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### U.S. AND BRITISH EXPERTS CONCLUDE DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON ON PALESTINE REPORT

LONDON, June 28. (JTA) -- The Anglo-American experts who have been conferring here on various aspects of the report issued by the Committee of Inquiry on Palestine have completed their work, it was announced here today.

The Americans who have been participating in the conferences are slated to leave for the United States today or tomorrow. They will report to the Cabinet Committee on Palestine recently established by President Truman. (Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson confirmed tonight in Washington that the London conferences have ended. He said that Henry Grady and Goldthwaite Dorr, the alternates on the Cabinet Committee, will leave for London on July 15.)

According to the diplomatic correspondent of the London Times, the discussions here "did not beg the question" of whether or not Britain is willing to admit the 100,000 Jews to Palestine. He says, however, that a statement of policy by the British Government is not likely to be issued for three or four weeks. When Prime Minister Attlee speaks in the House of Commons next week, he is expected to refer only to the recent outbreaks in Palestine, the Times says.

Speaking in Commons today, Lord Winterton, Conservative, urged that British troops in Palestine be given authority to use all possible force against attacks by Jewish resistance groups. He paid tribute to the restraint exercised by the soldiers, declaring that "if there was a stand-up fight, they could reduce Tel Aviv to a heap of stones." He asked whether the Jewish Chronicle could not be sued for libel for referring to the "people who murder British troops as patriots."

Following a protest by the Jewish Agency office here, the Evening News deleted from its account of the sentencing of 31 Jews in Jerusalem a reference to Hatikvah as "a Jewish hate hymn" and "a blood and fire hymn of Zionist assassination gangs."

### LEADERS OF JEWISH AGENCY CONSIDERING HOLDING SPECIAL MEETING IN LONDON THIS SUMMER

JERUSALEM, June 28. (JTA) -- The possibility of holding a meeting of members of the Jewish Agency from the United States, England and Palestine to discuss the present critical political situation is being considered here, it was learned today. If such a conference is held, it would probably meet in London toward the end of August.

A British military court today sentenced a Jewish youth, David Biton, 18, to four years imprisonment for possessing nine revolvers and a small quantity of ammunition when he was arrested in Tel Aviv on June 6. Biton refused to participate in the court proceedings because to do so, he said, would be "against his conscience." He declared that he was carrying out a duty which every Jewish youth in Palestine was fulfilling.



REPATRIATION OF POLISH JEWS FROM USSR HAS BEEN COMPLETED; 140,000 RETURNED

WARSAW, June 28. (JTA) -- The repatriation of Polish Jews from the USSR has ended, it was announced here today. About 140,000 have returned to Poland in the last few months.

An exhibition of methods of extermination used by the Nazis to murder millions of Polish Jews has been opened here by the Polish National Museum. Thousands of non-Jews have seen the exhibit since it went on view the beginning of this week.

NEW HUNGARIAN CATHOLIC PARTY CHARGED WITH BEING ANTI-SEMITIC BY LEFT-WING NEWSPAPER

BUDAPEST, June 28. (JTA) -- The Social Democratic newspaper "Nepsava" charged this week that the newly-formed Catholic Party is a party of "conspirators and anti-Semitic demonstrators." It said that the new group, which is designed to combat left-wing elements, has been holding political meetings "every Sunday in one church or another."

The synagogue of Szeged, which was despoiled and used as a warehouse by the Nazis, has been restored and was once again inaugurated as a house of worship at a ceremony today.

Marton Stern, the chairman of the Jewish Community of Szeged presided at the meeting which was attended by representatives of the government and of all political parties.

USSR BEGINS REPATRIATING HUNGARIAN JEWS CAPTURED WHILE IN FORCED LABOR BATTALIONS

PRAGUE, June 28. (JTA) -- Eighty Jews who were captured by the Red Army while on the Russian front as part of Hungarian forced labor battalions have arrived in Slovakia on route to Hungary, after having been released by the Soviet authorities. Before they will be allowed to re-enter Hungary, they will be obliged to prove that they did not collaborate with the fascists.

It is reported here from Vienna that the Austrian Government has sent a query to Moscow concerning the fate of 1,400 Jews driven into Russian-occupied Poland by the Nazis in 1939, shortly after the outbreak of the war. About 190 have returned to Vienna and many are reported to have been killed by the Germans, but the fate of the others is not known.

LEADERS OF NAZI-DOMINATED RUMANIAN JEWISH COMMITTEE STRIPPED OF FRANCHISE BY GOVERNMENT

BUCHAREST, June 28. (JTA) -- A special amendment to the election law adopted today by the Cabinet deprives former leaders of the Central Jewish Committee, formed by the former pro-Nazi government, of the right to vote.

Some leaders of the committee were given jail sentences several months ago on charges of having collaborated with the Nazis.

ANTI-SEMITISM WILL BE DISCUSSED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

LONDON, June 28. (JTA) -- The world-wide problem of anti-Semitism, particularly its spread in countries which were under German rule during the war, will be discussed at the first International Conference of Christians and Jews which opens at Oxford July 29.

Representatives of Jewish organizations from the United States, Great Britain, Canada, the Union of South Africa, France, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland will participate in the conference.



RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY WILL DRAW UP CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM'S DEFINITION OF ZIONISM

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly of America has been authorized to formulate a definition of Zionism from the point of view of Conservative Judaism and to devise ways and means of implementing its position within the Zionist movement. This action was authorized in a resolution adopted yesterday at the closing session of the Assembly's 46th annual convention at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Another resolution adopted by the Assembly condemned the delay in implementing the Anglo-American inquiry committee's recommendation for the admission of 100,000 displaced Jews to Palestine. The convention also protested the "brutal violation of promises repeatedly and publicly made to the Jewish people, particularly by the political party now in power in England," and objected to application of the concept of "illegal" as applied to homeless Jews seeking a new life in Palestine.

Although repudiating acts of irresponsible violence in Palestine, the convention expressed confidence in the leadership of the Jewish community there, "whose self-defense organization, the Haganah, has shown exemplary self-discipline and self-sacrifice in the face of extraordinary provocation."

Other resolutions called for the expansion of adult Jewish education, creation of children's all-day schools, and the establishment of youth camps and personnel counselling services.

Rabbi Israel M. Goldman of Providence, R.I., was elected president of the Assembly to succeed Dr. Robert Gordis, who is leaving Tuesday on a tour of Pacific and Far Eastern bases of the Army and Navy to survey the religious conditions and needs of Jewish servicemen.

74 JEWISH CHAPLAINS STILL IN SERVICE, RABBIS CONFERENCE HEARS; PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES GOOD

CHICAGO, June 28. (JTA) -- Of the 311 rabbis who served as chaplains in the Army and Navy during the war, 146 were members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Rabbi Barnett B. Brickner of Cleveland, chairman of the Conference's committee on chaplains, reported to the organization's annual convention. Eight Jewish chaplains died in line of duty, he announced. There are still 74 rabbis in the service, with 29 of them serving overseas, Rabbi Brickner said.

With the growth of Reform Judaism, there has been no serious problem of placing returned chaplains, he disclosed, adding that aside from those who returned to their former pulpits, 44 chaplains have already obtained new positions offering greater opportunities. There are at present 42 vacancies waiting for chaplains who are still in the service.

Rabbi Samuel Gup, chairman of the committee on pensions, announced that 177 Reform rabbis are enrolled in the pension plan sponsored jointly by the Conference and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. In the 22 months since the inauguration of the plan, the total value of the policies issued represents a potential savings of nearly \$3,500,000, he declared.

Rabbi Morton W. Berman of Chicago, delivering the conference lecture, asserted that "American Jewry is filled with a mood of defeat and frustration rather than victory." The failure of the world to solve the problems of the displaced Jews of Europe and the apparent indifference to the creation of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine, is one of the chief reasons for this spirit of depression, he said, adding that the other important factor was the recurrence of anti-Semitism and other manifestations of racialism, industrial strife and isolationism in the United States.



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JEWISH ARCHEOLOGISTS DISCOVER 4,500-YEAR-OLD CANAANITE TEMPLE NEAR SEA OF GALILEE

JERUSALEM, June 28. (JTA) -- A 4,500-year-old Canaanite temple, believed to be the oldest building ever discovered in the Middle East, has been unearthed near the village of Kinnereth, at the southern end of the Sea of Galilee, by a Jewish Palestine Exploratory Society expedition.

The archeological expedition has been working three years on the site of Beth Yerach, which apparently was a flourishing, well-populated town during the Roman occupation of Palestine and earlier. It was situated on a small peninsula jutting into the Sea of Galilee near the Jordan River.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, OTHER CIVIC GROUPS ASK MORE EFFECTIVE N.Y. STATE F.E.P.C.

