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Prepared Program Discarded as World Jewish Congress Idea Pushed to the Fore; Opening Salute Fired by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise; Says He Does Not Know When Congress Will Be Established But Established It Will Be; Head of German Federation of Jewish Communities Says German Jewry Will Be Aided Less by Congress Than East European Jews, But That Time Approaching When Common Jewish Platform Will Be Only Recourse Left to German Jews; Says Economic Boycott Brings Havoc; Situation in Roumania and Poland Discussed; Reverberations of Controversy Over Congress Idea in Addresses of Wise and Nahum Goldmann

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

GENEVA, Aug. 15—The world Jewish conference, subject of comment and controversy for the past four months opened here yesterday in the presence of an audience of 500, including many American visitors, and 130 delegates representing Jewish organizations in 20 lands, 33 of them coming from the United States.

From the very outset, the world Jewish congress, its advisability and feasibility, loomed up as the dominating issue before the conference. The program arranged and rearranged by a committee comprised of Dr. Stephen S. Wise, honorary president of the American Jewish Congress, which sponsored the conference, Dr. Leo Motzkin of the Committee of Jewish Delegations, Dr. Nahum Goldmann of Berlin, Mayor M. Dizengoff of Tel Aviv, Rabbi Nurok of Latvia, and others, was discarded.

The opening gun was fired by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise who stated "it may be years before a Jewish Congress is held but held it must be."

Weizmann Presides

At Hebrew U. Meeting

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, Aug. 15 — Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University presided yesterday morning at the session which opened the meeting of the Board and the Academic Council.

Dr. Judah L. Magnes, Chancellor of the Hebrew University, delivered a lengthy address which described the present situation of the University.

A general debate followed. The afternoon session was attended by Sir Herbert Samuel, James Rothschild, Dr. Selig Brodetsky, member of the Zionist Executive in charge of political affairs, and Norman Bentwich, former Attorney General for Palestine. Professor Ornstein, Chairman of the Academic Council, presided.

Reverberations of the controversy between the American Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Committee were present in the addresses both of Dr. Wise and Dr. Nahum Goldmann who has been representing the Congress abroad in its arrangements for the conference here.

At the eleventh hour the programs which had been drafted and redrafted were abandoned and the conference fixed as its principal subject of discussion whether, and when a world Jewish congress is to be convened and what form it is to take. Consideration

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PRESIDENT VON HINDENBURG INFORMS CENTRAL UNION HE CONDEMNS INFRACTIONS ON RIGHTS OF JEWS

Central Union Presents White Book on Nazi Terrorizations of Jews; Documents Referred to Minister of Interior for Investigation; Hitler Refused Chancellorship; Bomb Aimed at Jew Fails of Mark

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, Aug. 15 — The Central Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith submitted to President Paul Von Hindenburg, prior to his departure from his estate in Neudeck, East Prussia, a White Book, describing the extent of the Nazi terrorization of the Jews.

Replying through Secretary of State Weisner, President von Hindenburg made known his condemnation of the efforts to limit the political and religious rights of the Jews in Germany.

The White Book has been transmitted to the Minister of Interior for verification of its charges, by the German president.

Bomb Misses Mark

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, Aug. 15—A bomb was thrown at the home of a Jewish merchant, Lampel, in Bialla, East Prussia, today.

The bomb thrower missed his mark,

Vaida Voevod Calls for Conciliation Program For National Minorities

Specifies, However, That Government Is to Undertake Program First to Improve Condition of Peasantry

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BUCHAREST, Aug. 15 — Premier Alexander Vaida Voevod in his address on government program delivered before Parliament today advocated a policy of friendship and conciliation with the national and religious minorities.

Premier Vaida Voevod specified, however, that the government would seek first to improve the condition of the peasantry before dealing with the needs of the industrial population. The Jews are included in the latter category.

The Jewish publication, "Agalitea," states today that it learns the government is planning to submit to Parliament forthwith a bill aimed to curb the activities of the Anti-Semites and the Communists.

however. Aimed at the bedroom of Lampel, the bomb exploded as it reached the window and damaged the building.

Hindenburg Refuses Hitler Chancellorship

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, Aug. 15—One hundred percent control of the German cabinet, with himself as Chancellor, demanded by Adolf Hitler in an interview with President Paul von Hindenburg was rejected by the president of Germany.

