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## PRESIDENT HOOVER'S ALIEN REGISTRATION PLAN ALARMS AMERICAN JEWRY: PROTEST RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY HEBREW IMMIGRANT SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING FOR SUBMISSION TO PRESIDENT HOOVER AND UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

New York, Dec. 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Resolutions protesting against the new immigration restrictions in the United States and against the proposal for the registration of aliens who are in the country contained in President Hoover's message to Congress last week have been adopted at the annual conference of the Hias (Hebrew Immigrant Aid and Sheltering Society) held here to-day. The resolutions are to be presented to President Hoover and to the United States Congress in order to direct their attention to the alarm with which the Jewish population regards the proposed registration measure and the general anti-alien tendency shown in President Hoover's recommendations to make the existing immigration restrictions still more drastic and to tighten up and strengthen the deportation laws.

What Alien Registration Would Mean: Un-American In Principle  
Introducing Into American Life Discredited Russian And  
Prussian Methods Of Espionage With Resulting Contempt  
For Poor: Contrary To Spirit Of American Constitution  
And Direct Encroachment Upon Liberties Guaranteed By It  
To All Persons Residing In United States.

∴ What the registration of aliens would mean, in the opinion of the leaders of American Jewish life, including the late Louis Marshall, and the representative Jewish organisations such as the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Hias, the Independent Order B'nai B'rith, and the Jewish labour organisations, as well as the outstanding friends of liberalism in America, like Miss Jane Addams, who has just been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her life-long humanitarian work, was made clear when the movement for alien registration in America was at its height in 1926.

A bill for the registration of aliens had been introduced into Congress in January of that year, by Congressman Aswell, which was generally regarded as embodying the ideas of the then Minister of Labour and Immigration, Mr. Davis, who has been the chief protagonist of the alien registration plan.

The chief provisions of the bill were: Every alien shall register within the time fixed by the President in a proclamation issued after the enactment of the bill, and every alien who enters the United States on or after the first day of registration shall be immediately registered in a like manner by the immigration officials at the place of entry.

Every alien shall, subsequent to the initial registration, register once each following calendar year. Upon the initial registration each alien from the age of 21 shall pay a fee of 10 dollars, and for each subsequent registration 5 dollars. For any alien between the ages of 16 and 21 the fee shall be 3 dollars. There is no fee for the registration of aliens under 16. The fee may be deferred for such a time as the secretary may by regulation subscribe in the case of any alien who is unable to pay the fee.

Whenever any alien permanently removes from the district in which he is registered, he shall report to the post office of his district and give such information in regard to his movements as may be required by regulation. He shall also, within two days after arriving in the district to which he moves, report to the post office of that district and give such information as may be required by regulation.

#### Aliens Must Produce Identification Certificates To Police Officers.

The bill provided that every alien shall, on demand at any time, exhibit his certificate of identification to any agent of the Department of Justice or of the Department of Labour or any State, territorial or local police or peace officer and to any other officer designated by the President. Each record of registration and certificate of identification shall contain the photograph, to be of uniform size and style, prescribed by regulation, supplied by the person registered. There shall be entered on the original and duplicate records of the registration of every alien a report of all arrests or convictions of such alien and charges upon which such arrests were made or convictions obtained, together with the final disposition of each case, and any other information, as specified by regulation, bearing upon the fitness of such alien for citizenship. Whenever the proprietor of any hotel, lodging house or boarding house, or an employer knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, that any person is an alien, he shall report this fact or belief and the exact time of arrival or beginning of employment to the post office or other proper authorities of the district in which he is situated. Any inspector or other person duly authorized shall have the authority to enter any place in which he knows or has reason to believe any alien is present and demand any information necessary to carry out the provisions of the act, and to arrest or detain any person who refuses entry or refuses to give such information.

Whoever fails to register will be punished by a fine of not more than 5,000 dollars or by imprisonment for not more than two years or by both. Punishment was also provided for violations of other provisions of the Act. Any alien who is sentenced to imprisonment for violation of any provision of the Act, it was further provided, shall upon the termination of his imprisonment, be immediately taken into custody and deported.

