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LEAGUE SECRETARY SETS WORLD REFUGEE PARLEY FOR JULY 7

GENEVA, March 19. (JTA) -- An inter-governmental conference to fix the legal status of German refugees was called today for July 7 by Joseph C. Avenol, Secretary General of the League of Nations. He sent out invitations to governments, including the United States and Brazil, which are not League members, asking them to signify acceptance by May 15.

The letter of invitation pointed out that governments were invited to suggest questions for addition to the conference agenda. The invitations were accompanied by copies of an agenda listing three main points, drawn up by Sir Neill Malcolm, recently-appointed League High Commissioner for German Refugees.

In view of the urgency of the present situation, Sir Neill proposed the following:

- 1) The framing of provisional, inter-governmental arrangements to become effective without delay.
- 2) Consideration of a convention determining the status of the refugees.
- 3) Examination of the problem of delivering civil status papers to refugees.

The object of the first point is to give the refugees a form of legal status as soon as possible. It embraces the defining of the categories of refugees and national administrative measures, including identity and travel certificates, expulsion, refusal of admission to a country, and measures covering legal standing such as laws governing the personal status of refugees, the validity of papers given them by religious authorities and their rights under national laws.

The second point covers the drafting of a convention to determine the legal status of refugees.

The third point includes an examination of methods of obtaining facilities for delivery of civil and other papers from the authorities in the country of origin of the refugees.

Permanent measures for aiding refugees are expected to come up before next September's meeting of the League Assembly.

COUNCIL GETS AGENCY PLAN FOR GERMAN JEWS

LONDON, March 19. (JTA) -- A plan to settle between 12,000 and 15,000 German Jews in Palestine within a year was today presented to the Council for German Jewry.

Offered by the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the project was discussed at a conference of members of the council and representatives of the Agency, headed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president. No decision was reached.

The proposals embrace settlement of German Jews having their own means and of 7,000 or 8,000 whose settlement wholly or partially will require subsidies. In this latter group would be included persons under thirty-five, the majority of whom would be placed on farms.

A large number of the emigree, according to this plan, would be absorbed by existing colonies in Palestine and others placed in new colonies. The project also provides for training in Palestine of between 1,000 and 1,500 youths, most of them for agriculture and a small number for handicrafts.

Other provisions of the plan are for extension of credit to members of the middle class, social welfare activities and placement of instructors. The project also considers the urgent need of expatriating 2,000 young German Jews who have completed their training in Germany and are waiting an opportunity to emigrate.

BERLIN JEWISH BODY DISSOLVED BY LIPPERT, PRAHA HEARS

PRAHA, Czechoslovakia, March 19. (JTA) -- The usually well-informed Prager Presse reports from Berlin today that Julius Lippert, Nazi Commissar for Berlin, has dissolved the representative assembly of the Berlin Jewish Community.

The report states that Herr Lippert appointed in place of the assembly an executive body of seven, including Georg Kareski, Nazi-appointed president of the Jewish Culture Union and a leader of the German State Zionist Party.

Herr Lippert's action, according to the Prager Presse, was based on a law enacted in 1847, before the emancipation of German Jews.

The same newspaper reports that the Gestapo, secret State police, has warned the Jewish Winter Relief Committee in Berlin not to communicate with emigrant Jews, even those who are active in relief organizations abroad. Imprisonment is threatened for failure to heed the warning.

SEJM VOTES TODAY ON AMENDED SHECHITA BILL

WARSAW, March 19. (JTA) -- A bill to ban kosher slaughtering of cattle and poultry, but amended to permit sufficient kosher meat for use within the country by Jews, Mohammedans and Karaites, was today adopted by the committee and will be voted on by the Sejm tomorrow.

The amendment, which was proposed by the Government, was adopted after the Sejm had voted to return the bill to the committee on being warned that a complete ban on kosher slaughtering would violate constitutional rights.

