Israel's frontiers."

#### BEVIN MEETS WITH BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE EXPERTS; DISCUSSES PALESTINE DEVELOPMENTS

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin today conferred with Middle East experts of the British Foreign Office on the developments this week-end in the war between Israel and Egypt.

The press here reported today that Bevin is preparing a report for submission to the Cabinet tomorrow on an exchange of views between Britain and the United States regarding a message from the British Government to President Truman, in which Britain indicated that it may consider it necessary to aid Egypt and supply her with arms against Israel.

The Foreign Office has received a report of a visit of its Ambassador in Washington, Sir Oliver Franks, to Acting Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett, a spokesman announced today. He added that "no reply" was received from Secretary Lovett, but emphasized that none was warranted by the character of the visit. While refusing to reveal further details of the visit, the spokesman reiterated Britain's concern over the situation along the Egyptian border.

The Evening Standard predicted that Bevin will probably tell the Cabinet tomorrow that the Jews deliberately violated the Egyptian border. He will also say that Transjordan's defenses have been seriously weakened recently and that Jewish military leaders are urging that the war be carried into Transjordan, the Standard said.

The Daily Mirror forecasts that dramatic changes in the Anglo-American Palestine policy are likely to result from Israel's alleged invasion of Egypt. It asserts that this is the explanation for the Anglo-American talks in Washington, adding that the British Government is convinced that Israel will obey the U.N. truce order only if the United States joins Britain in taking decisive action against Israel--even to the extent of imposing sanctions.

A crescendo of reports suggesting that Britain may have to go to war against Israel appeared in a number of British newspapers over the week-end. The government, however, is still awaiting confirmation of reports of Israel's invasion of Egypt before taking further steps. Although it is evident that the newspapers did not invent the story, the Foreign Office disclaims all responsibilities for it. It is true, however, that this sensational treatment was confined to the less responsible newspapers.

(The Associated Press reported from London that the American Government had warned Israel that the United States would withdraw diplomatic recognition if Jewish forces attack neighboring Arab states. The State Department in Washington refused to confirm or deny the report.)

Also, the Foreign Office has given no explanation thus far why it should take more than two weeks to give a satisfactory confirmation for a statement made by British representative Harold Bealey to a Security Council meeting in Paris.

A source close to the Foreign Office indicated that the British Government had, in fact, already obtained certain adequate information about purported Israeli incursions into Egypt, but this information will not be published before the British delegate reveals it to the Security Council.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR CANCELS APPOINTMENT WITH TRUMAN; INTENDED TO DISCUSS PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- British Ambassador Sir Oliver Franks today canceled an appointment he had made earlier with President Truman. Well-informed sources here believe the interview had been requested by the British diplomat to discuss recent developments in Palestine. Sir Oliver informed Acting Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett over the week-end that Britain "may become involved in a war at the side of the Arab nations against the Jews," reports here said.

There was no explanation from the White House regarding Franks' action. Presidential press secretary Charles G. Ross stated that no further appointment had been requested.

Meanwhile, official Washington was keeping mum today on a report from London that Sir Oliver told Secretary Lovett that the British feared reported Israeli "invasions" of Egypt might lead Britain into war on the Arab side. State Department press officer Michael J. McDermott said: "I cannot say a word on Palestine," when reporters asked him for Department comment on the report.

FOUR OF SEVEN PERSONS INJURED IN JERUSALEM RAIDS STILL HOSPITALIZED; OTHERS DISCHARGED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Four of the seven persons injured in two enemy air raids carried out yesterday against Jerusalem were still hospitalized today, while the other three were discharged after receiving first aid treatment.

An Israeli spokesman revealed today that "Israeli naval units participated with marked success in Negev operations against enemy shore installations, while the general action in the Negev is continuing." Commenting on the bombing of Jerusalem yesterday, the government spokesman said: "Judging from the direction from which the plane came and the direction in which it escaped, the plane was almost certainly Egyptian, and not even the Egyptians can bomb Jerusalem with impunity."

FIRST NEW DP IMMIGRATION BILL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS; ASKS FOR CHANGES IN ADMISSIBILITY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The first new Displaced Persons Bill, designed to eliminate the discriminatory and unworkable features in the present DP law, reached the floor of Congress today on the opening day of the new session.

It was introduced in the House by Rep. Francis A. Walter, Pennsylvania Democrat. It calls for raising the number of those admissible from 205,000 to 400,000, changes the admissibility date from Dec. 22, 1945 to April 21, 1947, and eliminates priority requirements that 40 percent of those to be admitted be Balts and 30 percent be farmers.

An identical bill will be introduced in the Senate, probably on Wednesday, by Senate Majority Whip Francis J. Myers of Pennsylvania, his office said today. It will be held up until Wednesday because of an understanding among the Senators that they would introduce no bills until after the President's message on the State of the Union on Wednesday.

Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York is also working on a DP bill and will probably introduce it soon, it was reported today.

ISRAELI MINISTER TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL ALSO REPRESENT JEWISH STATE IN HUNGARY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Ehud Avriel, Israeli Minister Plenipotentiary to Czechoslovakia, will henceforth also represent the Jewish state in the same capacity in Hungary, it was announced here today. Avriel, who will present his credentials in Budapest this month, will maintain his headquarters in Prague.

MOSCOW LIQUIDATES JEWISH ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE; CLOSES DOWN ITS YIDDISH NEWSPAPER

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in the Soviet Union was dissolved by the Moscow authorities and its organ "Einigkeit" was closed down, it was reported here in a broadcast over the Voice of America. (In Washington, the Soviet Embassy said it would make inquiries to Moscow regarding the report.)

"Einigkeit" is the only newspaper published in the Yiddish language in Moscow. The Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee was the only central Jewish body in the Soviet Union. No reason for the liquidation of the organization and the Jewish paper was given, the Voice of America said in its report from Moscow.

GERMAN COURTS START TRIALS AGAINST NAZIS CHARGED WITH LOOTING AND DEPORTING JEWS

NUREMBERG, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Paul Ohler, former secretary of the Gestapo in Nuremberg, has been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment by a local German court. Ohler was convicted of deporting Jews and enriching himself by plundering their property.

In Munich, a former S.S. guard at the Dachau concentration camp who was accused in court of beating prisoners to death, was given a five-year sentence by a German court, while in Regensburg a physician, Dr. Max Schreier, was sentenced to four years in a labor camp and loss of half of his property for participating in Nazi pogroms in November, 1938. In Augsburg a former police chief, Wilhelm Stark, and his assistant, Rudolf Dockhorn, received a four-year and a nine-month sentence, respectively, for anti-Jewish activities.

The Jewish community of Weiden, in Bavaria, has had restored to it the premises of its synagogue which was seized by the Nazis. Present at the restitution ceremony were representatives of the military government and the Bavarian provincial administration including Dr. Philip Auerbach, Bavarian Commissioner for Persecutees.

PLANE CARRYING 51 DISPLACED JEWS FROM MUNICH TO ISRAEL IS FORCED DOWN IN YUGOSLAVIA

MUNICH, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A plane with 51 displaced Jewish immigrants and three crew members aboard was reported here today to be missing on a flight between Munich and Israel. The announcement was made by a representative of the Great Circle Airways which operates the Munich-Israel immigration shuttle.

A message received here later in the day from the plane reported that all the passengers are uninjured and that the plane was forced down, probably in Yugoslavia. The message said: "We are O.K. Forced down. Think in Yugoslavia."

JEWS WHO DIED IN PLANE CRASH IN ITALY EN ROUTE FROM ISRAEL WILL BE BURIED IN ROME

ROME, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Arie Stern, Israeli consul in Italy, and Rafael Cantoni, head of the Union of Jewish Communities of Italy, left today for San Stefano, a port on the Tyrrhenian coast, 90 miles north of here where a South African passenger plane with eight Jews crashed this week-end. Stern will make arrangements for the transfer of the bodies to Rome for Jewish traditional burial.

The plane was en route to Nice when it crashed. Its previous two stops were at Haifa where the Jewish passengers boarded it and Athens. (The following list of passengers and their nationalities were received from the Greek capital: E. Weindling, Polish; S. Brunsban, Polish; I. Farkas, Israeli; John Rothman, American; M. Zedler, American; A. Brangel, American; and B. Engelberg, American.)

JEWISH NATIONAL AND LOCAL BODIES ASK CONGRESS TO CHANGE DP IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1948

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Major national and local Jewish organizations united today to urge the President and Congress to amend the present Displaced Persons Act to correct its "glaring injustices and inequities" and to make it a "true instrument of succor for the victims of Hitler's war and a genuine program for bringing to our shores the worthiest and best among the displaced persons."

Letters containing nine proposals for changes in the Act were sent to President Truman, Vice-President-elect Albin W. Barkley, Congressional leaders in both Houses and the chairmen of the Republican and Democratic national committees by the following organizations: American Jewish Committee; American Jewish Congress; B'nai B'rith; Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society; Independent Order of Brith Sholom; Jewish Labor Committee; Jewish War Veterans; Synagogue Council of America; Union of American Hebrew Congregations; National Community Relations Advisory Council and 26 local Jewish councils.

The letters, sent from the offices of the NCRAC, coordinating body of the signatory organizations, were especially critical of the provision of the current legislation which restricts eligibility to persons who entered the western zones of Germany and Austria on or before December 22, 1945, inasmuch as many displaced persons entered the zones later. They also urged that the "cut-off date" be changed to make eligible for admission all persons who entered the western zones at any time up to January 1, 1949.

