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## BEVIN REPORTS TO CABINET ON PALESTINE; STORMY SESSION DUE IN PARLIAMENT TODAY

LONDON, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The British Cabinet met today to hear a report from Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin on the Palestine situation, in expectation of a stormy session of Parliament tomorrow on the same issue.

It is understood that Bevin submitted to the Cabinet an outline of the statement which he will make to Parliament tomorrow to justify his policy. He also informed the Cabinet of the reports sent to him by Sir Oliver Franks, British Ambassador in Washington, following the latter's talk with President Truman on Palestine.

A number of Laborite members of the Parliament including Richard H.S. Crossman, who just returned from Israel, met this afternoon to decide on the tactics which they will follow at tomorrow's session of the Parliament in assailing Bevin's policy. The revolt against Bevin is being led by Crossman.

### Labor Opposition to Demand Bevin's Resignation, Press Predicts

The entire morning press today predicted that Bevin's resignation will be demanded by a strong group of Laborites in Parliament. All papers, without exception, emphasized that the Labor Government is facing the most serious challenge ever faced with regard to its Palestine policy.

The Transjordan Government invoked the Anglo-Transjordan Treaty about ten days before British troops began moving to Aqaba, Red Sea port in Transjordan, a British Foreign Office spokesman today reiterated. He was commenting on a charge by an Israeli spokesman that a Transjordan spokesman had claimed that his government never invoked the treaty. The Briton declared that the arrival of British troops at Aqaba had been reported erroneously in advance.

A specially prepared paper by Bevin on the R.A.F. flight over Israeli positions ten days ago during which five British planes were shot down was circulated among Cabinet members this week-end, it was learned today. Although the paper was written at the request of Cabinet members who asked that it deal with the Government's Middle East policy, it actually is a defense of the actions of the Foreign Office during the past three weeks.

Bevin is reported to emphasize that he acted in conjunction with the United States throughout the R.A.F. incident. The State Department was informed on Dec. 29, 1947, of the British intention to send R.A.F. planes over the border region to gain data on the Israeli-Egyptian situation, the report states. It also purports to quote the words of the State Department official who approved this action. The document also quotes British newspaper stories charging that the U.S. was involved in the fatal flights.

PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMISSION MEETS IN GENEVA; U.S. MINISTER ATTENDS SESSION

GENEVA, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission held its first meeting here today in private. The meeting was attended by Husseyin Cahid Yaltchin of Turkey, Claude de Boissanger of France and, in the absence of the U.S. representative, the U.S. Minister to Berne, John Carter, acted ex officio.

After the meeting, a communique was issued stating that the Commission had paid tribute to the memory of Count Folke Bernadotte, the U.N. mediator who gave his life for the cause of peace in Palestine. Husseyin Cahid Yaltchin was invited to act as first chairman of the Commission.

The Commission decided to establish its official headquarters in Jerusalem. The Jerusalem headquarters will be opened as of January 24.

ISRAEL AGREES TO FREE TWO BRITISH PILOTS CAPTURED IN DOWNING OF R.A.F. PLANES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Israel has agreed to release two British pilots captured when five R.A.F. planes were shot down on Jan. 7 over Israeli territory, it was officially announced here today. The Israeli Government has asked Cyril Marriott, British consul general in Haifa, to make arrangements for the men to leave Israel immediately.

The announcement also revealed that the Israeli Government has decided to permit the United Nations to send food and medical supplies convoys to Faluja--where 2,000 Egyptians have been trapped for the past three months. The evacuation of the seriously wounded and ill from Faluja will also be permitted, the communique said. The Israeli communique announcing this action pointed out that it was being done "without prejudice to the Rhodes discussions and any future settlement."

ATOMIC ENERGY NEEDED IN ISRAEL TO AID DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY, PREMIER SAYS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Israeli science will have to "open the door to the secret of atomic energy" to aid in the development of the Jewish state, Premier David Ben Gurion told the annual conference of Israeli engineers and architects here last night.

Predicting that Israel would make tremendous strides in the next few years, he said that the country needs vast construction enterprises. The first of these is housing for 1,000,000 Jews who are expected to arrive in the next four years, and for whom houses would have to be "built quickly, suitable to the climate and to Jewish architectural style."

