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IMMIGRATION TO AMERICA TO BE CUT TO TEN PER CENT. OF EXISTING  
 QUOTAS: PLAN SUBMITTED BY U.S. STATE SECRETARY STIMSON APPROVED  
 BY CONGRESS IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE.

Washington, Jan. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The proposal to cut immigration to the United States for the next two years to ten per cent. of the existing quotas presented by the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Stimson, has been approved to-day by the Immigration Committee of the House of Representatives.

Jewish organisations in the United States, including the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, and the Hias, as well as bodies like the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Y.M.C.A., and the Immigrants' Protective League have made representatives to Secretary Stimson against any immigration legislation that would "raise additional barriers to the admission and reunion of families of citizens or aliens already in the United States". In a joint letter which these organisations have sent to Secretary Stimson they argue that to raise any additional barriers to the reunion of immigrant families would be inhuman and "against our self-interest as a nation", since "the resident alien who has his family here has a greater stake in the country".

The original Immigration Bill submitted to Congress at its reopening last month by Senator Reed, the Chairman of the Senate Immigration Committee, and Congressman Johnson, the Chairman of the Immigration Committee of the House of Representatives, proposed the complete stoppage of all immigration for two years as a means of combating the present unemployment in the country, admitting only near relatives of citizens or of aliens legally resident in the country.

Secretary Stimson declared himself opposed to the Reed and Johnson Bills, on the ground that they would alter the present immigration policy which is based on national origins, because the proportion of immigration from Northern and Western Europe over Southern and Eastern Europe would be materially changed, and he proposed instead the measure which has now been approved by the House Immigration Committee, reducing by 90 per cent. the number of aliens admitted under the present quota law.

NO NEED FOR JEWISH BREAD LINES IN NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Jewish bread lines and soup kitchens are unnecessary in New York City, the Hias being equipped to supply all needs, Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, Executive Director of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, has declared here.

Dr. Lowenstein issued his statement as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Co-ordinating Committee on Unemployment of the Welfare Council, whose function is to co-ordinate the services of all agencies now engaged in helping the unemployed, so that their work may be done systematically.

In spite of the fact that not one homeless Jewish individual was turned away without a bed and meals, our facilities have not yet been employed to the fullest extent possible, the Rias declared, according to Dr. Lowenstein's statement. Should a greater demand for service develop, the Rias is equipped with additional facilities for the extension of this work. Under these circumstances, Dr. Lowenstein says, the Jewish community of New York has no need for bread lines or soup kitchens, and since both these forms of aid are both humiliating and demoralising, it would be highly advisable to rid the community of them.

At the same time, reports received from Talmud Torahs and Jewish weekday religious schools in Greater New York made public by the Jewish Education Association indicate that the number of pupils in those schools requiring free tuition has increased by about 2,500 as a result of the prevailing unemployment. The number of schools dealt with in the reports is 282 with a register of 49,000 pupils. This increase means an added communal burden of 125,000 dollars, the cost per annum of instructing a child in a Talmud Torah being 50 dollars.

An appeal has been addressed by Mrs. Joseph E. Friend, President of the National Council of Jewish Women, to the 50,000 members of the organisation, to co-operate with all local efforts for unemployment relief.

The Social Justice Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Social Service Commission of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, are joining in a Conference on "Permanent Preventives of Unemployment", which is to be held on Monday, the 26th. inst.

The Chicago Jewish Charities, for the first time in its history, has closed the year with a deficit, the books showing a shortage of 119,376 dollars. We began to feel in our employment service and in our relief service, the coming of an economic depression shortly before the crash in the stock market last year, and we have continued to feel the actual depression all through this year, the President, Mr. A. K. Foreman, states in making this fact public. In families that we have hitherto supported and have begun to make economically self-sufficient, unemployment came like a blight and forced back into greater dependency a group which was on the road to independence. We have had to spend more relief not only on new families coming to us, but a good deal more relief on old families that we have nurtured through the years and in whom we had great hopes.

We have suffered a decline of income, Mr. Foreman says, and at the same time we have had to carry an increased burden.

DISMISSING STAATENLOSE FROM EMPLOYMENT IN LITHUANIA: EMPLOYERS INSTRUCTED BY KOVNO DISTRICT CHIEF TO LOOK ROUND ALREADY FOR LITHUANIAN CITIZENS TO REPLACE NON-CITIZENS ALTHOUGH ORDER DATED TO COME INTO EFFECT ONLY IN YEAR'S TIME.

Kovno, Jan. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Chief of Kovno City and District has issued the following statement:

The Department for the Protection of Citizens published a statement on the 10th. ultimo that beginning January 1st., 1932 no employment permits will be issued to aliens in any branch of activity. I accordingly notify aliens living in Kovno City and District that I am calling upon the proprietors of enterprises employing aliens to arrange before that date for engaging Lithuanian citizens in their stead.