Adolf Hitler, it is understood, stated "I want precisely the same power as Mussolini exercised after the march on Rome."

The Nazi chieftain refused the post of Vice Chancellor of Germany and the Commissionership of Prussia, which was offered him.

Hitler, it is also understood, gave President von Hindenburg his pledge that his followers would attempt no march on Berlin.

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Fiftieth Anniversary of Bilu Settlers

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TEL AVIV, Aug. 15—The fiftieth anniversary of the Bilu settlers was celebrated here on Saturday by the Bilu survivors.

Speakers who addressed the gathering represented the Bilu, the municipality of Tel Aviv, the Jewish National Fund, the Teachers Association and the rabbinate.

Dr. Troupin, Prominent Jewish Physician, Dies

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

BOSTON, Aug. 15—Dr. Abraham S. Troupin, well known Boston Jewish physician and assistant professor at Tufts Medical School, died here suddenly yesterday.

Funeral services were held today at the Community House of Temple Israel. Dr. Troupin was visiting physician at the Boston City Hospital and the Beth Israel Hospital.

Two Jews Capture Second Places in Olympics

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 15—With only one championship captured by a Jewish athlete in the Olympiad, and that by a Los Angeles girl, Lillian Copeland with her discus, the record of the Jewish athletes was somewhat heightened by the capture of two second places in other events.

Phil Ehrenberg, also of Los Angeles, won second place in a tough Indian club swinging contest, and Albert Schwartz finished second behind one of the fastest Japanese swimmers in the world.

Lessing Rosenwald Admits Validity of \$10,000,000 Claims Against Father's Estate

Claims Consist of Loans and Guarantees to Cover Stock Holdings of Employees

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

CHICAGO, Aug. 15—Claims totalling \$10,185,000 were filed against the Julius Rosenwald estate by the First National Bank of Chicago and the Chase National Bank of New York, Mitchell C. Robin, clerk of the probate court, revealed. Both claims bore the indorsement for the estate of Lessing J. Rosenwald, executor, who admitted the validity of the claims.

The claim filed by the Chase National Bank was for \$7,825,000 borrowed by E. J. Pollack and E. H. Powell as trustees for certain funds set up by Mr. Rosenwald during his life. The loan was secured by 101,359 shares of Sears, Roebuck & Co. common stock.

Attorneys for the First National Bank of Chicago set forth in their claim that the sum of \$2,360,000 was borrowed or guaranteed by Mr. Rosenwald at various times during the year of 1931. Of this sum \$2,000,000 was borrowed directly by Mr. Rosenwald on Sept. 22, 1931.

The major portion of these loans, it is understood, represents sums borrowed by Mr. Rosenwald in order to protect the stock holdings of his Sears, Roebuck & Co. employees when the market crashed.

One hundred and fifty thousand dollars was borrowed from the First National Bank by the Chicago Sinai Congregation and guaranteed by Mr. Rosenwald on Dec. 7, 1931. Edwin R. Embree, president of the Rosenwald Fund, borrowed \$210,000 from the bank and Mr. Rosenwald guaranteed the loan.

The loan at the First National Bank was secured by 500 shares of American Telephone and Telegraph common; 5,000 shares of F. W. Woolworth common; 3,000 shares of American Tobacco Company B. common stock; 15,000 shares of Lehman Corporation common; 3,000 shares of Union Carbon and Carbide common and 47,000 shares of Sears Roebuck & Co. common.

Austria Prohibits Naming of Children Hitler

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

The Austrian government has enacted a measure controlling the first names of children and specifically prohibiting the naming of a child "Hitler," says a special correspondence to the "New York Times."

The purpose of the decree is to prevent the naming of children in such fashion as to offend public morality or good order, says the decree.

Dickstein in Warsaw; To Investigate Consulate On Matter of Visas to Jews

Will Assemble Board of Inquiry to Look Into Matter of Methods Of Examinations

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WARSAW, Aug. 15—Congressman Samuel Dickstein, chairman of the Immigration Committee of the House of Representatives, is now in Warsaw, on an investigation of the alleged tactics of American medical officials attached to the American consulate here, who are charged with holding up visas to Jews.