Secondly, water is required for many settlements. The Israeli Premier emphasized that water for the Negev will have to be pumped from Galilee. Huge hydroelectric power plants will be needed to make the soil fertile for new immigrants, 50,000 of whom arrived here in two months.

JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY ADOPTS RESOLUTION DEMANDING INCORPORATION OF CITY INTO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Jerusalem municipality tonight unanimously adopted a resolution demanding the immediate incorporation of Jerusalem within Israel and its proclamation as the capital of the Jewish state. The resolution also demanded the ending of the regime of the Israeli military governor.

The municipality was enlarged to give representation to all shades of political opinion in the city. Israeli Interior Minister Itzhak Gruenbaum and Jewish Agency chairman Berl Locker attended the session.

ISRAEL AND EGYPT REACH AGREEMENT ON RELEASING EGYPTIAN TROOPS TRAPPED IN FALUJA

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- United Nations sources here today indicated that an Israeli-Egyptian agreement has been reached at Rhodes on the release of the Egyptian troops trapped at Faluja in the northern Negev.

Acting U.N. Palestine mediator Dr. Ralph J. Bunche today spent the entire morning conferring with the Israeli delegates at Rhodes, it was reported here. The report, emanating from U.N. headquarters in Rhodes, said that the discussions centered on questions concerning the armistice lines and troop dispositions.

Other Arab states will not be asked to participate in the armistice talks now going on at Rhodes between Israel and Egypt, it was stated here. It is understood that while Israel would welcome an armistice with all the Arab countries, the Israeli Government would not, at the present moment, like to have any of the other Arab states attend the Egyptian-Israeli talks.

Constantine Stavropoulos, legal advisor to Dr. Bunche, returned last night to Rhodes following a flying visit which he made to Beirut, Damascus and Amman. He conferred with Dr. Bunche today, reporting to him on the results of his discussions.

The U.N. Conciliation Commission for Palestine will make its permanent headquarters in Government House in Jerusalem, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed here today. Jerusalem was chosen as the seat of the Commission because the city is most accessible to Jewish and Arab authorities.

FRANCE DECIDED TO GRANT ISRAEL DE JURE RECOGNITION THREE WEEKS AGO, OFFICIAL REVEALS

PARIS, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- France decided to grant Israel de jure recognition three weeks ago, but has been waiting for some sign of recognition of Israel from the Arabs because of the fact that the French Empire is to a great extent composed of Moslems, a Foreign Ministry spokesman announced here today. He said that formal negotiations between the Arab states and Israel are the kind of recognition for which the French Government is looking.

A final, official decision will be reached within the next 48 hours, depending upon international developments. A meeting of the Council of Ministers has been called for Wednesday to discuss the issue. Meanwhile, authoritative sources deny reports that France has changed its mind on the U.N. partition decision. They point out that the French Government is particularly interested in the partition plan since it provides for the internationalization of Jerusalem.

Andre Blumel, president of the French Union of Zionists, today charged Claude de Boissanger, French representative on the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission, with having been anti-Semitic in the past. He referred to de Boissanger's loyalty to the Petain regime and the fact that he served as San Francisco consul for the Vichy Government in 1941. Blumel said that de Boissanger once commented on the appointment of a Jew to office by Gen. Charles de Gaulle as follows: "You may judge who de Gaulle is by the name of his representative."

ISRAEL TO OPEN MILITARY TRAINING ACADEMY FOR SENIOR ARMY OFFICERS, DORI ANNOUNCES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The first Israeli military academy for the training of senior Army officers will be opened shortly, it was announced here by Brig. Gen. Yaakov Dori, Israeli Chief of Staff.

KEY ISSUES NEW VISA REGULATIONS FOR JEWS; HAMPERS THEIR EMIGRATION FROM COUNTRY

ISTANBUL, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The emigration of Israel-bound Jews from Turkey come to a virtual halt as a result of the latest government regulation which makes it difficult for those emigrants who, forbidden to go directly to Israel, obtain visas for a western European country from which they then embark for the Jewish state.

