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REPORT PLAN TO RAISE \$15,000,000 IN 4 YEARS FOR MASS EXODUS OF REICH JEWS

LONDON, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The reported plan to transfer between 100,000 and 250,000 Jews from Germany to Palestine and British territories involved the raising of \$15,000,000, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

Three British Jews, it was also learned, have already pledged \$500,000 each toward the fund. They include Viscount Bearsted, head of the Shell Oil interests and Simon Marks, department store magnate and vice-president of the English Zionist Organization.

Sir Herbert Samuel, former High Commissioner of Palestine, confirmed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that he is sailing January 15 for New York with Viscount Bearsted and Mr. Marks on the Majestic.

REICH OFFICIALS AWARE OF PLAN FOR TRANSFER OF JEWS; REFUSE DETAILS

BERLIN, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Government circles told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that they were aware of the plan reported abroad for transferring between 100,000 and 250,000 Jews from Germany to Palestine and British territories with the financial backing of British and American Jews.

The officials refused, however, either to vouchsafe details of the plan or to reveal their attitude towards it.

The plan is assumed here to have arisen from earlier proposals, reported by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on November 26, 1935, for setting up an international bank with headquarters in London to enable Jews emigrating from Germany to withdraw their money.

Under the original plan, which was understood to have the backing of Economics Minister Hjalmar Schacht, shares in the bank would be sold to Jews throughout the world. The bank would operate under a transfer agreement similar to that existing between Germany and Palestine, under which emigrating Jews receive their capital in credits which can be used to buy German exports.

The process of transfer, which may be the same under the new proposal, follows:

The emigrating Jew would receive his capital in the form of German goods, minus a twenty-five per cent emigration tax. The goods would be taken over by the international bank, which would proceed to sell them. Meanwhile, the bank would pay the emigrant in the currency of the country where he would settle.

Minister Schacht's backing was understood to have been predicated on the belief that the project would help to increase German exports, thereby aiding the Reich's exchange balance, at the same time weakening the anti-Nazi boycott and paying off the Jewish accounts in Germany.

MANDATES BODY ASKS COUNCIL DECISION ON REICH,
JAPAN DUMPING IN PALESTINE

GENEVA, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The League of Nations Mandates Commission has for a second time demanded a League Council decision on whether the clause in the Palestine Mandate reserving equal export rights to League members can be applied to halt Japanese and German dumping in the Holy Land, it was disclosed today. Japan and Germany have both left the League.

In the report of its last session, the commission cites without comment the statement by Japan in reply to the commission when it originally raised the question last August. In the answer, given by Nobutomi Ito, Japanese "courtesy representative" at Geneva, Japan insisted on equal commercial privileges in all mandated territories, particularly Palestine and Syria, notwithstanding her withdrawal from the League.

The commission, in its report to the League Council, had asked whether Japan, as a non-League member, could still export to Palestine under Article 16 of the Palestine Mandate, which reserves equal export rights in Palestine to League members. The situation was aggravated by charges made in many quarters in Geneva and Palestine that Japanese dumping was injuring Palestine's infant industry.

REICH TO PERMIT CZECH JEWS TO WITHDRAW PART OF CAPITAL

BERLIN, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- A special arrangement by which Czechoslovakian Jews residing in Germany will be permitted to remove to Czechoslovakia a substantial part of their capital, it was announced here tonight.

According to the plan, the Czech Jews will receive Reichsbank checks payable by the Czechoslovakian National Bank in liquidation of capital tied up in Germany.

It is believed here that the concession is due to the fact that Germany has a large balance in the Czech bank and also because Czechoslovakia is the only small nation fully protecting the rights and interests of its Jewish citizens residing in Germany.

STUERMER URGES JEWS BE SENT TO UNHABITED ISLAND

BERLIN, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Julius Streicher's anti-Semitic weekly Der Stuermer today demanded international action "to remove the Jews to an uninhabited island." The proposal was aimed not only at German Jews but at "all Jews residing among non-Jewish nations."

33 JEWS INJURED IN ANTI-JEWISH RIOT IN LITHUANIA

KAUNAS, Lithuania, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Thirty-three Jews were injured, one of them seriously, in anti-Jewish riots which broke out today in the townships of Kross and Worne, near Telsiai. Attacks upon the Jews were made by Lithuanian peasants. Police made several arrests and order was restored. Telsiai was recently the scene of serious anti-Jewish outbreaks.

REPORT ONLY 36 DOCTORS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER PALESTINE IN 1936

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- A Government regulation limiting the number of physicians who may enter Palestine in 1936 to thirty-six will be issued shortly, it was learned today. Previously it was reported that promulgation of the law curbing entry of physicians had been postponed.

ROKACH, HOS NAMED DEPUTY MAYORS OF TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Israel Rokach and Dov Hos were today elected deputy mayors of this all-Jewish city. They will serve temporarily with equal standing.

BOMB WOUNDS 3 JEWISH WOMEN IN WIENO

WIENO, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Police today were seeking young adherents of the Kndek nationalist party believed to be responsible for the bombing Saturday night of a Jewish shop in which the proprietress, Leah Feinschneider, and her assistants, Rachel Michaels and Sarah Mogilnik, were injured.

FIRST BIALIK LITERATURE AWARDS MADE BY POET! WIDOW

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Mrs. A. P. Bialik, widow of Chaim Nachman Bialik, noted Hebrew poet, distributed the first Bialik Foundation awards for literature, first prize of \$1,000 going to Professor Israel Davidson of the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York for his anthology of Hebrew poetry of the Middle Ages.