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- A proposal that civil liberties organizations be permitted to file complaints against discriminatory employment practices was made here yesterday by Will Maslow, director of the American Jewish Congress' commission on law and social justice, at a public hearing of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination on proposed new rules governing its procedure. At present only individuals may file requests for investigation and action.

Maslow and representatives of other civic, labor, business and professional groups also proposed that greater publicity be given the work of the Commission and that public hearings before it be mandatory.

NEW J.D.C. BULGARIAN REPRESENTATIVE ANNOUNCES 150-BED HOSPITAL EN ROUTE TO SOFIA

SOBIA, June 28. (JTA) -- Manuel Siegel, newly-arrived Joint Distribution Committee representative in Bulgaria, has announced that a 120-bed hospital donated by the J.D.C. is en route to Sofia, where it will replace medical equipment and facilities stolen by the Nazis.

In view of the J.D.C. grant, the government has agreed to participate in the restoration of the former Jewish Memorial Hospital which has been used by the army since 1942. Siegel also announced that other medical supplies requested by the Jewish community are on the way.

FATHER FLANAGAN PAYS TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN JEWS WHO HELPED FOUND BOYS TOWN

DUBLIN, June 28. (JTA) -- Father Flanagan of Boys Town, addressing a mass meeting here, paid tribute to American Jews who helped him found the famous rehabilitation home. He singled out particularly Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith.

Father Flanagan asserted that there were few Jewish boys in Boys Town because Jewish parents showed a great sense of moral responsibility toward their children's upbringing.

HEBREW COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION ASKS CLEMENCY FOR DOOMED JEWISH YOUTHS

WASHINGTON, June 28. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the British Embassy has assured representatives of the Hebrew Committee of Liberation that British Ambassador Lord Inverchapel will forward to Sir Evelyn Barker, British commander in Palestine, the Committee's appeal for clemency for two members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi who have been sentenced to death by a military court for participation in an attack on a British military camp, it was announced here today. Last week, the Committee sent cables to Gen. Barker requesting commutation of the death sentences to life imprisonment.

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### JEWISH AGENCY WELCOMES TRUMAN STATEMENT, BUT DOUBTS BRITISH WILL HEED RECOMMENDATIONS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A Jewish Agency spokesman today declared that the Agency welcomes President Truman's statement on Palestine, but doubted that the British Government would agree to his proposals.

The President's statement, the spokesman told a press conference, reflected not only his views, but the views of both major political parties in the United States and, therefore, those of the American people. He pointed out that despite the fact that the United States has "real and legitimate interests in the Arab countries," it did not hesitate to recommend the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine and a final solution of the entire problem.

Referring to the widespread attacks on the Truman statement in the British press, which termed it a political gesture, the Agency representative said that it was in accordance with American policy and not a campaign stunt. He stated that it was "within the President's competence to issue statements to the American people before elections, after elections and without elections. We feel that the interest of the American people in Palestine is as legitimate as that of the Arab states."

The "unanimous outcry" in the British press, however, indicates that the British Government is not ready and unwilling to come to grips with the Palestine problem, the spokesman said.

### Haganah Hails Truman, but Asks Deeds not Words

The Haganah radio "Voice of Israel" said tonight, in commenting on Truman's statement, that "we are happy and grateful to see that there is at least one man in power in this world to whom a pledge remains a pledge." It added, however, that the Jewish resistance movement awaited deeds, not words. Referring to Prime Minister Attlee's reply, the radio declared that he had "let the cat out of the bag" by clearly indicating he was angry at President Truman, because he had not succeeded in pulling the wool over his eyes.

The newspaper Mishmar, organ of the left-wing Hashomer Hazair, said today that Attlee's rejection of the Truman suggestions is additional proof that England wants the gates of Palestine to remain closed. "This is the hard fact, and in its light we will have to establish our line, and seek our way," the paper wrote.

The conservative daily Haaretz published an editorial stating that if the British Government cannot see its way clear to allow Jews and Arabs to build their respective independent national lives, it should surrender the mandate to an international authority. "Only one thing cannot continue: constant postponements and a one-sided British solution," it concluded.

The Arab Higher Committee, which was scheduled to meet today to discuss the



Truman statement, decided yesterday to oppose the "moderate proposals" for a Palestine solution set forth in London by Arab representatives at the Palestine conference.

British Informed of U.S. Support of "Viable Jewish State" in August

LONDON, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Stressing that the U.S. support of the Jewish Agency plan for a "viable Jewish state" in Palestine had been communicated to the British Government as early as August, a statement issued here tonight by the Jewish Agency office said that President Truman's remarks cannot have occasioned surprise in British official circles, as has been indicated.

The President's insistence on the admission of 100,000 Jews can certainly not be regarded as sudden intervention, since he has consistently urged this over a period of a year, the statement pointed out. It challenged the accusation by a Foreign Office spokesman that Jewish non-participation in the Palestine conference led to its adjournment, and said that its present talks with the government are aimed at securing Agency participation in the London talks and easing the tension in Palestine.

Representatives of the Agency are due to resume their informal discussions Tuesday morning, when they will meet with Arthur Creech-Jones who was elevated to the Colonial Ministry over the week-end to succeed George Hall, who became First Lord of the Admiralty. Creech-Jones, who is believed to be friendlier to the Zionist cause than Hall, had been Under-Secretary for Colonies.

There was little comment in the Sunday press on former Prime Minister Winston Churchill's attack on the government Palestine policy, made yesterday at the Conservative Party conference at Blackpool. Churchill accused the Laborites of backing down on the lavish promises they had made the Jews while they were out of power.

The press, however, continued to attack President Truman's statement, indicating almost unanimous exasperation with what they charge is a political move which will further complicate a delicate situation.

DEWEY BACKS TRUMAN DEMAND FOR PALESTINE IMMIGRATION; SAYS ISSUE IS BI-PARTISAN

NEW YORK, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Backing up President Truman's urgent request for the opening of the doors of Palestine to the displaced Jews of Europe, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, in an address at a dinner session of the United Palestine Appeal conference at the Hotel Commodore tonight, warned the British Government "that demands for immediate immigration into Palestine far transcend partisan politics and actually have the wholehearted support not only of the leadership of both political parties, but also of the vast majority of the American people."

Gov. Dewey called for the adoption of a bi-partisan policy with regard to the entire approach to the Palestine question, emphasizing that it "has no place in political campaigns." Recalling that in 1944 the Republican party proposed the adoption of a bi-partisan foreign policy and that its adoption served to eliminate the question of the world peace organization from the Presidential campaign, Mr. Dewey urged that a similar policy of united action for Palestine could serve to remove the issue from politics and reaffirm the policy of the United States "that the pledges to the Jewish people must be fulfilled."

"No one can say that a final solution in Palestine is easy. But the right of large and immediate Jewish immigration is fundamental to that solution and it must be an immigration of not 100,000, but of several hundreds of thousands," the Governor declared.

Asserting that the displaced persons of Europe are a challenge to the sincerity of our leadership, he said: "For a year and a half this problem has been crying out for



action, not talk. It is the problem of not one religion or of one group; it is a problem of humanity itself. If this is the way the brave new world will solve its international problems, we have made a bad start indeed." He added that the promise of admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine should have been fulfilled long ago and that it represents a "joint obligation of our government and the British government under their long-standing commitments."

Stating that he wishes to "speak frankly to our British friends," the Governor said: "It is no service to our own cause or to the cause of friendship to muffle the truth or to make widely and strategically spaced declarations, which are not followed by able, competent or productive action." Describing the plight of the Jews in post-war Europe, Mr. Dewey emphasized that the only difference between the tragic situation of the Jews of Europe before the war and their status at present is that "they have had only a few more promises since the end of the war and some new camps in Cyprus."

Freda Kirchwey, editor of the *Nation*, expressed the hope that President Truman's request to the British Government would serve to silence the extreme pro-British and pro-Arab elements in the State Department. She added that the President's request means Britain cannot initiate a new stalling operation without creating "serious resentment in this country." In appraising British policy in the Middle East, Miss Kirchwey said it was incompatible with Jewish Palestine's democratic way of life and that the British considered Zionist development a threat to their imperial interests.

Other speakers included Dr. Stephen S. Wise, James G. MacDonald, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Judge Bernard Rosenblatt, New York State Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein and Rudolph G. Sonnenborn.

At the afternoon session a rare Hebrew Bible, a gift from Mayor Rokach of Tel Aviv in Palestine, was presented to Mayor William O'Dwyer by Jacob Sincoff, associate treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal and national co-treasurer of the United Jewish Appeal.