#### The Protest Movement.

A protest meeting was immediately called by a joint committee consisting of representatives of the Conference on Immigration Policy, the Department of City, Immigration and Industrial Work, the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Department of Immigration and Foreign Communities, the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Associations, the Hias, the League for American Citizenship, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Department of Immigrant Aid of the National Council of Jewish

Women. Mr. Louis Marshall, Mr. Sherwood Eddy, Chairmans of the Fellowship for the Christian Social Order, Mr. Walter Dippman, then editor of the "New York World", and Rev. Charles K. Gilbert, Executive Secretary of the Social Service Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, spoke, and Senator Royal C. Copeland, Mr. Alfred E. Smith, the Governor of New York, the late Oscar S. Straus, former United States Ambassador to Turkey, and Mr. William Green, the President of the American Federation of Labour, were among those who sent messages declaring the registration proposal un-American and opposed to the principle of justice.

A resolution which was unanimously adopted, read: "Whereas the Alien Registration Bill and the Alien Deportation Bills now before Congress are contrary to the spirit of our Constitution and constitute a distinct departure from the uniform policy of our Government and its liberal traditions, and are a direct encroachment upon the liberties guaranteed by the Constitution to all persons residing in the United States, and therefore, we, citizens of the United States, protest against the enactment of these bills into laws, and we do further resolve that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Committees on Immigration and Naturalisation of the United States Senate and of the House of Representatives".

#### Earned Condemnation Of All Liberal-Minded Persons.

This measure has earned the condemnation of all liberal-minded persons who have studied it, Mr. Louis Marshall said in the course of his annual report that year to the American Jewish Committee, and many organisations have registered their protest against it, among them the League of Foreign-Born Citizens, the Council on Immigrant Education, the Salvation Army, the National Security League, the National Liberal Immigration League, the Young Women's Christian Association, the National Catholic Welfare Association, and the Naturalisation Aid League, all of them bodies which come into close contact with the immigrant, understand his point of view and help him to adjust himself to his new environment.

The Chicago Immigrants' Protective League, upon whose Board of Directors are such representative Americans as Miss Fane Addams, Miss Julia C. Baumgardner, Miss Edith Abbott, and Professor Ernst Freund, he went on, filed with the Immigration Committee of the House of Representatives a statement of their objections to the proposed bill for the registration of aliens, in which they said:

First, we oppose such legislation because we believe it to be un-American in principle, since it introduced into our American life the discredited Russian and Prussian Imperial systems of espionage, with a resulting contempt for the poor. Second, enforcement will require a large and expensive army of federal officers who cannot be adequately supervised, and who will be subjected to all the dangers of corruption, special influence, and special pleading characteristic of similar systems in Europe. Third, it extends to English, Irish, Scotch, Scandinavian, German, and all other immigrants the system heretofore used only for the Chinese, and we fear that the principal advocates of this measure in Congress are trying thus to carry over to the European immigrant, their attitude towards the Oriental immigrant. Fourth, we object to the taxation imposed by this measure upon the alien residents of our country. Every immigrant is already charged a high head tax of 8 dollars to enter the United States. The imposition of an additional annual tax under the proposed registration system, violates our American principle of taxation, which seeks to avoid placing undue burdens upon the weakest and poorest members of the community, and, finally we are opposed to this measure because we believe it will create grave administration difficulties, will waste large sums of public money and will fail to secure the results desired.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, he added, also adopted resolutions expressing "its unqualified and emphatic disapproval of such measures, and of all invidious discrimination against, and segregation of, aliens". Mr. Max J. Kohler, a member of the Committee, has collated the opinions of various public bodies and important individuals on this subject in a pamphlet entitled "The Registration of Aliens - A Dangerous Project". Your Committee, he concluded, is determined to exert every effort to oppose this un-American measure should it be brought up for consideration in Congress.

THE DANGER WHICH FACED HUNGARIAN JEWRY THIS MONTH: SUICIDE OF GENERAL ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH PUTSCH PLOT SUGGESTS IMPLICATION OF HIS FRIEND WAR MINISTER GOEMBOES HUNGARIAN ANTISEMITIC LEADER: WRECK OF BUDAPEST EXPRESS LAST ROSH HASHANAH WHICH ANTISEMITES EXPLOITED FOR ANTI-JEWISH AGITATION NOW SEEN AS ACCIDENT DUE TO EXPLOSIVES BEING BROUGHT ON TRAIN FOR PUTSCHISTS AND FOR BLOWING UP SYNAGOGUES.

