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LEAGUE COUNCIL ADOPTS PROVISIONAL MEASURES TO AID REFUGEES; NAMES HANSSON HEAD OF NANSEN OFFICE

GENEVA, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The League of Nations Council today adopted provisional measures for aiding refugees, empowering Stanley M. Bruce, its president, to appoint a successor to James G. McDonald as High Commissioner for German Refugees and voting credits to the extent of \$16,500 for the office.

Acting on the recommendations of its subcommittee submitted by Gonzalo Zaldumbide of Ecuador, the council announced the appointment of Michael Hansson of Norway, member of the Hague Permanent Court of Arbitration, as president of the Nansen international office to succeed the late Professor Werner of Switzerland.

The Council decided to refer to the September meeting of the Assembly the recommendations for permanently aiding refugees contained in the report of its expert committee on international assistance to refugees.

The Council's resolution authorized the new high commissioner, who is not expected to be named until the Council session ends, to call an inter-governmental conference on refugee aid to which the United States will be invited.

The Council confined itself strictly to provisional measures. It called attention of the assembly to the experts' report, "particularly to those parts of the report setting forth clauses relating to measures of lasting character."

Thanking Mr. McDonald for his work as commissioner for refugees, the council resolution stated that the new commissioner would be provided with the technical services of the League.

The duties of the High Commissioner were outlined as follows:

- (1) To arrange in agreement with the Secretary General of the League an inter-governmental conference with a view to setting up a system of legal protection for refugees coming from Germany. In addition to the League members, the United States and Brazil will be invited to the conference.
- (2) To undertake consultations with different governments with a view to ascertaining possibilities for finding homes and employment for refugees.
- (3) To establish such liasons as he may consider ~~convenient~~ ^{desirable} and in the manner which he considers most suitable with private associations dealing with assistance to refugees, emigration and employment, "the activities of these associations being regarded as useful by the League of Nations."

One of those being mentioned as a possibility for the commissioner-ship is Sir Neill Malcolm, noted British military leader and retired major-general. It is understood that Lord Lytton, former Viceroy of India, declined the position when privately approached.

Reporting to the council, M. Zaldumbide pointed out that "the committee first of all recognizes that actions of the League in favor of refugees should be confined to persons having left the country of origin." This was taken as a rejection of the recommendation in Mr. McDonald's letter of resignation that the League extend refugee aid to include aid to the Jews in Germany.

Discussing the duties of the High Commissioner, M. Zaldumbide stated: "It seems to the committee that the High Commissioner's mission should be confined to seeking the assistance of the governments in order to find solutions to the problems raised in connection with the legal status of the refugees and to study conditions for finding them homes and employment."

He added that the committee considered the tasks connected with assistance to refugees were in the province of private organizations with which, however, the High Commissioner might set up any system of liason considered effective.

The proposals for permanent aid to refugees, which were referred to the Assembly, ask that the refugee organization be attached to the Nansen office to which an "outstanding personality" be appointed president. An alternative proposal provides that an autonomous international refugee organization be set up under League auspices.

FRANCE SCORES COUNCIL'S FAILURE TO CURE NEW FLOW OF REICH REFUGEES

GENEVA, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The failure of the subcommittee on refugees to take up the problem of preventing a new wave of refugees from the Reich was scored by Rene Massigli of France on the floor of the Council today.

He announced that the French Government would raise this question at an intergovernmental conference to be called by the High Comm-

Commissioner for Refugees, France will demand this "malpractice" be halted, he said.

M. Massigli asserted: "This problem exists. It is impossible to ignore it." He assailed the practice of a "certain government," obviously referring to Germany, of denationalizing its citizens beyond its borders.

Rumania will not be able to accept one refugee, the council was told by Foreign Minister Nicholas Titulescu. He denied a rumor that Rumania would be able to absorb 50,000 expatriates.

"I want to state here and now," he declared, "that there is no truth to it. Rumania cannot even take a single man."

It was disclosed that the new High Commissioner will be appointed within ten days.

DANZIG ACCEDES TO COUNCIL'S ORDERS TO REVISE
UNCONSTITUTIONAL LAWS

GENEVA, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- In the face of the League Council's determination to enforce the Danzig constitution, the Nazi-controlled Senate of the Free City today yielded on all points, agreeing to revise all laws and decrees opposed as unconstitutional by League High Commissioner Sean Lester.

The routing of the Nazi forces was announced to the council by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, rapporteur on Danzig.

After hearing Capt. Eden's report, the council adopted a resolution calling on the Danzig Senate "to take, in general, all measures which are required for order to prevail, in conformity with the spirit of the constitution."

Prefacing the Council's resolution, Capt. Eden made it clear that the League cannot be prevented from intervening in Danzig to maintain the constitution.

He clearly indicated that the possibility of sending an investigating commission to Danzig with authority to call on the powers for assistance in enforcing the Council's decisions had only been postponed and not completely abandoned.

Dr. Arthur Greiser, president of the Danzig Senate and its representative before the Council, appeared downcast as he accepted the resolution. He promised to introduce in the Senate the necessary amendments to fulfill the Council's orders. He also pledged to heed Capt. Eden's proposals that the Senate provide the opportunity for speedy appeals to the courts from the administrative orders against the press in Danzig.

The resolution noted with satisfaction that the Senate had agreed to compensate petitioners to the League who had complained of discrimination and to rectify other grievances.

Satisfaction was also expressed over the Senate's decision to take measures to change decrees adopted last August 29 and to amend the penal code to bring it into conformity with the Hague decision of December 4.