Increasing the total number of persons admissible under the act to 400,000 and elimination of the provision charging DP visas against future quotas was another major request contained in the letters, as was a request for "reinforcement of the screening provisions of the act by making ineligible for admission those who advocated or joined in persecutions of racial, religious or ethnic minorities.

The Jewish organizations also asked for "inclusion among eligibles under the act of those displaced persons, otherwise qualified, who may be in other parts of the world than the occupied zones," with reasonable percentages being allotted to eligibles in and outside the zones. They also urged "substitution of the principle long established in American immigration law, that a newcomer must provide assurances that he will not become a public charge, for the act's present requirement that each displaced family shall have assured employment and housing as a condition of their admission."

Also assailed were the provisions of the legislation which give preference to DP's originating in areas "annexed by a foreign power" and special privileges to persons of "German ethnic origin." Finally, the letters requested elimination of all vocational preferences and asked legalization of the immigration status of DP's now in the U.S. On the last point the letters suggest that the DP's status be approved by the Attorney General rather than requiring, as at present, a special act of Congress.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS WILL DISCUSS UNIFIED NATIONAL FUND RAISING

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Ways and means of "assuring unified national fund raising without the annual crises which have hampered efforts to raise maximum funds for Israel, overseas and local needs," will be discussed at the 17th annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, it was revealed here today in a statement issued by Stanley C. Mayer, president of the Council.

The Assembly, which will open its session in Philadelphia on Jan. 14, will also consider a program for developing a closer "working partnership" between national agencies and local communities, and for dealing with numerous "diversionary, miscellaneous campaigns" for cash and materials, the statement said. Action will also be taken by the delegates on domestic needs. About 600 Jewish leaders from every part of the United States and Canada will attend the gathering.

CHANUKAH MASTER CANDLE USED BY CLERGYMAN TO LIGHT CHRISTMAS CANDLES IN HIS CHURCH

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Candles at a pre-Christmas midnight service held in the Park Temple Methodist Church here on Dec. 25 were lit from a master candle brought to the church by its minister, the Rev. John H. Hanger, from Chanukah services at nearby Temple Emanu-El. Dr. Marius Ransom is rabbi of the Temple.

Rev. Hanger, in urging members of his congregation to light their candles from the master candle which he had kindled at the Temple Chanukah services, declared: "As the light of Christ was taken from the flame of Judaism in ancient days, and as this very flame in your hands was originally kindled in the Jewish Temple, so must there be the spirit of love for another in the heart of Christian and Jew today."

ISRAELI ARCHAEOLOGISTS SPECULATING OVER AGE OF FOSSILIZED SKULL FOUND IN WEST GALILEE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Israeli archaeologists are speculating over the exact age of a fossilized human skull discovered recently in the village of Sameriya, near Nahariya, in Western Galilee.

The skull--which has a very low forehead, prominent brow and very heavy bones--is believed to date back to the early iron age because potsherds and coins discovered in the same area prove conclusively that the region was inhabited around 100 B.C. On the other hand, some archaeologists hope to prove that the skull is that of a Neanderthal man, basing their contention on the fact that an elephant tusk and several stone implements discovered nearby are believed to date back 50,000 years.

Prof. L. Steklis, of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, has been appointed to supervise excavations authorized by the archaeological department of the Ministry of Public Works in the area around Kibbutz Evron, near Nahariya. Members of the colony have reported that the coastal hills in the vicinity contain numerous caves which were inhabited in pre-historic times and which have only been partially excavated.

\$500,000 CARGO LOADED ON ISRAEL-BOUND SHIP BY PHILADELPHIA ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A cargo valued at \$500,000 and comprising 1,000 tons of assorted canned goods, flour and sugar was loaded here today aboard an Israel-bound vessel under the auspices of the Philadelphia Zionist Organization.

In addition to the foodstuffs, a \$50,000 concrete mixer and 200 tons of industrial and farm equipment were also included in the cargo, which was assembled as part of the current "Food for Israel" campaign being conducted by the Zionist Organization of America.

ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATES IN INAUGURATION CEREMONIES FOR HONDURAS PRESIDENT

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Erik Heinemann, president of the Zionist Federation of Guatemala and Jewish Agency representative in that country, officially represented the state of Israel at inauguration ceremonies conducted here over the week-end for the new Honduran President, Juan Manuel Galvez.

YEHUDA KARNI, WELL-KNOWN HEBREW AUTHOR AND POET, DIES IN TEL AVIV AT AGE OF 65

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Yehuda Karni, formerly editor of the Hebrew daily, Haaretz, and a well-known author and poet whose works have been translated into several languages, died here today at the age of 65. He was a delegate to three World Zionist Congress sessions.