Budapest, Dec. 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

General Franz Schill, former Commandant of the Hungarian Gendarmerie, and a close friend and associate of the Minister of War, M. Julius Goemboes, the leader of the Hungarian antisemitic movement, has committed suicide by strangling himself with his towel in the military prison in Budapest, where he was confined together with a large number of other persons arrested at the end of November, when the authorities discovered a plot in which they were concerned to overthrow the Government by armed force and establish a terrorist dictatorship on Hitlerist lines, whose programme included the starving out of the Jews by a plan similar to that revealed in the Boxheim documents seized in the Hitlerist headquarters in Hesse, the shooting of all wealthy Jews unless they gave up their money, and the blowing up of synagogues.

Strong suspicion exists in Democratic circles that the War Minister, M. Goemboes, and his group of followers in the Government Party were implicated in the plot, and General Schill's suicide is seen as strengthening the suspicion, the motive imputed to his act being that he saw the investigation leading up to the detection of the part played behind the scenes by his friend, and took his life so that he should not be forced to give evidence which would reveal his guilt.

There is another sensation caused by the revelation that Matuschka, the Hungarian quarry-owner who lived in Vienna and was arrested recently on the charge of blowing up the Ostende-Budapest Express train last Rosh Hashanah, which the antisemites, both in Hungary and abroad, notably the German Hitlerists, exploited for their anti-Jewish agitation, alleging that the train had been wrecked by Jews, who had chosen Rosh Hashanah because no Jews would be travelling that day, was in close contact with the leaders of the putsch plot, and that one of them, Franz Toth, who is under arrest, had received large quantities of high explosives from Matuschka.

The new theory is that Matuschka had no intention of wrecking the train, but that a quantity of high explosives which he had obtained in his capacity as a quarry-owner, ostensibly for blasting purposes, and was bringing to Budapest to be added to the armoury of the conspirators, exploded accidentally.

Matuschka's attitude of simulating insanity, which has puzzled the authorities, it is suggested, was an expedient to throw the authorities off the scent, preferring to play the madman and to let it be thought that he was a train-wrecker, rather than tell the truth that it was an accident and thus betray the plot.

It is recalled in Jewish quarters in connection with that part of the plot relating to the blowing up of synagogues that letters had been received by many Jews shortly before Rosh Hashanah threatening to blow up the Great Synagogue in Budapest on the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

The anti-Jewish agitation at the time of the wreck of the Budapest express was so violent in its allegation that it was the work of Jews, that the Government was compelled to proclaim martial law, as the only way of preventing anti-Jewish outbreaks.

NATIONALIST DICTATORSHIP COMING IN AUSTRIA SAYS HEIMWEHR  
LEADER EX-MINISTER PRINCE STARHENBERG: DR. PFPRIMER  
CO-LEADER OF HEIMWEHR ON TRIAL FOR ATTEMPTED RISING  
LAST SEPTEMBER

Vienna, Dec. 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Dr. Pfrimer, the leader of the Heimwehr organisation in the Province of Styria, and a number of his chief officers were put on trial to-day at Graz on a charge of treason, for having attempted an armed rising last September for the purpose of establishing a Heimwehr dictatorship in Austria.

Meanwhile, Prince Starhemberg, the leader of the Heimwehr Organisation, who was Minister of the Interior in the Vaugoin Government last year, has delivered a speech here, simultaneously with the opening of the trial, in which he has declared that he is determined whatever the cost to smash the present Democratic system of Government and establish a Heimwehr dictatorship.

∴ The Jews in the Vienna synagogues last Rosh Hashanah were alarmed by the news that the Heimwehr Organisation, which is largely organised on similar lines to the Hitlerists in Germany, had organised a successful rising in the Province of Styria, where they had established a Heimwehr dictatorship. It was added that the Jews in the places where the Heimwehr had seized control, had been ill-treated. Later in the day reports arrived that the police and army, and also the Socialist Defence organisations, had succeeded in putting down the rising, and that the Heimwehr dictatorship was at an end.

In Vienna itself, everything remained quiet.