S O.S. To World Jewry Issued By Jewish Leaders In Lithuania  
Through J.T.A.: Yiddish Press Appears With Big Blanks Because  
Censor Cut Protests Against New Order: Kovno Police Chief  
Tells J.T.A. Communique Badly Edited: Intended To Prevent New  
Alien Arrivals Obtaining Employment Not To Displace Aliens  
Long Settled In Country: Yiddish Press Not Reassured: Fears  
If Order Not Withdrawn It Will Be Carried Into Full Force.

An S.O.S. to world Jewry has been sent out to-day through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by the leaders of Lithuanian Jewry, in view of the new order, which it is feared will ruin Jewish life in the country by throwing out of employment thousands of Jews, who have no other home, a great number of them holding Nansen passports.

The Chief of the Kovno Police Department, M. Nawakas, said in an interview with the J.T.A. representative here to-day that the official statement had not been properly edited. The intention, he claimed, is to prevent the employment of newly-arrived aliens, but not of aliens who have been long resident in the country.

The Jewish leaders are not reassured, however, and feel that if the order is not withdrawn entirely it will be carried into force, with the term alien defined as broadly as the authorities may wish, depriving thousands of people of their employment, only because they cannot produce sufficient formal evidence to prove their right to Lithuanian citizenship.

The police are already collecting signatures from alien Jews here pledging themselves not to seek employment beginning January 1st., 1932.

Most of the Jews concerned belong to three categories: people who left Vilna with the Lithuanian army when Poland took possession of the Vilna District in 1920; people whom the Russian army during the war expelled from the war zones into what is now Lithuania, and Staatenlose who have lived in Lithuania for the past ten years, but have no evidence of nationality. All of them consider themselves Lithuanians, who have no other home. The Jewish leaders here believe that the only way is to persuade the Government to naturalise these Jewish aliens, who have all lived in the country sufficiently long to be entitled to naturalisation.

The Jewish population is in a state of panic, but the Yiddish Press is unable to express the full extent of Jewish feeling on the subject, because of the severe censorship applied under the present military dictatorship. The Yiddish Press to-day is full of blank spaces where the censors have cut out big chunks of the editorials protesting against the Kovno Chief's communique. The papers describe the order in those passages which have escaped the censorship as the worst blow sustained by Lithuanian Jewry.

SOVIET JEWS BREAKING AWAY FROM TRADITIONAL JEWISH TRADES LIKE  
TAILORING AND SHOEMAKING AND TAKING UP METAL WORK O.R.T.  
REPRESENTATIVE IN RUSSIA SAYS.

Moscow, Jan. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

44 new and old factories with 6,000 people constitute the centre of the O.R.T. work in the Union of Soviet Republics, Mr. Zegelnitzky, the representative in Russia of the O.R.T. World Federation, said to-day in outlining the main features of the O.R.T. programme of work for 1931 in the Soviet countries, on the eve of his departure for Berlin to attend the plenary session of the O.R.T. Federation Executive Committee, which has to approve the budget for the coming year.

None of these factories are connected with the traditional Jewish trades like tailoring and shoemaking, Mr. Zegelnitzky declared, but are concerned exclusively with the metal and wood-working trades. The O.R.T. has undertaken to assist in providing instruction for 2,555 young Jews who have been assigned to factories in Leningrad, Nizhni-Novgorod, Magni-Togorsk, and Kertsch to obtain technical experience, he went on. The Comzet demands that the O.R.T. should also assist in the industrialisation work in the Crimea. This matter will be submitted for decision to the Executive of the O.R.T. Federation in Berlin.

The O.R.T. expects to engage in an intensive campaign of repairing old machines and supplying new parts for those new machines which have been sent into Russia through the medium of the O.R.T. by Jews living abroad for the use of their relatives in the small towns of White Russia and the Ukraine, Mr. Zegelnitzky added, and it will also take up the continuation of the aid activity to 2,500 families in the newer colonies in the Odessa region.

A similar point about the drift of the Jews of the Soviet countries from the tailoring and shoemaking trades to the metal and other heavy industries was made this week by the Jewish Communist leader, Mr. Merezsin, in his report to the Conference of the All-Russian Central Executive Committee - reported in the J.T.A. Bulletin of the 20th. inst. The economic position of the Jews in the Soviet Union has been completely revolutionised in the past two years, he claimed. Formerly the needle trades and the leather trades were the two occupations in which the Jews were engaged, but now the number of Jews working in the Soviet metal industries exceeds the number of Jews in all other trades. Of the total Jewish proletariat, he said, 43 per cent. is connected with the large industries, while the Jewish artisans number now only 25 per cent. In one single metal factory at Dnepro-Petrovsk there are 5,000 Jewish workers.