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The awards, announced yesterday, were sent out today in connection with the observance of the sixty-second anniversary of the Hebrew poet laureate, who died July 4, 1934. They included, besides Prof. Davidson's prize, a \$1,000 award to Zalman Shneur, a \$500 second prize to be divided between Avigdor Hameiri and Jerudah Burlo and \$375 to Prof. Saul Tschernerichovsky for translation. Other prize winners were Michael Asaf and A. Bar-Drama.

A.J. COMMITTEE URGES LEAGUE INTERCEDE WITH REICH

NEW YORK, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today forwarded to the League of Nations a resolution asking intercession with Germany, as proposed by James G. McDonald, to avert "existing and impending tragedies."

A resolution praising Mr. McDonald for his work while High Commissioner for Refugees and asking League action was adopted by 200 delegates representing fifty committees attending the committee's twenty-ninth annual meeting at the Hotel Astor.

The decline of anti-Semitism in the United States during 1935 was recounted in the report of the executive committee, read by Sol M. Strocck, chairman of the executive. "The forces working for goodwill," particularly the Christian churches, were credited with the lessening of anti-Jewish agitation.

The report warned, however, that the agitation is continuing and "in some section of the country thriving as a result of unsettled economic and political conditions."

The resolution on the Nazis was moved by Joseph M. Proskauer, former Supreme Court Justice, who declared:

"If the non-conformist in Germany may be destroyed and if the world will sit silent while that destruction is being consummated, then the world has confessed itself bankrupt in its own endeavor to preserve and continue the history of the struggle for civilization."

The executive's report warned of the "likelihood of "even more drastic measures" by the Nazi Government.

Dr. Cyrus Adler, who was absent because of illness, was re-elected president. Other officers are Abram I. Elkus, honorary vice-president; Judge Lehman and Louis E. Kirstein, vice presidents; Samuel D. Leidesdorf, treasurer and Sol M. Strocck, chairman of the executive committee.

A.J. CONGRESS BACKS WORLD PARLEY FOR SUMMER

NEW YORK, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress yesterday went on record in favor of convoking a world Jewish congress no later than this summer and moved to prepare for nation-wide election of delegates.

At a meeting of its national executive committee, the A.J.C. adopted a resolution citing specifically the Nuremberg "ghetto laws" and holding that a tribunal must be set up empowered to speak in the name of world Jewry.

A demand was served on the United States Government that it "cannot wait any longer with self-respect" in voicing protest against Nazi persecutions in a resolution introduced by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, president of the Congress.

Rabbi Wise expressed the belief that President Roosevelt was "more than half prepared" to speak out against the Nazis three years ago but that he was prevented by a group of German Jews "who put Germany first and Jewish honor second."

The League of Nations was also called upon "to make itself felt in unequivocal terms in respect to the monstrous wrong which the Nazi Government is inflicting upon the Jewish people."

Other resolutions adopted protested the announcement of a Palestine legislative council, called for reintensification of the anti-Nazi boycott and reaffirmed the congress stand against American participation in the Berlin Olympics.

ARAB PARTIES MEET TODAY TO FRAME REPLY ON COUNCIL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope today visited Nablus in an effort, it was reported, to convince Arab leaders to agree to the establishment of a legislative council for Palestine.

Arab parties are scheduled to meet tomorrow to formulate a reply to the High Commissioner's proclamation of a council on December 20.

The party of the Grand Mufti and that of the Arab Youth Congress today adopted resolutions rejecting the council and demanding an Arab national government and a law-making parliament. The council as outlined by the High Commissioner would have limited powers, with complete veto rights vested in the High Commissioner.

MONTEFIORE URGES WORLD TO MEET NAZI DEFT TO MANKIND

LONDON, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- An appeal to humanity to meet "the Nazi challenge to mankind" was voiced by Leonard G. Montefiore, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, at a meeting of the association yesterday.

Referring to the resignation letter of James G. McDonald, High Commissioner for German Refugees, Mr. Montefiore declared that the German Jews, helpless, gagged and unable to defend themselves, must submit "to people like Georg Kareski, who fawn on their own persecutors."

Kareski, a German State Zionist leader, was recently appointed by the Nazis to head the Jewish cultural union, which exercises dictatorial power over Jewish cultural affairs.

READING DYING WISH WAS FOR SIMPLE JEWISH RITES

LONDON, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Rabbi M. L. Perlzweig, who attended Lord Reading as he lay dying last Monday, disclosed today at a memorial service held by the Jewish Agency for Palestine that the last wish expressed by the Marquess was that his funeral rites be both simple and Jewish.

PALESTINE JEWISH GROUPS BALK AT FRANK AS NEW CHIEF RABBI

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations refused yesterday to recognize the election of Rabbi Zvi Pessach Frank by an assembly of local rabbis to fill the position of chief rabbi of Palestine left vacant with the death last September of Rabbi Abraham I. Kook.

Meanwhile, a group of Chassidic Jews sent an invitation to Rabbi Zemba of Poland to come to Palestine as their chief rabbi.

ALLENBY HOPEFUL OF ARAB-JEWISH AMITY

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Optimism over the future of Jewish-Arab relations in Palestine was expressed yesterday by Field Marshal Sir Edmund Allenby, Commander of the expeditionary force in the Holy Land during the World War, here on a visit.

ZIONIST, JEWISH LEADERS CONFER TODAY ON PALESTINE COUNCIL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Members of the Zionist Actions Committee in Palestine, representatives of the Zionist Executive and of the Jewish National Council and the Agudath Israel, extreme orthodox group, were summoned today to a special conference to be held tomorrow on the recently announced representative legislative council.

URGE NEW CREDITS FOR PALESTINE INDUSTRY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The need of further credits to ensure the development of Palestine industry was stressed by a delegation of Jewish industrialists which visited the Zionist Executive.