Congressman Dickstein is the author of the bill passed by both houses of Congress which admits husbands of American Citizens, married up until July 1, 1932, to the United States, outside of the quota, and has sponsored other immigration measures designed to prevent hardship among families owing to the immigration restrictions.

In a statement issued by Congressman Dickstein upon his arrival, he charged that some 600 husbands and wives of American citizens who could be admitted to the United States under the existing immigration laws are promised visas which are withheld because they are unable to pass medical tests, which he termed unduly severe and sometimes unfair. These tests fall into two categories, physical and mental, and American physicians are accused of anti-Semitism.

Congressman Dickstein said that information that has come to him from prospective immigrants indicates that the questions are designed for the purpose of disqualifying the applicants.

A favorite question, according to the (Continued on Page 4)

Unveil Memorial to Mortimer L. Schiff at Scout Camp

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

WADING RIVER, L. I., Aug. 15—A stone boulder with a tablet, erected here in memory of Mortimer L. Schiff, prominent Jewish philanthropist, who was president of the Boy Scouts of America, was unveiled yesterday at Camp Waupepe.

Cancellation of the \$40,000 mortgage on the local camp site was presented by John M. Schiff, son of the late philanthropist, to Carl Stedman Brown, president of the Nassau Council.

Mr. Schiff stated that one of the last wishes expressed by his mother before her death was that the mortgage assumed by the Schiff family be cancelled.

The inscription on the tablet declares: "Erected by the Boy Scouts of Nassau County in memory of Mortimer L. Schiff, whose wise counsel and generous gifts so greatly aided them in securing for their permanent camp, Waupepe. President of Boy Scouts of America May 6 to June 1931; director of Nassau Council January 1, 1920 to February 3, 1930."

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of action to be taken on political and economic matters affecting the status of the Jews of East Europe and more particularly Germany were relegated to the background.

Dr. Wise in his address stated that it will be a function of the World Jewish Congress to deal first with the status of Jews in various lands, and second with the economic situation of the Jews created by lawlessness.

The conference at its opening sessions resembled a miniature Zionist Congress except for the presence of an appreciable proportion of non-Zionists and even anti-Zionists. The latter group, representing Polish Jewish groups for the most part, came to the conference with a view to consultation and to find some solution for the economic destruction of Polish Jewry.

Deutsch Opens Conference

The conference was opened officially by Bernard S. Deutsch, president of the American Jewish Congress. He was followed by Nahum Goldmann. The closing speech of the afternoon session was delivered by Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

The leading speaker of the evening session was George Kareski, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities who delivered an address on the position of the Jews in Germany. The Jewish situation in Roumania was described by Deputy Meyer Ebner.

Addresses were also delivered by M. Schmorak of Poland, M. Yefroikin of France, M. Margulies of Czechoslovakia and Robert Stricker of Vienna.

Attending the sessions is Professor William Rappard, head of the Mandates Commission of the League of Nations.

Greetings were received from Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate; Professor Georg Bernhard, former editor of the "Vossische Zeitung," whose ill health prevented his attendance; Simon Dubnov, noted Jewish historian; Professor Albert Einstein and Mrs. Rebekah Kohut, head of the world association of Jewish Women.

Letters expressing sympathy with the purposes of the conference were also received from Jewish organizations in Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Spain, Turkey and Mexico.

Next to the world Jewish congress plan, the leading subject before the conference is a discussion of the plan of Professor Guido Tedeschi of Rome, for the establishment of an international organization, under the aegis of the League of Nations, to combat anti-Semitism.

Wise Fires Opening Gun

Dr. Wise received an ovation when, referring to the situation of

the Jews in Germany, he declared that the Jews would not be physically exiled from the Germany of Heine, Wasserman, Rathenau and Einstein.

Referring to the opponents of the world Jewish Congress idea in England, America, France and elsewhere, as "the Jewish Grand Dukes," Dr. Wise said the time will come when a world Jewish congress will have to concern itself in addition to external Jewish problems with inner problems of Jewish life.

He indicated that the conference will have to deal with the relations between a world Jewish congress and the Jewish Agency. It will have to decide as well whether the Jewish Congress is to confine itself to the Diaspora.

The present conference, he asserted, offers the Jewish people an opportunity to plan and evolve a machine out of which shall emerge this Parliament of the Jewish people. "This is not a Zionist Congress," he asserted, "but yet I believe we are evoking the shades of Theodore Herzl in this hour, because Herzl was not only the creator of modern Zionism but Israel incarnated and the spirit of the nation at its highest."