The conference adopted resolutions calling on the State Department to implement President Truman's policy on Palestine, condemned the failure of governmental and inter-governmental agencies to aid the Jews of Europe and pledged support to the Jewish community of Palestine.

#### BRITISH SOLDIER KILLED, ONE WOUNDED IN STREET AMBUSH IN JERUSALEM; ARMS SEIZED ON BUS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A British soldier was killed and another seriously injured by an unknown assailant, who attacked them while they were walking on the Street of the Prophets in Jerusalem, it was announced tonight by military headquarters.

Earlier, seven young Jews, arrested last night when one of them blew the shofar at the Wailing Wall at the conclusion of Yom Kippur services, were released under bail. Their arrest was the only incident to occur during Yom Kippur.

Police today halted an Arab bus traveling between Jerusalem and Jaffa and seized four Jewish and four "Arab" passengers, as well as a quantity of arms. The "Arabs," who were compelled to doff their headgear, turned out to be Jews wearing wigs.

#### JEWISH DEPORTEES IN CYPRUS SPENT YOM KIPPUR EVE IN OPEN UNDER DRIVING RAIN

TEL AVIV, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The nearly 3,000 Jewish deportees interned in Cyprus spent Yom Kippur eve in the open under a driving rain, according to a cable received here today. A heavy storm flooded the camp area and blew down the tents in which the refugees are quartered.



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JEWS CARRY OUT "OPERATION LAND" IN NEGEV; ESTABLISH 12 SETTLEMENTS IN "BRITISH ZONE"

JERUSALEM, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- "Operation Land," long and carefully planned by Jewish groups in Palestine as the next phase of Jewish resistance to the British policy of restricting Jewish immigration and land acquisition, was carried out successfully last night, when more than 1,000 Jewish settlers, including 300 girls, arrived in 200 trucks in the Negev, the southern desert part of Palestine, and established twelve settlements in the strategic district which the British had reserved for themselves under the "federalization plan."

This is the largest colonization project ever carried out by Jews in Palestine in a single day. A Jewish Agency spokesman, calling it "a perfectly legal action," announced today that the settlements were laid out on about 21,000 acres of land belonging to the Jewish National Fund. He placed the cost of the settlements, including the land, at nearly \$3,000,000. Asked why the move was not announced beforehand, he stated that the reason had been to maintain "security silence."

Although it is understood that the government is not planning any action against the new Jewish settlements, the settlers are erecting strong fences around the colonies. The government, it was authoritatively stated, does not object to settlements established on legally held land, provided they do not endanger security.

Settlers Work All Night; Welcomed by Arab Neighbors

The new settlements, established from dawn to dusk, lie in the area between Hebron and the Sinai peninsula. The settlers, mainly youths among whom were many ex-servicemen, worked energetically last night erecting wooden huts and started building construction. They intend to start immediately on large-scale irrigation.

British military headquarters officially stated today that strong troop movements observed in Southern Palestine this morning "had no connection" with the establishment of the new colonies. British troops with armored cars were reported to be moving towards the Negev.

Neighboring Bedouins and Arab villagers received the new Jewish settlers in a friendly fashion. They presented the customary gifts to the new arrivals, including a small amount of water, expressing the hope that the settlers would soon be able to bring water for themselves and their neighbors to the Negev.

Local police visited the settlements and helped in various ways. In the evening, the settlers celebrated with festivities and dancing. All over Palestine the Jews were jubilant at the good news which broke the routine of bombs and explosions and signified the turning to practical and constructive work.

The establishment of the twelve settlements came as a result of three years of patient and laborious planning, which included testing the soil and studying the



climate, the dew, rainfall and other factors. The study culminated in the final decision to proceed with settling of Jews in an area which hitherto had been inaccessible because it had not been fully explored.

#### Preparations Started Three Weeks Ago Amidst Absolute Secrecy

The actual preparations started three weeks ago amidst absolute secrecy. At dawn yesterday a long column of trucks, water tanks and trucks loaded with building materials, foodstuff and personal belongings of 1,000 men and women moved from five different bases, all in the south, to their destination, surprising the semi-nomadic Bedouins they passed on the roads. Arriving at the assigned spots, the settlers and volunteers who came along with them to assist in the settlement, immediately set to work. One group began to unload the trucks, while others started the actual building, and still others kept watch.

The colonization effort coincides with the fifth anniversary of the death of M.M. Ussishkin, the "father of the Jewish National Fund," which was marked today by a traditional rally on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem under the chairmanship of Dr. Abraham Granovsky, head of the J.N.F., who announced that the income of the organization totaled \$13,000,000 last year. He said that this exceeds by \$4,000,000 the previous year's income and that the Jews in the United States contributed most of the additional funds.

#### Thirteen Jews Injured in Clash with Arabs Over Disputed Piece of Land

JERUSALEM, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- Thirteen Jews were injured, three of them seriously, today when several hundred Arabs clashed with settlers at Kfar Masaryk and Emek Zebulun, near Haifa, over ownership of a disputed piece of land. Two Arabs were also injured. Seven of the Jews were hospitalized.

A government announcement tonight said that the trouble started when Jewish contractors began to plow a section of land claimed by both the Arabs and Jews. No arrests have been made, the statement added.

#### JERUSALEM RAIDED IN SEARCH FOR ASSAILANTS OF RAF MEN; TWO IRGUNISTS GET 15 YEARS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- British troops today questioned more than 300 persons in the Yemen Moshe quarter of Jerusalem following the fatal shooting last night of a RAF corporal and the wounding of another. Several persons were held for further interrogation. The Jewish National Council issued a statement condemning the attack.

A military court today sentenced two members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi to 15 years' imprisonment for illegal possession of arms. The two--Moshe Mizrachi and Amram Dari--were identified by one of the officers kidnapped last June as having been among his captors. They offered no defense, saying they did not recognize the jurisdiction of the court.

The General Post Office, which has been the chief target of a continuing war of nerves by anonymous persons warning that the building would be blown up, received another such threat last night. Police who succeeded in tracing the call arrested not a Jewish terrorist, but the owner and employee of an Arab garage.

Charges against the heads of the settlement of Doroth Ruchama, which was the scene of a British raid last month, have been ordered dismissed by military authorities. At the same time, five Jews arrested for alleged complicity in an attempt to blow up a British destroyer in Haifa were discharged for lack of evidence.

A Hapoel soccer team which arrived in Haifa today to board ship for Cyprus, where it had scheduled a game with local footballers, was not allowed to proceed. They were informed that Cyprus authorities had cancelled the contest.



BRITISH AND JEWISH REPRESENTATIVES MEET TODAY ON PALESTINE; WILL NAME JOINT BODY

LONDON, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- The informal talks between the British Government and leaders of the Jewish Agency with regard to Jewish participation in the conference on Palestine, which has been recessed to Dec. 16, will resume today. Dr. Weizmann will head the delegation of the Jewish Agency.

It is expected that as a result of tomorrow's meeting, a committee will be nominated to discuss specific Jewish proposals. The committee, it is believed, will be composed of two British and two Jewish representatives.

It was learned here authoritatively that Prime Minister Clement Attlee has received no reply to the letter which he sent over the week-end to President Truman in answer to the latter's statement last Friday calling for immediate and substantial Jewish immigration to Palestine. Meanwhile, the London press this morning continued to attack President Truman for his statement.

The Times stated: "President Truman's latest pronouncement on Palestine affords further evidence of his sympathy with the idea of certain Jewish groups exercising great influence upon public opinion in the United States at a time when public issues are about to be brought to the test of a Congressional election.

"Last Thursday's statement from the White House may well compel people in Britain as well as in the Arab countries to the reluctant conclusion that no solution of the Palestine question will satisfy the President unless it goes the whole way to meet Jewish claims. His present intervention, primarily timed, no doubt, as a reassurance to Jewish citizens of the United States, comes at a moment when it may easily endanger the efforts now being made to promote understanding between Jews and Arabs as well as the negotiations with the Jewish Agency designed to bring the Jewish case before the conference when it reassembles in December."

The Daily Telegraph said: "The immediate consequence is to worsen the more favorable atmosphere that had been created. One thing is clear. Any endeavor to carry through the President's policy to admit immediately 100,000 Jews would destroy all hope of peace in Palestine.

"There can be no disposition in Great Britain to belittle American interest in the Palestine problem, but until the United States are ready to share in full the responsibilities that an imposed settlement must involve nothing but harm can be done by pronouncements that exasperate Arab sentiment and jeopardize all negotiation. If in the end, as now seems even more probable, the British Government must decide on a course and enforce it, the full cooperation of the United States, which has already been sought, would be more than welcome."