#### ABOLISHING CZARIST ANTI-JEWISH RESTRICTIONS IN POLAND.

Warsaw, Jan. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Law Commission of the Sejm has on a vote adopted the Government motion for the abolition of the Czarist restrictions against the Jews which are still on the Statute Books in Poland. Deputy Sommerstein, who was recently accorded the right of sitting on the Commission with advisory powers only, as the representative of the Club of Jewish Deputies, since the membership of the Club is less than the minimum number of ten entitling a Club to full representation on the Commission with the right to vote, was present and took part in the discussion on the motion.

Deputy Jazwinski, of the antisemitic National Democratic Party, moved the rejection of the Government motion, saying that he suspected that the Government had entered into some obligation to the Jews during the election campaign, because of which it was now trying to rush through this bill.

On Deputy Sommerstein's proposal the Commission also decided to abolish the existing restrictions upon the Yiddish and Hebrew languages.

In accordance with Parliamentary procedure, the bill for the abolition of the Czarist restrictions, though it has already passed two readings in the previous Sejm, must come up now as a fresh motion, which will have to pass all three readings, after which it will be published in the "Official Gazette" as law.

PALESTINE STORM DOES MUCH DAMAGE TO ORANGE CROP: BREAKWATER OF HAIFA HARBOUR IN DANGER OF BEING WASHED AWAY.

Jerusalem, Jan. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Between 15 and 20 per cent. of the orange crop in the Judean orange belt is estimated to have been destroyed by the great storm which has been raging in Palestine since Saturday. The storm is continuing unabated, causing so far at least one death, an employee at the Haifa Hospital being electrocuted when a live wire was broken down by the storm.

There was a rumour in circulation here yesterday that the newly-built breakwater of the Haifa Harbour now being constructed had been washed away. The rumour was immediately denied in an official statement, but despite the official assurance it is again reported to-day that the breakwater of the Haifa Harbour is in grave danger of being washed away by the storms. Several railway sidings have already been carried into the sea, and it is feared that the huge crane is on the point of being swept away.

The huge seas have wrought havoc at Jaffa, where 30 lighters have been smashed, and carried with their stores to the bottom of the sea. The sea is tearing up the promenade and flooding many buildings.

STORMS ELSEWHERE ALONG MEDITERRANEAN: TWO JEWS KILLED IN JEWISH QUARTER OF TRIPOLI.

Rome, Jan. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Two Jews have been killed and one Jew has been seriously wounded in the Jewish quarter of Tripoli, where much damage has been done by a severe storm which has been raging along the Mediterranean coast for several days.

MR. MOTZKIN BETTER.

Paris, Jan. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Leo Motzkin, the President of the Actions Committee of the Zionist World Organisation who has been very ill recently, being in consequence unable to preside over the last meeting of the Actions Committee in London, is much better now, it is reported here from Nice, where he is now taking a rest cure on the advice of his doctors. His doctors urge him to continue to rest, but Mr. Motzkin is already planning to return to Paris and perhaps go on to London in about a fortnight.

COUNT BERNSTORFF HEAD OF GERMAN LEAGUE OF NATIONS MOVEMENT HOPES BRITAIN WILL NOW GIVE CLEAR DEFINITION OF PALESTINE POLICY ENABLING JEWISH NATIONAL HOME TO BE BUILT ACCORDING TO LETTER AND SPIRIT OF MANDATE.

Berlin, Jan. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Messages from the German Federal Government, signed by State Secretary von Buelow, from the Federal Foreign Ministry and from the Prussian Prime Minister, Herr Brauh, renewing their previous declarations of sympathy and support of the Jewish upbuilding work in Palestine and expressing the hope that the present difficulties facing the Zionist movement will be overcome, and that wise leadership will complete "this work of human welfare and civilisation", were read out to-day at the annual meeting of the German Pro-Palestine Committee, presided over by Count Bernstorff, the President, who is also President of the German League of Nations Union.

Count Bernstorff spoke of the world-wide protests made against the British White Paper on Palestine and said that he hoped the British Government would now give a clear definition of future British policy in Palestine, making possible the establishment of the Jewish National Home in accordance with the letter and the spirit of the Palestine Mandate.

Ministerial Director, Dr. Ruppel, the German member of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations, who was present at the meeting, and the Minister of Education and Public Worship, Dr. Grimme, were elected Honorary Members of the Pro-Palestine Committee. (NOT FOR PUBLICATION UNLESS BY PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENT).