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DENY REICH AGENT CONFERRED WITH BRITISH-JEWISH LEADERS ON EXODUS PLAN

LONDON, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Authoritative sources today vigorously denied there was any foundation for a report published in today's Daily Herald to the effect that a representative of the German Government recently conferred with Jewish leaders here and helped draw up a tentative plan for mass exodus of German Jews.

According to these sources, there is no basis to the reports that the Jewish leaders entered into an agreement with the German Government involving the export of German goods.

"Jewish leaders and the Jewish Community," it was stated, "have not made, have not considered and would not consider any arrangement such as suggested, that emigrants' capital can only be gotten out in German goods which would be sold abroad for the purpose of breaking the anti-Nazi boycott. That you can take as being absolutely definite."

The same sources declared that the statement issued in New York by the executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America was "perfectly true."

COMING HERE TO PUSH PALESTINE APPEAL DRIVE, MARKS TELLS ZOA

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A categorical denial of newspaper reports that there is a plan afoot to aid Jews to emigrate from Germany by flooding world markets with German goods was issued last night by the Zionist Organization of America's executive committee over the signatures of Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Louis Lipsky and Morris Rothenberg.

The statement said authorization had been received from Simon Marks, British chain store magnate and Zionist leader, to say that

his contemplated visit to the United States with Sir Herbert Samuel and Lord Bearsted was for the purpose of helping to raise funds to facilitate large-scale settlement of German Jews in Palestine. Mr. Marks was quoted as denying the delegation intended to launch a scheme for flooding world markets with Reich goods.

"It is unthinkable," the statement said, "that Jews will participate in any such scheme as has been reported in the press, under which German Jews are to be held as hostages until they are ransomed by Jewish money to be used in stimulating German trade."

The statement added that "any proposal to solve the Jewish problem in Germany must take into consideration the recommendations submitted last week by Mr. James G. McDonald in his letter of resignation as High Commissioner for Refugees..."

TIMES CRITICIZES REICH-INSPIRED PLAN TO TRANSFER JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Criticism of the reported plan to expatriate German Jews with the financial aid of British and American Jews by increasing German exports was voiced today in an editorial in the New York Times, which originally reported the plan from London yesterday.

The scheme was scored as "further evidence of her (Germany's) disregard of fundamental decency and her tramping under foot of elemental morality."

At the same time the Times said the proposal "cannot be thrust aside as utterly repugnant. It involves the well-being and perhaps the very lives of these German Jews singled out for deportation." The plan is characterized as an "amazing mixture of business and heartlessness."

Declaring that British colonies cannot absorb the influx of emigrants, as planned, the Times states:

"Germany will, in the end, have to do something far different from this. For the great Jewish problem which she has deliberately created for her own embarrassment and disgrace, she must find, as The London Spectator insists, a solution which is 'civilized,' which means nothing other than the retracing of the path along which the false Gods have led her."

Both the Forward and the Day, Yiddish dailies vigorously denounced the reported plan.

The Forward condemned as a "scandal" the fact that "ransom money must be paid for the privilege of getting Jews out of Germany alive. Such a thing the world cannot permit to pass unchallenged."

The Day described the reported plan as a "hold-up by kidnappers" and said that, according to the details published yesterday, "Hitler would enslave not only the Jews who are being driven out of Germany, but also the Jews of the rest of the world."

JERUSALEM HEALTH DEPT APPROVES CHLORINATING PLANT FOR NEW WATER SYSTEM

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The Municipal Health Department has given its long-awaited approval to plans for constructing a chlorinating plant to purify the water in Jerusalem's new water supply system.

The action follows the connecting of the newly constructed pipe lines between the Ras-el-Ain watershed and the 10,000,000 gallon Ramona reservoir. For the first time in history Jerusalem will now have an adequate water supply.

A meeting of the Municipal Council was called for Thursday to decide on the price and distribution of the water.

SOKOLOV URGES INCREASED USE OF HEBREW

LONDON, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A warning against the danger of creating in Palestine a German-Jewish community divorced from Jewish traditions was issued here last night by Dr. Nahum Sokolow, honorary president of the World Zionist Organization, in an address to the Tarbut Association, Hebrew education organization which conducts schools in the Holy Land.

He stressed the need of increased use of the Hebrew language in Palestine.

SOCIALISTS IN POLAND LAUNCH DRIVE AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

WARSAW, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The party council of the Fund, Socialist organization, decided in a resolution today to launch a campaign against the wave of anti-Semitism in Poland.

Mixed committees were established in conjunction with Polish, Ukrainian, Socialist and labor organizations to defend Jews.

U.P.A. DRIVE FOR \$2,500,000 UNDER WAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The United Palestine Appeal campaign for raising \$2,500,000 to maintain rebuilding work in Palestine is under way today following issuance of a manifesto by campaign leaders headed by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise calling upon communal leaders to launch their campaigns immediately.

The manifesto termed "the rebuilding of the Jewish national home" the primary activity of the Jewish people. It laid emphasis on the need for immediate funds to aid in transferring German Jews to Palestine.

OFFICIAL CITY HALL WELCOME FOR MISS SZOLD THURSDAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Miss Henrietta Szold, Zionist leader whose seventy-fifth birthday is being celebrated throughout the country, will be received at City Hall at one o'clock Thursday afternoon and given the keys to the city by Mayor LaGuardia.

JNF RECEIPTS HIGHER; \$65,000 GIVEN HERE IN DECEMBER

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A gain of \$324,925 in receipts of the Jewish Fund throughout the world in 1935 over the 1934 figure was reported today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American J.N.F.

He said that for the fiscal year ending Sept. 1, 1935, total contributions of \$1,742,070 were received. The previous year contributions totalled \$1,417,145.

At the same time it was reported donations of \$65,000 were made in December to the American J.N.F., the largest sum ever contributed to the cause in a single month.

CHICAGO CHARITIES BUDGET SET AT \$1,355,834

CHICAGO, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The Jewish Charities of Chicago has adopted a \$1,355,834 budget for 1936, \$50,000 more than last year, it was announced today by Frank L. Sulzberger, president. He ascribed the increase to higher food costs, salary adjustments and greater work by affiliated organizations. More than 75,000 persons were aided through the organization, he said.

ARAB PARTIES DEFER DECISION ON COUNCIL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- After an all-day session at Nablus, Arab parties which had convened to formulate their reaction to the projected establishment by the Palestine Government of a representative legislative council, adjourned today, deferring their final decision until Thursday.

Meanwhile, the High Commissioner, Sir Arthur Wauchope, was asked by the Arabs to turn over to them the reply by the British Colonial Office to a memorandum containing demands for an Arab national government.

It is understood that Ragheb Bey Nashashiki, former Mayor of Jerusalem, whose adherents are reported to constitute a majority in the parties, is making a determined effort to convince opponents of the council to accept it on the condition that three more Arabs are included in the body's proposed membership of twenty-eight. Of the twenty-eight councillors, the plan outlined by the High Commissioner December 20 provides that fourteen shall be Arabs, seven Jews and seven Britons.

DR. WEIZMANN MAY VISIT U.S.

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Palestine, is planning to leave for the United States in connection with the mission of the British-Jewish leaders, Simon Marks, Viscount Bearsted and Sir Herbert Samuel, it was learned here today.

REICH SEEKS LEAGUE COUNCIL ACTING ON JEWS AT NEXT SESSION

BERLIN, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- That the German Government fears the next session of the League of Nations Council may take up James G. McDonald's recommendation for collective action on behalf of Germany's Jews is apparent in an article, obviously inspired from official sources, which appeared today in the Voelkischer Beobachter, Nazi party organ.

Under the heading, "Freemasons and Soviets Behind the Scenes at Geneva," the article aims to prove that the former League High Commissioner for Refugees from Germany was influenced in his recommendation by Moscow and Paris.

Purporting to reveal the "background of McDonald's resignation," the article actually reveals nothing except the serious concern of the German Government on possible League action, particularly since it is felt here that Russia, France and England and all countries bordering Germany are inclined to support Mr. McDonald's recommendations.

19 GERMAN-JEWISH FAMILIES SAIL FOR ARGENTINE ICA FARMS

BERLIN, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The first nineteen Jewish families have left Germany to be settled on Jewish Colonization Association land in the Argentine, it was announced today. Families applying for settlement on this tract are required to have a minimum of five members, two of whom must have been carefully trained for farming.

The association collaborated with the Reich Representation of German Jews in selecting the first settlers from Germany for the project.

REICH TO ISSUE NEW EXCHANGE RULES ON PALESTINE-BOUND MONEY

BERLIN, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The Government bureau which regulates currency exchange officially announced today that new regulations will shortly be issued changing the regulations governing transmission of money to Palestine. Present regulations are to remain in effect until the amendments are announced.

70,000 JEWS GIVEN WINTER RELIEF BY REICH JEWISH BODY

BERLIN, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- More than 70,000 Jews have to date received Winter relief from the Jewish relief organization, it was announced today at the central headquarters here. Jews are barred from participating in the official Nazi relief.

Among the recipients of the relief, it was stated, were many "non-Aryans" who are not completely Jewish according to the Nazi definition.

REPORT REICH WOULD DEMAND 50% COMMISSION ON
GOODS EXPORTED UNDER PLAN

BERLIN, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Reports of the impending visit of three British-Jewish leaders to the United States have aroused considerable interest here, but it was indicated to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in the most authoritative government quarters that the trip will be fruitful only if Germany receives at least a fifty per cent commission in foreign currency on the goods that it would permit German Jews to export under the emigration plan.

It was made clear in the same circles that the conditions enumerated in the New York Times do not come from the German Government. (The Times stated that German consent to mass emigration of Jews would be dependent on the obtaining of British consent to settling Jews in Palestine and British territories, on setting up of a transfer agreement similar to that between Germany and Palestine and on provision of a fund to finance the German exports involved in the second condition.)

The entire project for removing between 100,000 and 250,000 Jews from Germany comes from German-Jewish banking circles interested in assisting mass Jewish emigration through an extended transfer agreement and the establishment of an international Jewish bank for discounting credits received by the emigrants through the transfer, it was stated.

This project has been submitted to Economics Minister Hjalmar Schacht and is now in his hands.

PALESTINE PUSHES ANTI-NOISE DRIVE

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Taking a leaf out of the notebook of Mayor La Guardia of New York, the Holy Land has launched an anti-noise crusade.

Haifa, the Mediterranean seaport, is the latest city to join the drive with a municipal ordinance prohibiting the creating of a disturbance in the streets by the use of loudspeakers and megaphones on pain of a twenty-five dollar fine.

Complaints of neighbors that the radio in the home is playing too loudly can also bring a fine, but the law entitles the radio owner to two weeks' notice that his set is an annoyance before he can be haled into court.

The anti-noise campaign is going strong in Jerusalem. Loud speakers have been stilled in the Holy City by the prospect of a fine for disturbing the peace. Tel Aviv has also adopted ordinances banning excessive noises.