TRUMAN STATEMENT LEAVES ARABS APPREHENSIVE; FEAR U.S. PRESSURE ON BRITISH

CAIRO, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- Arab circles here are considerably concerned about the pro-Zionist statement of President Truman, fearing that it might be followed by effective American pressure on the British Government, when the Palestine talks resume in London in December.

The ex-Mufti, in a statement issued yesterday in Alexandria, said that adjournment of the London conference means failure for the Arab cause. His statement followed that of President Truman.

The entire Palestine situation in the light of the postponement of the London discussions and the Truman statement is expected to be reviewed at a meeting of the Arab League council, which is scheduled for the end of this month.



TRIAL OF 200 RUMANIANS CHARGED WITH JEWISH MASSACRES AT JASSY IN 1941 TO OPEN SOON

BUCHAREST, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- The mass trial of some 200 persons, including several generals and other high Army officers, implicated in the Jassy massacres in 1941, during which 15,000 Jews were slaughtered, is expected to open here soon.

It is believed that a special court, on which a general will sit, will have to be established since the fact that generals are involved rules out an ordinary trial.

Special investigators sent to Jassy have learned that the Sixth Hunters Rifle Regiment had received orders from former Premier Ion Antonescu, who was recently executed, to exterminate the Jewish civil population. They were told by witnesses that many Jewish women and children were buried alive during the massacres.

At Sculeni, the investigators opened mass graves containing the bodies of the Jews and found bullet holes in the back of the neck. The bodies were subsequently re-buried in the Jewish cemetery at Sculeni. The investigators, who are continuing their probe, were told that another mass grave is located near Sculeni.

JEWISH MEMBERS OF POLISH CORPS IN ENGLAND WORRIED ABOUT EMPLOYMENT STATUS

LONDON, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- Many of the 2,800 Polish-Jewish ex-servicemen brought to England with other members of General Anders' Polish Corps are finding it almost impossible to secure employment because of the regulations covering members of Anders' army.

Under present arrangements, ex-soldiers of the Polish Corps who refuse to return to Poland can obtain employment in England only through the Polish Resettlement Corps, which provides manual labor. This makes it difficult for the Polish-Jewish ex-soldiers, including many officers, a large percentage of whom are members of professions.

They believe they have no future in Poland because of the violent anti-Semitism there. While they do not complain of persecution in England, they see no sense in remaining in the Corps. However, their anxiety is increased by rumors that those who refuse to stay in the Corps will be sent to DP camps in Germany.

Most of the group could easily start work immediately, since they include many medical specialists, scientists, research chemists, industrial experts and others.

DISPLACED JEWS LAUD TRUMAN STATEMENT, ASK ADMISSION TO PALESTINE

MUNICH, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- The Central Committee of Liberated Jews issued two statements today expressing support for President Truman's announcement on Palestine and asking the world "to continue the work of justice" reflected in the Nuremberg decisions by granting the surviving Jews "the possibility to rebuild their lives in their own country."

Concerning Truman's statement, the committee hoped the U.S. "would be able to convince the British Government of the necessity for an immediate solution of the Jewish question in the next few weeks by starting mass immigration to Palestine."



BEN GURION, DR. SNEH ARRIVE IN NEW YORK; WILL REMAIN HERE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS

NEW YORK, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency, and Dr. Moshe Sneh, an executive member, arrived here today from Europe. They intend to remain here for several weeks, prior to their departure to the World Zionist Congress which is scheduled to open in Switzerland early in December.

This is Dr. Sneh's first visit to the United States. Ben-Gurion and Dr. Sneh intend to divide their time between New York and Washington during their stay in this country.

DR. GOLDMAN COMMENTS ON REFUSAL TO INVITE HIM TO Z.O.A. CONVENTION IN ATLANTIC CITY

NEW YORK, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, when asked today by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to comment on the decision of the political committee of the convention of the Zionist Organization of America not to invite him as a speaker, made the following statement:

"I have no intention to enter into a press polemic with Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and his attacks on me. I only want to state that Dr. Silver had refused to face an open discussion with me on the floor of the ZOA convention and rejected twice a motion both in the political committee and on the floor of the convention, to invite me to report to the convention. Dr. Silver had previously declined to call a meeting of the Zionist Emergency Council, as requested by the Committee of Eight, which represents the Jewish Agency executive in the U.S.A., for the purpose of receiving my report."

Mizrachi Leaders in Europe Disassociate Themselves from Goldmann's Plan

LONDON, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Criticism was voiced today at a special meeting of the political committee of the Mizrachi Federation at the statement made by Dr. Nahum Goldmann in the United States advocating the establishment of a Jewish state in a partitioned Palestine.

The meeting adopted a resolution disassociating itself from the statement, declaring that it does not consider this statement authoritative and does not feel itself bound to it. This attitude was supported by leaders of the Mizrachi organizations of Holland, France and Belgium, who attended the gathering.

MIZRACHI CONVENTION OPENS AT ATLANTIC CITY; EXPECTED TO OPPOSE PALESTINE PARTITION

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The 27th annual convention of the Mizrachi Organization of America opened here tonight at the St. Charles Hotel attended by several hundred delegates from all parts of the country.

The convention is expected to oppose the Palestine partition plan and to insist on the establishment of a Jewish state in the whole of Palestine. Indication to this effect was given in a statement issued by the headquarters of the convention declaring that "partition of Palestine in any form would be contradictory to Jewish religion." However, the statement admits that "a small minority" among the delegates is inclined to accept a compromise.

NAVY HONORS JEWISH WELFARE BOARD'S COMMITTEE ON ARMY AND NAVY RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- A certificate of appreciation to the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities of the National Jewish Welfare Board "in grateful recognition of meritorious personnel service during World War II" was presented today to the Committee by Captain Robert D. Workman, Chief of Chaplains of the Third Naval District. Through this committee, the JWB recruited 311 Jewish chaplains who served during World War II. Of these, 42 were in the Navy.



ONE BRITISH SOLDIER WOUNDED AS TROOPS RESUME ATTACKS ON JEWISH CIVILIANS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Rioting by British soldiers was resumed last night, with groups roaming the streets of Tel Aviv and assaulting passers-by. One soldier was injured when Jewish youths defended the targets of their attack.

Earlier, a bomb was thrown onto the balcony of a Jewish house on the boundary of Tel Aviv and Jaffa. There were no casualties and little damage was done. It is believed that the bomb was planted by the Najada, Arab underground force, in reprisal for the raid by Jews on the Arab village of Salama on Wednesday.

MANY INJURED IN CLASH BETWEEN HISTADRUTH, REVISIONIST UNION MEMBERS IN PETACH TIKVAH

PETACH TIKVAH, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Thirty Jews were wounded today--two seriously--when several hundred members of rival Jewish trade unions clashed over employment at a local textile mill.

The owners of the mill, which was recently set up, signed a contract with the National Workers, a trade union affiliated with the Revisionists. Members of the Histadruth, which represents the overwhelming majority of Palestine Jewish workers, protested a clause in the contract which provided that at least 60 percent of the employees must be Revisionists.

Early this morning, both groups organized strong detachments of their adherents from neighboring settlements and a pitched battle ensued when they met before the plant. It continued for four hours.

The district officer hurried to the scene of the outbreak and warned that unless the violence was halted, he would summon troops. At the same time, representatives of the Jewish Agency and the Industrialists Association were endeavoring to persuade the two factions to accept arbitration.

ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETS IN SECRET SESSION; ADOPTS DECISIONS ON PALESTINE

CAIRO, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- At a secret meeting of the Arab League Council here today certain decisions concerning Palestine were adopted, including the dispatching of a memorandum to Britain asking for the suppression of "Jewish terrorism" in Palestine, a spokesman of the League disclosed.

He also announced that the League intends to enforce its boycott of Jewish-made goods from Palestine by appealing to the member states of the League to supply Palestine Arabs with goods which they can now obtain only by trading with Jews.

The Council also decided to ask the British Government to permit the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, now residing in Alexandria, to return to Palestine.

SAUDI ARABIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Prince Emir Feisal, Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister, called on President Truman today and in a twenty-five minute talk touched on the question of Palestine in general, among many other questions, a spokesman for Feisal said. He added that the President and Feisal had not entered into any detail in their discussion on Palestine.



JEWS ATTACKED BY HOOLIGAN BANDS IN TRANSYLVANIA; AUTHORITIES ORDER PROBE OF OUTBREAKS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Several villages in the Transylvanian district of Satu-Mare, which was held by Hungary during the war, have been the scenes of violent anti-Semitic outbreaks in recent days, according to information reaching here.