A world Jewish congress, he asserted, will also have to deal "with the breach of minority rights during the past decade with a view to safeguarding them because without continued protests against wrongs it comes to be viewed as normal by both perpetrator and victim alike."

Goldmann Attacks Adler

Dr. Goldmann heatedly attacked the American Jewish Committee and more particularly its president, Dr. Cyrus

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20 Histadruth Workers

Arrested in Land Dispute

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15—A conflict between the manager of one hundred and twenty dunams of land owned by Dutch Jews in the colony of Hadar and workers affiliated with the Histadruth, Palestine labor federation, led to the arrest of twenty workers yesterday.

The controversy arose over the manager's action in engaging Mizrahi workers from Petach Tikva for the cultivation of this territory, while the Histadruth claimed that its workers should have been employed.

13 Stores Owned by

Jews Destroyed by Fire

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

RIGA, Aug. 15—Thirteen places of business owned by Jews in the town of Korskovka were destroyed by fire today.

None of the owners carried insurance. The damage is in a considerable amount.

Balti Jews Discovered In Jassy; Handed Over To Court Martial

Results Unknown Either to Government or Jewish Deputies; Tense Interest in Outcome

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BUCHAREST, Aug. 15—The two Jews of Balti, missing since the end of July, following their arrest on charges of having signaled to Soviet frontier guards across the border, have been discovered in Jassy where they were handed over to a court martial, the "Nascharetsch" reports today.

The two Jews, David Messner and M. Guttman, were arrested on July 10th and 15th together with two other partners in a stone quarry, S. Sonnenstein and Z. Heinz, on the charge of signaling Soviet frontier guards with lights.

At the end of July Heinz and Sonnenstein were released at the instigation of an official of the Jassy Military Court, while their partners were ordered returned to their native town of Balti, but never reached there.

When the situation was disclosed by the "Adeverul," Minister Halippa ordered the discovery of the whereabouts of the two and the reasons leading to their arrest and incarceration.

Neither the government nor the Jewish members of Parliament who have conducted a special investigation of their own are aware of the results of the court martial.

Inquiries are being conducted by Undersecretary of State Gaemiescu, the results of which are being anxiously awaited.

Announces Knabenshue As Baghdad Minister

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15—The State Department has confirmed the report that Paul Knabenshue, Consul General in Jerusalem, is to be named minister to Baghdad.

In announcing the appointment of Mr. Knabenshue, it was made known he will occupy the posts of minister resident and consul general at Baghdad.

Alexander K. Sloan, consul at Baghdad, who has been serving as Charge D'Affaires there, has been named consul at Jerusalem.

Absolves Jews of High Interest Charges

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, Aug. 15—Lord Beaverbrook, addressing a mass meeting here tonight on the Imperial Conference in Ottawa, cleared the Jews of responsibility for the high rates of interest charged small borrowers.

This, Lord Beaverbrook stated, is attributable to joint stock banks whose heads are not Jews.

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Adler, upon whom he placed the responsibility for the refusal of a number of Jewish bodies to take part in the conference.

The failure of Jewish organizations to participate is due either to an imaginary fear of international Jewish co-operation or fear of democratic representation, he asserted.

Dr. Goldmann, it is understood, was referring to the Joint Foreign Committee of London, whose opposition to the conference led the Board of Jewish Deputies to decline participation as well. Dr. Goldmann had several conferences with the representatives of the Joint Foreign Committee, in an effort to induce the latter to change their position.

Auspicious Moment for Conference

Mr. Deutsch in his opening address stated: "We are met in an auspicious moment when the floodgates of Jewish misery are near to bursting. Momentous changes are being wrought daily in the life of the people of the world and especially in the life of our own people."

"It is fitting that we meet in this city which is the seat of that great instrumentality for international unity and friendship projected by that immortal leader and statesman Woodrow Wilson, the League of Nations," Mr. Deutsch said.

Discussing conditions in the United States, Mr. Deutsch stated that "American democracy has prospered our people. Parity of Jewish citizens which applies to all walks of life makes it possible for us to occupy positions of honor and trust."