Dr. Pfrimer, like Prince Starhemberg, is a violent antisemite. In 1929, when there was a big controversy in the Heimwehr ranks over the question whether the organisation was antisemitic or not, and Dr. Steidle, who was one of the two co-leaders with Dr. Pfrimer, tried to assure public opinion by declaring that patriotic native-born Jews were welcome in the Heimwehr movement, Dr. Pfrimer immediately came out with a declaration that the Jews must be regarded as an alien people, and treated accordingly.

When the Heimwehr participated in the Austrian Government last year, with Prince Starhemberg as Minister of the Interior, and Dr. Hueber as Minister of Justice, they neither of them disguised their violent antisemitism, and the Jews of Austria were seriously concerned about the anti-Jewish policy which they were conducting in their official capacities.

FORCES OF STABILITY IN GERMANY RALLY TO GOVERNMENT: SOCIAL  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY DECIDES TO SUPPORT BRUENING TO KEEP OUT  
HITLER.

Berlin, Dec. 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The forces of stability in Germany are again rallying to the support of the Government in order to save the country from the menace of Hitlerism, as they did in October, immediately after the big victories secured by the Hitlerists in the elections to the Reichstag. The Social Democratic Party, still the largest Party in the Reichstag, has again decided to-day that notwithstanding its differences with the Government on various questions, particularly the wage reductions enforced in the last emergency decrees, it will support the Bruening Government, because otherwise there may be serious complications which would upset German stability.

.. In October the support of the Social Democratic Party gave the Bruening Government a majority in the Reichstag, whose composition is practically unchanged, of 325 votes against 237 and of 322 against 236, defeating the attack launched on it by the Hitlerists and Communists.

The Social-Democratic ex-Premier, Herr Hermann Mueller, opened the debate on Dr. Bruening's declaration of policy by ridiculing the Hitlerist resolutions introduced into the Reichstag for the confiscation of the property of East European Jews living in Germany and other expropriatory measures.

THE HITLERIST FLYING FORCE.

London, Dec. 15th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Rumours which have been circulating of a private army organised by Herr Adolf Hitler have received confirmation in one respect, namely, the formation of a flying corps, for which the word has now gone forth at Nazi headquarters, the "Manchester Guardian" reports to-day, confirming the report given by the J.T.A. in yesterday's Bulletin. Hitherto, it says, there has existed only the associations or "rings" of National Socialist aviators who were ready to demonstrate with their machines on gala occasions, such as the Nationalist Congress at Harzburg.

Herr Hitler himself, it proceeds, computes the number of young men owning 'planes and willing to form the Nazi "Air Storm Battalion" at between 20 and 25. This means that several members of air sports clubs have joined the party.

Besides this formation, it says, a "National Socialist German Air Association" has been formed, whose president is Dr. Ziegler, formerly instructor at the Civil Aircraft Flying School. In Munich the success of this new form of Hitler propaganda has been so great that the committee of the "Light Aircraft Club" is now entirely composed of Nazi supervisors.

At Nazi headquarters, the London "Times" states, it is explained that the party flying corps is a regularly registered corporation which is to devote itself solely to "sporting aviation". The idea is to get members with flying experience organised so that they may put in the necessary number of flying hours for the maintenance of their certificate, as certificates are cancelled if the holder does not fly for 12 months. The reference to the "air arm", if tactically unwise and apt to give the affair exaggerated importance, is comprehensible in view of the fact that most Germans with useful flying experience, apart from regular commercial pilots, are bound to be former War pilots. There are also, of course, younger men who have obtained their "A" or "sporting" certificates in light aeroplanes, and the Nazis evidently intended to muster all available members of both categories.

A statement that the Nazis had recently placed an order for 25 aeroplanes with the Albatross works is denied, and the denial is supported by information from the Ministry of Communications, which has reason to know the state of affairs at the works. At Nazi headquarters it is denied that the party possesses a single machine, if only because the party funds are said to be far from flourishing.

It is admitted that individual members of the Nazi Party may own light aeroplanes or carry out propaganda flights in hired or borrowed machines, and there can be no doubt that the party would like to make a good display in the air at its rallies. The Nazis are understood to be trying with some success to gain a strong footing in private aeroplane clubs which have machines at their disposal. There is nothing to prevent them from doing this or from forming their own aeroplane club and calling it a flying corps. They already have a motor-transport section, like the Stahlhelm, which at its big rally at Coblenz over a year ago produced an aeroplane section.