Although only few Jews reside in the area, since most of the pre-war residents were murdered, local bands of hooligans have been making almost nightly attacks on Jewish homes and assaulting Jews in the streets. Three gravely injured Jews were recently brought to the hospital in the city of Satu-Mare.

The national authorities have ordered an investigation of the incidents and the reports that the local police have either failed to curb the outbreaks or participated in them. One non-commissioned officer of the gendarmerie has been arrested.

JEWISH DELEGATION CALLS ON HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT; ASKS SUPPRESSION OF ANTI-SEMITISM

BUDAPEST, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A Jewish delegation including representatives of many provincial communities today called on Hungarian President Zoltan Tildy and appealed for a stronger government campaign to suppress anti-Semitism.

The members of the delegation also asked that more severe penalties be invoked against participants in the Kunmadaras anti-Jewish riots. Last week the Hungarian Supreme Court reduced the sentences of three persons condemned for their part in the riot, acquitting one of the three. The Jews pointed out that unless persons convicted of anti-Jewish acts were punished severely, anti-Semitism would spread.

Tildy expressed his sympathy and repeatedly condemned anti-Semitism and promised protection for the Jews. He said he believed the government would eventually be able to prevent all outbreaks of violence.

The same delegation will visit Premier Ferenc Nagy tomorrow. It has already called on Justice Minister Istvan Ries who declared he is examining the records of the Kunmadaras trials and will order them reopened if possible.

BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY GROUP CHARGES JEWISH DP IMMIGRATION ORGANIZED FROM OUTSIDE

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The charge that Jewish refugees who come to the American zones in Germany and Austria en route to Palestine are backed by a highly organized movement with ample funds and great influence, was made here today in a report of a sub-committee of the House of Commons Select Committee on Estimates.

The report, however, admitted that it was unable to obtain any evidence as to what persons were involved in the movement. The unit, which recently visited Austria, declared that the migration almost amounts to "a second exodus."

JEWISH FARMERS IN POLAND GET UNRRA HORSES; MORE JEWS TO BE SETTLED ON FARMS

WARSAW, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Fifty horses given to Poland by UNRRA have been assigned to Jewish farmers in Silesia and Pomerania, it was announced here.

More Jews are to be settled on farms in these provinces under an agreement just negotiated between ORT and the Central Jewish Committee. A special organization has been set up to place Jews on farms and to assist those already engaged in agriculture.



LONDON SYNAGOGUE DESECRATED BY BRITISH FASCISTS IN REPRISAL FOR PALESTINE TERROR

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A fascist organization calling itself the "National Guard," last night set fire to a synagogue in the East End after burning one of the Holy Scrolls. The synagogue is in a section of the city which was the scene of clashes between Jews and fascists before the war.

An anonymous caller phoned a newspaper office this morning, describing himself as a representative of the National Guard, and said that the desecration of the synagogue was a "warning to terrorists in Palestine that unless their policy against British troops ceases, the National Guard will meet terror with terror."

A spokesman for the synagogue expressed great concern at the resumption of anti-Semitic activity, while a spokesman for the Jewish Agency said: "We have never heard of the National Guard. There are a lot of Fascist organizations about these days, operating under all sorts of names."

AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPER DEFENDS JEWISH IMMIGRATION; CITES SUFFERINGS UNDER NAZI RULE

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- In the midst of attacks on Jewish immigration to Australia in Parliament and in most of the press, the Sydney Daily Telegraph has rallied to the Jewish cause with a reminder to the Australian people of the Jews' suffering under Nazi rule.

In an editorial, the Telegraph said: "Surely we have not forgotten that the particular blackguardism which most deeply stirred the British people before the war were pogroms and concentration camps. This was the most decisive factor in organizing our hatred of the German regime and our will to break it. We must never forget our own horror at the Nazis' ruthless determination to deny a racially different minority the right to exist."

71 YEAR-OLD BRITISH-JEWISH OFFICER RECEIVES U.S. AIR MEDAL FOR SERVICES DURING WAR

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Wing Commander Lionel Cohen of South Africa, 71 year-old veteran of four wars, was today awarded the United States Air Medal for his services to American naval squadrons during the last war. The presentation took place at a ceremony at U.S. Naval Headquarters in London.

During World War II, at the age of 68, Cohen received the Distinguished Flying Cross for "untiring energy and courage." He was awarded the British Distinguished Service Order and the Military Cross during World War I. He has already completed more than 50 years of military service.

LE GOGLU, NOTORIOUS CANADIAN ANTI-SEMITIC NEWSPAPER, RESUMES PUBLICATION

MONTREAL, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Le Goglu, notorious Canadian anti-Semitic newspaper which suspended operation during the war, has resumed publication. Its editor is Joseph Menard, well known as a pamphleteer in anti-Semitic circles.

DUTCH PEOPLE ASKED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MEMORIAL FOR JEWISH MARTYRS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The Hollandsche Schouwburg Committee, headed by Prince Bernhard, today appealed to the Dutch people to subscribe the sum of 30,000 guilders (about \$12,000) to rebuild the Hollandsche Schouwburg at Amsterdam in memory of the Jews who were tortured and murdered by the Nazis.



500 CYPRUS DEPORTEES RETURNED TO PALESTINE; NEW IMMIGRATION QUOTA OF 1,500 ANNOUNCED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA)--The Palestine Government's immigration schedule for the Dec. 15-Jan. 14 period was announced today. It includes, as expected, 1,500 certificates for Jews. Two hundred visas are assigned for Arab immigration.

Five hundred Jewish deportees from Cyprus arrived in Haifa this morning aboard the Ocean Vigor, which had transported many of them to Cyprus last August when they attempted to enter Palestine. They were dressed warmly in clothing provided by the J.D.C. and the Jewish Agency. The immigrants will remain in the Atlit camp until they can be released under the quota.

Nine Palestine Jews who earlier this week were returned from Eritrean exile were today released from the Latrun detention camp. They were part of a group of twelve, one of whom was killed and two wounded, when a British soldier guarding them at the Lydda airport accidentally discharged his automatic rifle. The two wounded men are now in the Hadassah Hospital in Tel Aviv.

JERUSALEM PARTITION PLAN DOES NOT INCLUDE HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN JEWISH AREA

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA)--Mt. Scopus, on which the Hebrew University is located, would not be included in the Jewish borough under Palestine Chief Justice Sir William Fitzgerald's plan for a new municipal set-up in Jerusalem, which was released yesterday.

In a map attached to the report, which would also place a number of Jewish quarters such as Talpith and Arnona in the Arab unit, Mt. Scopus is set off as a rural area and placed outside the jurisdiction of any part of the Jerusalem administration. In general, however, the boroughs are predominantly Jewish and Arab, respectively.

The report cites the fact that the Jews are in a majority in the city and are entitled to full democratic rights, but points out that Jewish leaders have recognized Jerusalem's special status and have expressed a readiness to make some concessions. Fitzgerald also stated that he has concluded that there is no possibility of the Jews and Arabs cooperating in an effective municipal government for Jerusalem.

Palestine Government Secretariat offices and the headquarters of British troops based in Palestine and Transjordan will be transferred from the King David Hotel to the Mount of Olives and the Dajani quarter of Jerusalem next summer, it was officially announced today.

GOVERNMENT ASKED TO COMMUTE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT SENTENCES AGAINST JEWISH YOUTHS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA)--Influential legal circles here are pressing the government and Sir Evelyn Parker, British commander in Palestine, to commute the sentence of corporal punishment imposed by a British military court against two Jewish youths, it was learned here today. One youth was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment and 18 strokes of the lash and the other to one month and 12 strokes.

An Arab who was suspected of selling land to Jews was killed in Jaffa last night by Arab extremists. The assailants escaped after an exchange of gunfire during which one British policeman was killed and an Arab bystander wounded.



BULGARIAN PARLIAMENT VOTES FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF REPARATIONS TO JEWS

SOFIA, Dec. 19 (JTA)--The Bulgarian National Assembly today unanimously adopted a bill proposed by the Ministry of Finance, which allocates 1,000,000 levas for distribution as initial payments to Jews under the recently adopted restitution law.

CONFESSION OF EXECUTED S.S. LEADER ACCUSES NAZI DOCTORS OF ORDERING MURDER OF JEWS

NUREMBERG, Dec. 19. (JTA)--A confession by Joseph Kramer, executed former commandant of the Belsen concentration camp, that he had murdered 86 Jews at the order of several of the defendants in the trial of 23 Nazi doctors, was introduced at the trial today by American prosecutors.

The Jews were part of a group of 121 who were murdered so that their skeletons could be used to complete a collection in the Strasbourg Institute of Science, which was then under control of the Nazis. Kramer's confession said that the doctors' assistants furnished him with gas to kill the victims, and that he had shipped the bodies to the museum immediately afterwards. The murders were committed at the Natzweiler concentration camp near Strasbourg in Aug., 1943.

The prosecution also introduced an affidavit from Rudolf Brandt, Himmler's administrative officer, stating that Karl Brandt, Hitler's personal physician and chief defendant, initiated jaundice experiments using Jews as patients.

Other affidavits by defendants Fritz Fischer and Herta Oberhauser, a woman, both of whom were physicians at the Ravensbruck concentration camp, described experiments carried out on Jewish and Polish women in which legs were amputated and the stumps infected with wood shavings and shards of glass and then treated with sulfanilamide. Many of the victims died as a result of the experiments and the remainder were crippled and disfigured, the affidavits said.

Chief DP Physician Describes Atrocities Committed By Nazi Physicians

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA)--A description of how the Nazis used thousands of Jews as guinea pigs in barbarous medical experiments was given last night by Dr. Boris Pliskin, chief physician in the displaced persons camps in the American zone of Germany, addressing a meeting here called by the OSE to acquaint the American public with the crimes committed by Nazi physicians.

In addition to Dr. Pliskin, who spent several years in German death camps and ghettos and personally witnessed the extermination of thousands of Jews, three other refugee doctors, Drs. Griliches, Rochelson and Zlotow, also gave eye-witness accounts of the atrocities committed by Nazi medical men.

Mr. Boris Pregel, chairman of the executive committee of the OSE, praised the U.S. military authorities for searching out the Nazi doctors responsible for the crimes against the Jews and placing them on trial. The meeting adopted a resolution calling for severe punishment of the physicians, which will be forwarded to the U.S. military tribunal.

Among the speakers were H. Leivik, Yiddish poet, who recently toured the DP camps; Dr. Max Weinreich, director of the Yiddish Scientific Institute and Dr. Leon Wulman, executive director of The American OSE, who presided.



TRUMAN ASSIGNS FOUR VESSELS TO SPEED TRANSPORTATION OF DP'S FROM GERMANY TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (JTA)--President Truman has assigned four ships to expedite the movement to the United States of 2,100 displaced persons with U.S. visas, who have been delayed at Bremerhaven due to lack of shipping, the White House announced today. The vessels accommodate approximately nine hundred passengers each and will be kept in this service, the president said, "until the situation has been fully relieved."

Pointing to the "serious situation" among the displaced persons, who include 177 orphaned children, and who "are crowded into an embarkation center designed to accommodate only transients," the President said that "mindful of the bleak Christmas ahead for these people who have already suffered so much, I have taken up this matter with the Maritime Commission and can hold out hope of early improvement."

Mr. Truman opened his statement with a reference to his directive of December 22, 1945, to a number of executive agencies, "designed to facilitate the immigration of refugees and displaced persons up to the full limit provided by the immigration law. "Up to October 21, 1946, only 4,767, persons were provided for under these arrangements," the President declared. "At the present time, foreseeable sailings in 1946 will provide for only 683 more persons."

The ships designated for the Bremerhaven run are the Ernie Pyle, to sail from New York on Dec. 20 and arrive there New Year's Day, the Marine Marlin, leaving New York Dec. 27 and reaching Bremerhaven Jan. 6, and the Marine Flasher, arriving in Bremerhaven January 8. The Marine Falcon, now in the Pacific, will arrive in Bremerhaven in late January.

Large Transport of Displaced Persons Arrives in New York Today

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA)--Eight hundred forty-one survivors of concentration camps in American-occupied zones in Europe will arrive here tomorrow aboard the Marine Marlin, it was announced by Edwin Rosenberg, president of the United Service for New Americans.

This will bring the total number of immigrants from the occupied zones, of various nationalities and all faiths, to about the 5,000 mark since President Truman's directive on immigration of displaced persons was issued a year ago this week. Immigration of refugees and displaced persons from all parts of the world including the occupied zones was less than half of the 39,000 total permitted by the quota law.

The passengers on the "Marine Marlin," who are the first large group to arrive since September due to lack of space for immigrants on ships leaving Bremerhaven, will be aided in moving to communities throughout the country by the United Service for New Americans. Arrangements for the placement in foster homes of 93 orphaned children in the group will be made by European Jewish Children's Aid through local child-care agencies.

\$500,000 CONTRIBUTED TO BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY; THREE GIFTS TOTAL \$255,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA)--Gifts and pledges of \$508,000 to Brandeis University, America's first secular educational institution under Jewish auspices, were reported today by Julius Silver, treasurer of The Albert Einstein Foundation, sponsoring body of the university.

At the same time, Mr. Silver made public three gifts to the Foundation totaling \$255,000. These were: \$105,000 by Mr. and Mrs. Allen L. Goldfine of New York City; \$100,000 by Israel Rogosin of New York City; and \$50,000 by Abraham Shapiro of Boston.



WORK OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL REFUGEE COMMITTEE MAY COLLAPSE FOLLOWING BRITISH MOVE

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA)--The current sixth plenary session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees is likely to be devoted entirely to a discussion of budget matters, as a result of the British announcement yesterday that they were no longer willing to foot half the bills for the committee's operations.

Grave fears have been expressed that as a result of the British move the entire IGCR program may collapse, unless other member nations agree to make contributions. Sir Herbert Emerson, the committee's director, pointed out today that while the IGCR must temporarily assume the duties of the new International Refugee Organization, its budget is only \$9,000,000, while the IRO has asked \$40,000,000 for its first year of operations.

A sub-committee has been appointed to attempt to work out plans for the committee's future financing.

U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL EXPECTED TO CALL MEETING TO SET UP I.R.O. MACHINERY

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (ONA)--U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie is expected shortly to call a meeting of the preparatory commission of the International Refugee Organization, which will draw up machinery for the IRO's operations. The commission will be composed of all states which are signatories to the IRO constitution.

By the end of this week it is anticipated that eight states will have signed the constitution, thus creating the preparatory commission. The aim of the sponsor states is to have the IRO functioning by June 30, 1947 when UNRRA will cease its activities on behalf of refugees and displaced persons.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATES ATTEMPT TO BURN DOWN LONDON SYNAGOGUE, COMMONS IS TOLD

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA)--The British government is investigating the recent attempt to burn down the Clapton Synagogue in the East End of London, Under Secretary George Oliver told the House of Commons today. His statement was made in reply to Philip Piratin, Communist, and John B. Hynd, Labor who stressed that this attempt was only one of many recent anti-Semitic incidents in the Jewish section of London and that it was a matter of great concern not only to the Jews but to all people "of good will."

Recent sabotage by extremists has not cut down the volume of oil exports from Palestine, Emanuel Shinwell, Minister for Fuel, told Commons. He added that a monthly average of 34,000 tons of oil is expected to be shipped to Britain during the next few months.

Major Frank Soskice, Solicitor General, announced that his office is "considering" the case of the "Jewish Struggle," a publication which recently published a cartoon accusing the British of inciting pogroms in Palestine in 1929 and 1936. Sir Stanley Reed, Conservative, demanded that the government take action against the publication.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF POLISH JEWS GRANTS FUNDS TO POLES WHO AIDED JEWS DURING THE WAR

WARSAW, Dec. 19. (JTA)--The Central Committee of Polish Jews has decided to appropriate 500,000 zlotys (approximately \$2,500) to aid needy Poles who assisted and sheltered Jews during the Nazi occupation, it was announced here.



BLACK BOOK ON BRITISH TREATMENT OF JEWS ISSUED BY LEAGUE FOR FREE PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA)--A "Black Book" on the British treatment of Jews in Palestine was published today by the American League for a Free Palestine. Charging the British administration with anti-Semitism the volume contains reports and photos aimed at showing that the treatment of the Jews in Palestine today "involves denial of civil liberties, tortures, imprisonment in concentration camps without trial and the burning of Hebrew books."

(In London, it was announced today in the House of Commons that Prof. Jonah Smertenko, vice-president of the American League for a Free Palestine, will not be permitted to enter England again because of his recent statements concerning the misconduct of British troops in Palestine. The announcement was made by George H. Oliver, Under-Secretary to the Home Office.).

The League today also made public the text of a letter sent by its president, former Senator Guy Gillette, to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, suggesting a program under which the Jewish Agency would be dissolved, and the World Zionist Organization would be converted into a non-sectarian movement enlisting members of all faiths and creeds. The letter also urges the immediate proclamation by the World Zionist Congress of a provisional government for a "Hebrew Republic of Palestine."