Turkish Jews are now forbidden to leave the country unless they first obtain an entrance visa from the country to which they say they wish to go. However, the consulates of the western European countries in this city refuse in almost every case to grant such a visa, thus preventing the Jews from leaving. This new regulation is believed to have been issued at the instigation of Britain.

HUNGARIAN JEWISH STUDENTS IN STATE SCHOOLS EXEMPTED FROM WRITTEN WORK ON SATURDAYS

BUCHAREST, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Following an appeal by Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen to the Ministry of Education, the government has issued instructions to all schools in the country, granting Jewish students exemption from written work on Saturdays or Jewish religious holidays, if the students request it.

This is the first time such a measure has been ordered on a country-wide basis. In the past the administration has refused preferential treatment for Orthodox Jews attending state schools.

ILSE KOCH'S TRIAL BY GERMAN COURTS RESTS ENTIRELY ON DECISION OF AMERICAN MILITARY GOVT.

MUNICH, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Whether Ilse Koch, German war criminal charged with making lampshades from human skin, will be tried by a German court when she is released from prison later this year is a matter which rests entirely on the decision of the American military government in Germany, it was indicated here today.

Although it has been announced by the German radio in Soviet territory that a definite request will be made by the authorities of Thuringia--in the Russian zone--for the extradition of Frau Koch when she is released, a spokesman for the Bavarian Ministry of Justice today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the decision on extradition must be made by the American military government authorities. He confirmed that the Bavarian Government has been asked to aid Thuringia in bringing Frau Koch to justice. He also said that the Bavarian courts may try her.

Meanwhile, the German press in the U.S. zone has received with little enthusiasm the recommendation of the U.S. Senate Investigating Sub-Committee that German courts retry Koch, whose sentence was reduced from life imprisonment to four years by the American high command. One newspaper, the *Sueddeutsche Zeitung*, editorially questioned the value of a German court trying her in order to correct the "failure" of American judges. It added that the cost of such a trial seemed high in relation to the effect, particularly since the victims of Frau Koch will receive no satisfaction from the case.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES ANNIHILATION BY NAZIS OF FIFTY JEWISH COMMUNITIES

BUDAPEST, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Hungarian Official Gazette today announced the removal from the official lists of 50 pre-war Jewish communities. The inhabitants of the communities perished as a result of Nazi pogroms and deportations.

CHALUTZ CENTER IN ITALY DISSOLVED; ALL MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY GONE TO ISRAEL

ROME, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Zionist Pioneer Center in Italy announced its dissolution over the week-end, explaining that all Israel-bound Chalutzim in Italy had already left for the Jewish state. Founded in 1945 with the aid of the Jewish Brigade, the Center at one time represented 7,000 Chalutzim living in 80 Kibbutzim throughout Italy.

ONTARIO COURT OF APPEALS STARTS HEARINGS ON RESTRICTIVE REAL ESTATE COVENANTS

TORONTO, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The future of restrictive covenants in the Province of Ontario hinges on a case presently being considered by the Ontario Court of Appeals.

The Court is hearing an appeal from a lower bench ruling that agreements barring the resale of resort property, near this city, to Jews and Negroes are valid. The case involves the sale of land to Bernard Wolf, a local Jew. Attorneys for the appellants pointed out in their brief that the lower court's decision is the first such action in the history of British law.

DAVID LILIENTHAL ADDRESSES PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF CENTENNIAL OF TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The vitality, unparalleled productivity and standard of living in America are not the consequences of an economic system, but rather "our flourishing economic institutions are the consequence of our ethical and moral standards and precepts, of our democratic faith in man," David E. Lilienthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, declared here yesterday at a public meeting celebrating the 100th anniversary of Temple B'rith Kodesh, of Rochester.

Speaking of the atom bomb and recent scientific discoveries, Lilienthal declared: "If we live with faith I deeply believe that these great discoveries of our time can be made to better the lot of mankind and further the Kingdom of God." He also stated that "ethical principles and religious faiths" distinguish and exemplify the spirit of American democracy."