#### PRIME MINISTER DISCUSSES JEWISH AGENCY WORK IN PALESTINE WITH MR. NAHUM SOKOLOV PRESIDENT OF JEWISH AGENCY.

London, Dec. 15th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Nahum Sokolov, the President of the Zionist World Organisation and the Jewish Agency for Palestine, was received this afternoon by the Prime Minister, Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald. The conversation, which was of a long and friendly character, concerned the current problems of the Jewish Agency in Palestine.

Mr. Nahum Sokolov is leaving London for New York on Wednesday, the 23rd. inst. on board the "Majestic".

#### DR. WEIZMANN TO BE PRESIDENT OF ENGLISH ZIONIST FEDERATION.

London, Dec. 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Executive Council of the English Zionist Federation at its meeting to-day unanimously decided to recommend to the Annual Conference the election of Dr. Chaim Weizmann as President of the Zionist Federation. Dr. Eder, the present President of the Federation, stated that he had approached Dr. Weizmann, who had consented to accept the nomination.

Dr. Weizmann, who is now Honorary President of the English Zionist Federation, is also a former President, having been elected to this office by the Annual Conference of the Federation held early in 1917 when he was engaged in the efforts, together with Mr. Sokolov, the present President of the Jewish Agency, which in November of that year brought about the publication of the Balfour Declaration.

#### JEWISH AGENCY TEACHERS IN PALESTINE DECLARE ONE-DAY STRIKE: PROTEST AGAINST NON-PAYMENT OF SALARIES FOR JUNE AND JULY.

Jerusalem, Dec. 15th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A one-day strike was declared at 10 o'clock this morning by the teachers employed in the Jewish Agency schools in Palestine as a protest against the non-payment of their salaries for the months of June and July. The schools are expected to reopen as usual on Wednesday.

15,000 ATTEND MACCABEAN FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic

About 15,000 people attended last night a big Maccabean Festival to celebrate the closing of the Chanukah feast held in Madison Square Garden, the largest public hall in New York.

The celebration was arranged by the New York Zionist Region, with the support of the Hadassah and the Order Sons of Zion, and the speakers included Mr. Louis Lipsky, Judge Julian W. Mack and Mr. Herbert Lehman, the Lieut.-Governor of New York State.

A cable message of greeting received from Dr. Weizmann was read out to the gathering.

Last year Professor Einstein was in New York and addressed the Maccabean festival in Madison Square Garden, also attended as this year by 15,000 people. Let us remember on this festival commemorating the Maccabeans that times change but we remain, he said in his address.

CONGRESSMAN DICKSTEIN ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE: FIRST TIME JEW AND PRO-IMMIGRATIONIST ELECTED TO THIS OFFICE.

New York, Dec. 15th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Congressman Samuel Dickstein, a member of the Immigration Committee of the House of Representatives, and one of the leaders of the advocates of a liberal immigration policy, has to-day been elected Chairman of the Immigration Committee of the House, in succession to Congressman Johnson, one of the leaders of the immigration restriction movement, the "father" of the 1924 Immigration Restriction Quota Law and one of the chief advocates of the Registration of Aliens Plan.

It is the first time in the history of the United States that a Jew and a pro-immigrationist, has been selected to hold this important office.

It was suggested last month, when the possibility of Congressman Dickstein being appointed Chairman of the Immigration Committee was first mentioned, that if he obtained the position, he will summon the Secretary of State, Mr. Stimson, and the Secretary of Labour and Immigration, Mr. Doak, to explain on what grounds they instituted administrative restrictions of immigration without authorisation from Congress.

Congressman Johnson issued a statement in Washington on November 12th., in which he claimed that "regardless of who may be Chairman of the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalisation in the coming session of Congress, the Committee is bound to be extremely active. The public is demanding laws which will cause more deportations of criminal aliens. There is an increasing call for registration of aliens and for the extension of the quota system of restriction to countries of this hemisphere".

Congressman Dickstein is himself an immigrant, having been born in Russia, although he obtained his education in America. He is 46 years of age, and the son of the Rev. Israel Dickstein. He is a lawyer by profession, and served in 1911-14 as special Deputy Attorney-General in the State of New York. He became a member of the New York State House of Representatives in 1919, and has been a member of the United States Congress since 1923. He is the author of many housing laws and of the kosher laws of New York State.

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