The council expressed confidence in Mr. Lester, asserting that he would be able to rely upon all powers represented in the council in the execution of his work, especially upon Poland.

It was also announced that the Danzig Senate had agreed to modify four other laws according to the wishes of the council. The Senate's laws had been opposed on the grounds that they prejudices the rights of minorities.

STREICHER DISSATISFIED WITH HIS NUREMBERG LAWS;
WILL PUSH ANTI-JEWISH ACTION

BERLIN, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The man who more than anyone else in Germany is considered responsible for the passage of the Nuremberg anti-Jewish laws indicated today that he is dissatisfied with their results.

Julius Streicher, high priest of anti-Semitism and overlord of Franconia, addressing a meeting of the Hitler Youth at Nuremberg declared that the laws are not solving the Jewish question because they are usually circumvented by the Jews.

As a result of this situation, Herr Streicher said, anti-Jewish action is to be continued.

2 "GHETTO CONCERTS" BARRED BY NAZIS IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Two "ghetto concerts" scheduled to be given by the Jewish Cultural Union here were cancelled by the Nazi authorities at the eleventh hour today without explanation.

The former radio star, Joseph Schmidt, was slated to sing in one of the concerts, while Chayale Grober, singer of Jewish and Hebrew folk songs, was the featured performer in the other. Schmidt's concert was to have been held at Philharmonic Hall, which had not been rented to Jews in more than a year.

The Jewish Cultural Union (Kulturbund) is the local branch of the national Federation of Jewish Kulturbunds which was organized under supervision of the Reich Department for "Non-Aryan" Culture, of which Dr. Hans Hinkel is the commissar. Dr. Georg Karecki, leader of the German State Zionist Party, was recently appointed president of the national organization.

REICH COURT UPHOLDS SEIZURE OF JEWS' PASSPORTS

BERLIN, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Detention by the Gestapo, secret State police, of passports held by Jews is justified "for State and political reasons," a German court ruled today.

The ruling was handed down in an action brought by a Jewish resident of the city of Hildesheim, whose counsel contended that the police were not entitled to deprive a person of his passport because he is a Jew.

2 JEWS IN NEW FRENCH CABINET

PARIS, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Two Jews are included in the new cabinet formed by Premier Albert Sarraut today. They are George Mandel, who retains his post as Minister of Posts to which he had been named by Pierre Laval, and Jacques Stern, Minister of the Merchant Marine. Another Jew, Pierre Maze, has been named Undersecretary of the Interior, which ministry is headed by M. Sarraut.

PALESTINE FARMERS AGREE TO USE MORE JEWISH LABORERS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- As the result of an agreement between Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, and Moshe Smilansky, president of the Jewish Farmers Association, the farmers will make an effort to use more Jewish laborers.

LAUNCH MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN FOR POLISH JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- A \$1,000,000 campaign to aid the Jews in Poland was launched today by an American Appeal Committee of prominent Jews and non-Jews at a luncheon arranged by the Federation of Polish Jews in America at the Waldorf Astoria.

Former Secretary of the Treasury Ogden L. Mills, who presided and was the principal speaker, emphasized that increased nationalism after the war had aggravated the problem of the Jews, adding that "a problem of group relationships is involved in the Polish-Jewish situation which cannot be solved by slogans.

"In the competition between hard-pressed Poles and hard-pressed Jews," Mr. Mills continued, "the Jew suffers from the majority's mass decision to trade with...their own people first of all. This means that the Jews, who historically in Poland constituted the trading middle class, find themselves reduced to actual starvation. We cannot view the starvation of 2,000,000 human beings with equanimity. We must help them."

A program was presented for ameliorating the condition of the Polish Jews. It provided for credit facilities to business men, establishment of artisan schools, helping those with Palestine certificates to emigrate, strengthening Jewish farm cooperatives and establishment of new industries.

Benjamin Winter, president of the federation, warned of mass starvation in Poland. Other speakers were George Gordon Battle, Professor Morris R. Cohen, George E. Sokolsky and Z. Tygel, executive director of the Federation. Messages were read from Governors Lehman of New York and Horner of Illinois; Senators Borah, Wagner, King and Hastings; Dr. Albert Einstein and Shalom Asch.

FIRST FULL MODERN YIDDISH VERSION OF BIBLE COMPLETED

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The last two volumes of the first modern Yiddish translation of the Bible, prepared by Yehoash, late Yiddish poet and scholar, will come off the press during the first week in February, it was announced today by the Yehoash Committee. There are eight volumes in all, which took 20 years to prepare.

In connection with the publication, the committee comprising 76 prominent Jewish writers and scholars, has asked Jewish communities throughout the country to hold celebrations. An affair will be held in New York shortly.

The committee also plans to publish two volumes of commentary by Yehoash on the Bible. The poet, whose real name was Solomon Blumgarten died in New York in 1927. The first volumes of the translation were published by the Yehoash publications Company with the aid of the Hebrew Publishing Company in 1928.

Members of the committee sponsoring the publishing of the last two volumes include Dr. Chaim Zhitlowsky, writer and scholar; J. Opatoshu, novelist; B. C. Vladeck, manager of the Jewish Daily Forward; H. Leivick, poet and playwright; S. Niger, critic; Abraham Reisin, writer; L. Shapiro, novelist; B. Z. Goldberg, journalist; Jacob Ben-Ami, actor; Reuben Brainin, writer; Prof. Israel Davidson, scholar; A. Harkavy, lexicographer; Ab. Goldberg, journalist and Dr. A. Roback, scholar and Dr. A. Shapiro of the Library of Congress.