PALESTINE SETTLERS REVIVE CEREMONY OF LIGHTING CHANUKAH TORCHES IN JUDEAN HILLS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA)--The traditional ceremony of lighting torches and other flame signals in the Judean hills on the first night of Chanukah was revived Tuesday night by members of Poale Mizrachi settlements in the Jerusalem-Hebron area. Many guests from all parts of the country, including leading government and cultural leaders, attended the ceremony.

WORK OF ORT IN DP CAMPS HAILED BY LEADERS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF LIBERATED JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA)--Leaders of the Central Committee of liberated Jews in Germany tonight paid tribute to the work of ORT in the displaced persons camps in Germany.

Speaking at an American ORT Federation dinner attended by ORT leaders from various countries, Dr. Boris Pliskin, Samuel Shlomovitz and Norbert Wollheim described activities in ORT schools and workshops in the U.S., British and French zones. Dr. Pliskin reported more than 4,000 persons are now being trained by ORT in the camps. Other speakers included George Backer, president, and Louis B. Boudin, board chairman, American ORT Federation and Chief Rabbi Francis Havesi of Budapest.

GROUP OF TUBERCULAR DISPLACED JEWS ARRIVE IN SWITZERLAND FOR TREATMENT

BASLE, Dec. 19. (JTA)--A group of 15 tubercular Jews who arrived here last night from Germany left this morning for Davos where they will enter a sanatorium maintained by the OSE and the Joint Distribution Committee.

Other displaced Jews from Germany suffering from tuberculosis are expected to arrive shortly and will be sent to Davos and Montana, Switzerland, where the OSE recently opened a sanatorium.

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### BEN GURION TO START TALKS IN LONDON FOR TERMS ENABLING JEWS TO JOIN LONDON PARLEY

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, newly-elected chairman of the executive of the World Zionist Organization, is expected in London this week for talks with members of the British Government, it was revealed today by a Jewish Agency spokesman. He hopes to explore with the Foreign Office, as well as with the Colonial Office, the possibilities of reaching an understanding which would enable the Jewish Agency to attend the Conference on Palestine.

Jewish groups in London who have been invited by the government to send representatives to the parley on Palestine will meet this week to decide what stand to take on participation in the conference in light of the resolution adopted by the Zionist Congress in Basle. Present at the meeting will be the heads of the Jewish Agency office in London, representatives of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and leaders of the Anglo-Jewish Association and of the Agudas Israel.

The Anglo-Jewish Association and the Agudas Israel have repeatedly expressed their anxiety over what might transpire at the London parley if Jewish representatives do not attend. Although so far they have not deviated from the principle that they will not participate in the talks unless the Jewish Agency joins, there are some elements in the Agudas Israel who now advocate participation under any circumstances.

### Zionist Executive Elects Shertok As Over-All Head of Political Dept.

BASLE, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The newly elected World Zionist executive, meeting in an all-day session today reached an agreement under which Moshe Shertok remains head of the political departments of all branches of the executive, although he will be stationed in Washington.

Goldie Meirson was appointed director of the political department of the executive in Jerusalem with Dr. Moshe Sneh as a member of the department. The political section of the executive will be composed of a "bloc" headed by Shertok in which Mrs. Meirson, Dr. Sneh, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, Berl Locker and Dr. Nahum Goldmann will be included. The activities of the Washington office will be divided among the American members of the executive, with Shertok directing the office.

The executive will shortly begin scrutinizing the political developments in London to discover whether there are likely to be any changes which would permit Agency participation in the London Conference.

If and when the executive decides that the situation has so changed as to warrant reconsideration of the Congress decision not to attend the London talks, it will convoke the special committee of 15 appointed by the Actions Committee to decide on attendance at the conference.

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VARIED REACTION IN PALESTINE TO NEW ZIONIST EXECUTIVE; PRESS COMMENT DIFFERS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The new Zionist executive elected yesterday by the Zionist Actions Committee received a mixed reception from the Palestine Jewish community. Varied reactions were voiced by the principal Hebrew dailies.

Mishmar, organ of the left-wing Hashomer Hatzair, predicts that the new executive will agree to participate in the London conference and will agree to the partitioning of Palestine. It terms the executive "an alliance between the Palestine Laborites and the Rightists" and says that "the Palestine Laborites have sacrificed Dr. Weizmann and progressive Zionism by surrendering to the Rightist dictators."

Davar, organ of the Laborites, regrets the fact that Dr. Weizmann was not re-elected. It says that while the election results do not represent complete unity in the Zionist movement, the new executive has a majority of Laborites and progressive Zionists who will continue the upbuilding of Palestine in the traditions of the past.

Haboker, Conservative newspaper, asks that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann come to Palestine to explain the future policy of the Zionist movement. The paper expresses disappointment at the fact that the most important portfolios in the executive have been retained by Laborites.

Hatzofe, Mizrachi organ, welcomes the fact that the Actions Committee finally succeeded in breaking the deadlock and elected a Zionist leadership. However, Rabbi Meir Berlin, Mizrachi leader, publishes an article in the same paper declaring that the composition of the new executive comes as surprise to him and is not worthy of the days and nights of hard work spent at the Zionist Congress.

Hamashkif, Revisionist organ, says that the Zionist activists surrendered and that the new executive is composed of persons favoring participation in the London Conference "who will finally defy the resolution adopted by the Zionist Congress."

JEWISH AGENCY SPOKESMAN DECRIES JAMAL HUSSEINI'S THREAT TO OPEN VIOLENCE AGAINST JEWS

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A Jewish Agency spokesman here today described as "an open threat of violence," the statement made in Jerusalem on Saturday by Jamal Hussein, in which he urged every Palestine Arab to consider himself a "soldier in the front line," and called for "immediate action" to combat Jewish demands.

"Whereas in the Jewish community, the violence and threats of it emanate from small rebellious groups, we have on the other hand the suggestion of direct action from the head of the entire Arab community," the spokesman said.

"All these events, both in the Jewish and Arab camps, seem to show how remote is the prospect of pacification until and unless an equitable promise of a political solution is worked out," he continued. "The situation has gone far beyond the stage when order can be restored by police and security measures."

Reuters today says that the Palestine Arab Higher Committee is planning to call a nation-wide conference this week to declare a "state of emergency."

ADDITIONAL 750 JEWISH DEPORTEES FROM CYPRUS RETURNED TO PALESTINE; TO BE FREED IN FEB.

HAIFA, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Seven-hundred and fifty Jewish deportees from Cyprus arrived here today aboard the Ocean Vigor. They were immediately taken to the Athlit clearance camp where they will be held until Feb. 15, when they will be released under the regular monthly quota.



BRITISH TROOPS ALERTED AS PALESTINE COMBED FOR TERRORISTS WHO FLOGGED OFFICER

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- British troops in Palestine were placed on virtual battle footing today as rigorous searches were carried out in various parts of the country for the extremists who yesterday flogged a British officer and three non-commissioned officers in retaliation for the official whipping of a 16-year-old Irgunist who was convicted of complicity in a bank robbery.

Nathanya, which was the scene of the flogging of Major Paddy Brett, was completely surrounded by large detachments of troops, as was Petach Tikvah. Hundreds of troops meanwhile combed all roads in the Lydda district, and Tel Aviv was cut off from Jerusalem and Haifa. Vehicles bound for Tel Aviv were halted at the outskirts of the city and forced to return.

A curfew was clamped down on Petach Tikvah and on all roads in the Lydda district and part of Samaria, affecting a large number of Jewish settlements. Troops and police were alerted at all military installations and police stations and told to stand by.

High military authorities met all day to discuss measures to prevent recurrence of the floggings. The first measures announced placed all Jewish towns and settlements out of bounds and ordered troops to carry arms at all times and not appear in the streets in groups of less than four.

Meanwhile, Lieut. Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker, British commander-in-chief in Palestine, confirmed a sentence of twelve lashes imposed on another Irgunist, 17-year-old Aron Cohen.

Jewish Agency and Jewish National Council Condemn Floggings

The Jewish Agency and the executive of the Jewish National Council today condemned the whipping of the soldiers but at the same time the Council sent a memorandum to the High Commissioner protesting against the use of corporal punishment. The Council also protested against the recent attacks upon Jews by soldiers in various parts of the country.

The most recent incident occurred today in Jerusalem when several Jews were beaten when they ignored orders from soldiers to remove the posters of terrorist organizations from public walls.

Four Jews who were captured yesterday at Beit Degan, outside Tel Aviv, when the taxi in which they were travelling attempted to break through a road block, were badly beaten by soldiers and one was shot. Military authorities say that whips, rifles and ammunition were found in the taxi.