Rabbi Philip Bernstein, spiritual leader of B'rith Kodesh and former advisor on Jewish affairs to the American high command in Germany, stated: "The urgency of this day's common problems and tasks points up as never before our common humanity and our common responsibility. The age of conflict between science and religion has ended. To continue it would be as irresponsible and suicidal as to foment in these times controversy between Catholic and Protestant, between Christian and Jew. Ours is a common task in the laboratory and in the classroom and at the altars of God, to nourish men's minds with knowledge and understanding and to touch their hearts with pity, faith and hope."

HEBREW UNIVERSITY WILL BE FULLY RESTORED IN APRIL; ARGENTINE CHAIR INAUGURATED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- In a symbolic ceremony, the Hebrew University inaugurated today its Argentine chair at its temporary quarters here. Presiding was Leon Simon who welcomed the Argentine guests--Dr. Salvador Kibrick, creator and sponsor of the Argentine chair, and Alfredo Korn, honorary treasurer of the Foundation.

Dr. Kibrick extended the greetings of the Argentine Jewish community to the "people who are defending the fatherland with unparalleled heroism." He paid special tribute to the professors and students who gave their lives in defending the heights of Mount Scopus and the Hebrew University atop it against the Arabs. He acclaimed the role of the Hebrew University in building up the Israeli state.

Dr. Kibrick promised the fullest support for the Argentine chair which is designed to serve as a bridge between Israel and Argentina and to "unite in one noble aspiration the spirit of man fighting here and in Argentina for the great vision of freedom, justice and peace." Mr. Korn also pledged the assistance of Argentine Jewry not only for the Argentine chair but also for the Hebrew University. University officials said the schools would be opened in the fall. They stated the University would be entirely restored by April, when it will mark its 25th anniversary.

ISRAEL MUSIC FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED IN NEW YORK; WILL GRANT EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Formation of the Israel Music Foundation, to develop Israeli musical talent and bring the musical culture of Israel to a world-wide audience, was announced here today.

Projects of the Foundation will include research, production of recordings, music publishing, maintenance of a reference library of Hebrew music and the granting of exchange scholarships for American and Israeli music students. Members of the board of trustees include Dr. Moshe Davis, Dr. Nelson Glueck, Fritz Reiner, Gladys Swarthout, Deems Taylor and Lawrence Tibbett.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF DENVER NATIONAL JEWISH HOSPITAL MARKED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Jewish Hospital in Denver was celebrated last night at a dinner attended by Mayor William O'Dwyer, Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, Surgeon-General of the U.S. Public Health Service, and numerous other dignitaries. The Mayor reported that 40 percent of the patients receiving care for tubercular ailments at the Denver institutions come from New York.

Dr. Scheele, after praising the National Jewish Hospital for the treatment, vocational training, psychic readjustment and rehabilitation it offers to patients, emphasized that the Public Health Service "welcomes the plan to expand the Hospital."

MAX BROD AND PROF. EPSTEIN WIN TEL AVIV'S ANNUAL AWARD FOR BELLES LETTRES AND JUDAICA

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv Municipality's annual Bialik prizes for belles lettres and Judaica were announced here over the week-end. Max Brod won the award for belles lettres for his book, "Galileans in Shackles," and Prof. Itzhak Nahum Epstein was awarded the Judaica prize for his work, "Introduction to Mishna Versions."

DR. HEXTER NAMED BOARD CHAIRMAN OF INSTITUTE TRAINING JEWISH COMMUNAL WORKERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Maurice B. Hexter, executive vice-president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, has been named chairman of the board of overseers of the Institute on Advanced Studies in Jewish Community Organization of the Training Bureau for Jewish Communal Service, it was announced today by Bernard Pepinsky, of Cincinnati, president of the Bureau.

WILLIAM HERLANDS INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- William B. Herlands, former City Commissioner of Investigation, was installed here yesterday as president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America in a ceremony attended by 300 persons. Israeli Consul-General Arthur Lourie addressed the gathering.

ISRAELI MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION INVITES AMERICAN JEWS TO VISIT JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- An invitation to American Jews to visit Israel in order to strengthen the "spiritual and economic ties between America and Israel" was extended by Moshe Shapiro, Israeli Minister of Immigration, in a letter received today by the Mizrahi Organization of America.