"The increase of anti-Semitism in Europe, he stated, has had an interesting effect on Christian public opinion in America. He pointed to the rise of the Good Will movement of Jews and Christians who are seeking to eliminate race hatred and misunderstanding. "Leading American Christians have exorcised in no uncertain terms that hydra-headed dragon of evil anti-Semitism," he said.

He referred to the radio address delivered by Senator Borah, condemning anti-Semitism.

The keynote sounded by Dr. Kareski was that while a world Jewish congress would be of less aid to the Jews of Germany than to the Jews of Eastern Europe, nevertheless German Jewry may soon find itself in a position where a common Jewish platform may be the only place from which the voice of Jewry may be heard.

Even the present campaign conducted by Jewish "assimilators" for the purpose of enlightenment may be suppressed one day.

If the Nazis come to power the question will be: "Whose influence will prevail?" Will the mass hatred prevail or will the Nazi intellectuals of the Keyserling type who came to the Nazi

movement from purely idealistic motives prevail.

The greatest danger with which German Jewry is confronted is the systematic process being conducted for the exclusion of Jews from the economic life of German Jewry, he pointed out. The middle class in particular has been completely ruined.

No solution, in the viewpoint of Dr. Kareski, can save the Jewish masses from this economic ruination, although efforts must be made to save as many as possible by organizing the Jews in co-operative organizations.

Dr. Kareski drew an analogy between the declassed Jewish class created following the Communist revolution and the present status of the Jews in Germany.

Whatever the future of the Nazi movement, a considerable proportionate improvement of the Jewish situation in Germany must not be expected. German life in its entirety is becoming saturated with hatred for the Jews.

This hatred of the Jews is so deeply rooted in the growing generation, that its potentialities may reach their fullest development only ten or twenty years hence.

Situation Unbearable in Roumania and Poland

Anti-Semitism combined with the extreme poverty of the Jews, turns the Jewish position into a hell, it was stressed by Deputy Meyer Ebner, speaking of the situation of the Jews in Roumania and by Mr. Schmorak, discussing the Jewish position in Poland.

In combination these two factors contrive to make Jewish life unbearable, both speakers declared.

They complained of laws which, although not directed specifically at the Jews, nevertheless have resulted in the complete and specific ruination of the Jews.

The governments of Roumania and Poland, both speakers said, should be expected, when formulating laws, to bear in mind the interests of the Jewish population since they form a large proportion of the population as a whole.

Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum of New York, chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Congress, scored the Nazi campaign against the Jews.

"I do not know how much Teuton blood the Saviour had, but surely the Lord Himself would have been banned in Germany for the capital offense of choosing a Jewish mother," Dr. Tenenbaum said. "Anti-Semitism is an international menace containing the yeast of revolution and the germ of social upheaval. It will lead to war," he predicted.

Robert Stricker asserted that there is great danger involved should the congress idea, once started with, fail to be consummated.

Senator Borah's Statement

Senator Borah's statement declared: "I hope that progress may be made in the great ideals you have so long cherished for your people, ideals which

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prospective immigrants is how many feathers has a goose, or has a young chicken blue or yellow feet, or whether the Chinese have red or green hair.

Congressman Dickstein who is planning a two weeks stay in Warsaw said he would assemble "a board of inquiry here and I shall be present at a few examinations myself. If I am dissatisfied with the methods of the examinations, I shall ask to have the general medical officer controlling the United States service in Europe sent to Warsaw. I shall also probably invite some local specialists to inspect the most doubtful cases."

Report Exodus of German Jews to Belgium

A wholesale exodus of Jews of the upper and middle classes from all parts of Germany to Belgium is reported by the New York Times in a mail correspondence.

The movement, says the correspondence, has been going on for some time and German Jews are establishing a garden city on the sea coast. One large hotel has just been purchased in Jewish interests and much money is being invested in Belgian coast resorts. This new money is very welcome as the hotels are having a record season for losses of every description.

"There is some speculation whether the Belgian coast is merely a jumping off place or a waiting room, so to speak, until it can be seen how things will go in Germany. Under certain conditions, the wealthy Jews will probably go on to the United States and Great Britain after remaining in Belgium long enough to settle their affairs," according to the despatch.

are founded upon the plainest principles of tolerance and justice and human progress. You have a cause which ought to appeal, and I believe is coming more and more to effectively appeal, to the conscience of the world.

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