A warning that it will take stronger measures if the flogging of its members continues was voiced today by the Irgun in a statement sent to newspapers and news agencies. It read as follows:

"Firstly, despite our public warning, British General Sir Evelyn Barker confirmed the humiliating punishment of flogging imposed on one of our soldiers by an unlawful British court and carried out Friday. To this barbarous act of the oppressors we reacted by flogging a major and three sergeants. We now warn that if the oppressors dare harm the bodies of Jewish youths, or their personal and national pride, we will not reply any more with whips, but with fire so that barbarism may be abolished in Palestine.

"Secondly," the statement continued, "regarding the killing of a man named by the Italian police as Zev Epstein, and described as the head of the Irgun in Europe, we appeal to the Italian Government to appoint a neutral inquiry commission to investigate the circumstances of Epstein's death. We have reason to believe that



this was murder committed by a British agent in the Italian police and the announcement that Epstein had 'attempted to escape' was only an excuse to conceal murder without trial within dark prison walls."

#### Government Asks Mayors of Jewish Towns to Cooperate in Search

Before beginning the searches in the Lydda and Nathanya districts, the authorities notified the mayors of all towns in the area and urged them and their communities to cooperate so that the searches might be carried out with as little inconvenience as possible to those innocent of any wrong doing.

Moshe Saadia, who was referred to in an announcement by the Stern Group as an associate of Israel Levin, who was "executed" by the Sternists last week for allegedly acting as an informer for the British, was kidnapped from his home in Jerusalem last night. According to his family, the kidnappers said that he was being taken before a Sternist "court" for investigation.

One Jewish prisoner was seriously injured today during a clash between British guards and Jewish detainees in the Latrun internment camp, it was announced tonight. The wounded man, whose name was not given, was transferred to a military hospital in Jerusalem.

#### Jewish Agency Says Flogged British Officer Was Doing His Duty

LONDON, (JTA) -- Commenting on the "reprisal" flogging of a British officer and three soldiers yesterday by the Irgun Zvai Leumi, a Jewish Agency spokesman here said today that use of the word "reprisal" was incorrect since it "might convey some question of equality, while actually on one hand there is a gallant officer carrying out the discipline of his nation, and on the other hand there are the terrorists repudiating the discipline of their nation."

Declaring that "the terrorist groups have no conception of the rancor they let loose when they attack the pride of the army in this way," the spokesman added that while the Agency would be prepared to make a strong fight against the introduction of flogging into the Palestine judicial system, "when people take the law into their own hands they forfeit all considerations."

#### LONDON FASCISTS ATTACK ANOTHER SYNAGOGUE; 12 SCROLLS DESTROYED; ARK DAMAGED

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- In the second attack on a London synagogue this month, unknown vandals last night broke into the Dollis Hill Synagogue in the northwest section of the city and destroyed 12 Holy Scrolls. The Ark was badly damaged and an attempt had apparently been made to set the premises afire.

An inscription chalked on the walls of the building read: "You whip, we burn." This was apparently a reference to the flogging of several Britons in Palestine yesterday by Jewish extremists. It is believed that the vandalism was the work of a group of fascists who call themselves the "National Guard" who earlier this month damaged a synagogue in Clapton.

Scotland Yard is reported to have taken precautions to guard against further attacks on synagogues and to apprehend the persons responsible for the desecration. Jewish leaders, however, have not asked for police guards for all synagogues.



TRANSYLVANIAN JEWISH LAWYERS PARLEY ASKS LIFTING OF STATE CONTROLS ON JEWISH PROPERTY

BUCHAREST, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The lifting of state controls on property of Jewish deportees in northern Transylvania which are still partly in effect was demanded at a Jewish lawyers conference held in Cluj during the week-end.

The conference, which met to discuss the legal problems of northern Transylvanian Jewry, also recommended that the Rumanian law which limits inheritance to fourth degree relatives should be waived in the case of Transylvanian Jews in favor of the Hungarian law which sets the limit at twelfth degree relatives since Transylvania was formerly Hungarian territory.

The lawyers suggested that all inheritance taxes be set aside in the case of deportees. Although no stand was taken on who should administer heirless property, it is known that the majority of the Jews of Transylvania favor administration by local Jewish communities.

DP'S IN GERMANY NOW PERMITTED TO USE YIDDISH AND HEBREW IN INTERNATIONAL MAIL

MUNICH, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Displaced Jews in Germany will be permitted to send mail in Yiddish and Hebrew out of Germany, it was revealed here today with the publication of a military government order permitting the use of all languages in international mail. Previously the military government had refused to pass Yiddish and Hebrew letters because it claimed that sufficient translators were not available for censorship.

Jewish leaders today hailed the announcement by a German theatre group that it would cancel a proposed production of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice." The Jewish Central Committee had protested to the troupe and to the military government that the German people were not yet "ready" for the play.

Although protests had been filed with military authorities throughout the rehearsals of the play, they refused to intervene. The players themselves decided to cancel showings. One of the German actors claimed that the troupe had been threatened and were afraid to perform.

POPE RECEIVES AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE AIDE; ASKED TO INTERCEDE FOR DP'S

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Pope Pius XII was asked to intercede with various governments to secure the admission of displaced Jews, in the course of an audience which he gave to Dr. Max Gottschalk, representative of the American Jewish Committee, it was reported today.

The report, released by Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, said that Dr. Gottschalk informed the Pope of the desperate situation of the displaced Jews in Germany, Austria and Italy. The Pope expressed his concern with the situation and told the representative of the American Jewish Committee that he hoped that other countries will follow the example of several nations in Latin America which have received a number of displaced persons. Dr. Gottschalk came to Rome after visiting, on behalf of the Committee, the Jewish communities in Greece and Turkey.

RUMANIA INCREASES GOVT. SUBSIDY TO JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN ORDER TO RAISE WAGE LEVELS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Finance has increased government subsidies to Jewish religious communities by seventy percent, so as to enable them to raise the pay of their employees to the salary level of government workers, it was announced today.



MEDICAL GROUP SCORES DISCRIMINATION IN ADMISSIONS TO MEDICAL SCHOOLS, COLLEGES

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A resolution opposing discrimination of any kind in admission of students to undergraduate and medical schools was adopted here at a three-day convention of the Association of Internes and Medical Students.

The association also went on record as favoring national and local legislation to guarantee the availability of medical care to all persons "regardless of racial, economic or social status."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WANTED U.S. OPEN TO PERSECUTED PEOPLE, HISTORICAL SOCIETY ESTABLISHES

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The 45th annual meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society was held here yesterday at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Various papers and reports on Jews in the history of the United States and on the contemporary picture were presented by members of the society.

Refuting the assertion that Benjamin Franklin had opposed the settlement of Jews in this country, Dr. A.S.W. Rosenbach, president of the society and one of the most famous book collectors in the world, quoted a letter from Franklin in 1777 in which he wrote: "I continue amazingly well and hearty for my age and hope to live to see the end of these troubles, and our country established in freedom, when it will soon become great and glorious, by being the asylum of all the oppressed in Europe, and the resort of the wealthy who love liberty from all parts of this continent, to establish themselves and families among us."

Dr. Rosenbach was re-elected president of the society, Capt. N. Taylor Phillips of New York, Rev. Dr. David Philipson of Cincinnati, Lee M. Friedman of Boston and Prof. Jacob R. Marcus of Cincinnati were elected vice-presidents.

ORT AND YOUTH ALIYAH REACH AGREEMENT ON TRAINING OF 50,000 JEWISH CHILDREN IN EUROPE

BASLE, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Fifty thousand Jewish youths in Europe will receive elementary education and technical training through the ORT under an agreement reached here this week-end between leaders of the ORT and the Youth Aliyah. The ORT will also train instructors for the children's workshop in preparation for the youths' emigration to Palestine.

Akiba Levinsky, European director of the Youth Aliyah, announced here that his organization has been cooperating in countries throughout Europe with ORT, and the cooperation has been mutually beneficial. The ORT will now establish, among others, special training schools for the Hechalutz training farms.

NEW YORK MAYOR PRESENTED WITH RARE HEBREW BIBLE, GIFT OF TEL AVIV MAYOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A rare Hebrew Bible, a gift of Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv, was today presented to Mayor William O'Dwyer as "a token of the gratitude of the Jews of Palestine" for his "humanitarian services to the Jewish people."

In making the presentation, Jacob Sincoff, treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal, who brought the Bible back with him from a recent trip to Palestine, paid tribute to O'Dwyer who as chairman of President Roosevelt's War Refugee Board aided many Jews in escaping from the Nazis.

BECAUSE OF NEW YEARS DAY THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON THURSDAY