The committee also attached to the bill amendments (1) preventing Jews from selling kosher meat to non-Jews, and (2) prohibiting kosher slaughtering entirely in districts where Jews number less than fifteen per cent of the population.

Government representatives indicated it did not view the latter amendments favorably. The committee rejected amendments offered by Jewish deputies.

GESTAPO RELEASES DAUGHTER OF AGED VIENNA RABBI; HELD 5 MONTHS

VIENNA, March 19. (JTA) -- The Gestapo, Nazi secret State police, has released Miss Edith Taglicht, daughter of Dr. Israel Taglicht, a leading Vienna rabbi, after having held her for more than five months on charges of having written an anti-Nazi article, it was learned here today.

Miss Taglicht, a teacher in the schools of the Berlin Jewish Community, was arrested last Oct. 9 and taken to Moabit prison. She had resided in Germany for seven years.

Her seventy-four-year-old father obtained a promise from Cardinal Innitzer to intervene and then went to Berlin himself. On Oct. 16 the Austrian legation in Berlin stated it intended to obtain Miss Taglicht's release.

Friends of the teacher said she had never written anti-Nazi articles and took no interest in politics.

REPORT YEMEN ORDERS HOMES OF JEWS DESTROYED

JERUSALEM, March 19. (JTA) -- Reports reached here from Yemen today that the Imam, ruler of that country, has ordered demolition of the homes of Jews who have emigrated to Palestine.

TO URGE LEAGUE PROTEST ON POLISH RIOTS

PARIS, March 19. (JTA) -- A campaign to present a petition to the League of Nations protesting recent excesses against Jews in Poland will be launched by the Jewish Immigrant Community, representing 50,000 persons, with a mass meeting on March 30.

REICH REFUGEES EMPLOY 7,000 BRITONS, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, March 19. (JTA) -- Nearly 7,000 British workers have been given employment during the past two years in industries founded by German-Jewish refugees, the House of Commons was told today by Geoffrey Lloyd, Undersecretary of the Home Office. Mr. Lloyd put the number of enterprises organized by the refugees at more than 200.

NAZI COURT REFUSES PLAINTIFF FOR USING JEWISH LAWYERS

BERLIN, March 19. (JTA) -- A Charlottenburg court today approved the action of a Nazi official in depriving his wife of the right to incur debts because she had employed two Jewish lawyers.

In dismissing her action against the official, the court referred to her having hired the Jewish attorneys and ruled that "such an act proved she was not fulfilling her duties to her husband."

SCHWEITZER, JDC FINANCIAL ADVISER, ARRIVES HERE

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- David J. Schweitzer, vice managing director of the American Joint Distribution Committee operations in Europe, with headquarters in Paris, arrived here today on the Paris for a three-week visit during which he will confer with J.D.C. leaders on budget problems.

He declared in a written statement that "the continued aggravated economic condition in some Eastern European countries makes the daily struggle for existence of the large masses of the Jewish population even harder, making the demands upon the J.D.C. greater and more frequent."

He said that the Council for German Jewry, formed in London to coordinate emigration projects, had before it a number of detailed memoranda with reference to expatriating German Jews but that it was "too early to indicate definite details of this plan or the estimated cost."

He added that a number of organizations were being consulted on the plans, including the J.D.C., HICEM, ICA, and the Jewish Agency for Palestine. Discussions had already been held with delegations representing the Central Ausschuss and the Reichsvertretung der Juden in Deutschland, he said.

Mr. Schweitzer spent most of the day in conference with J.D.C. leaders, including Felix M. Warburg, Joseph C. Hyman, Paul Baerwald and James N. Rosenberg.

JDC CABLES \$5,000 FOR POGROM VICTIMS

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- The American Joint Distribution Committee has cabled \$5,000 in addition to its usual allotments for Polish Jews to aid victims of recent excesses, it was announced today by Joseph C. Hyman, secretary.

CONGRESSMAN CELLER LAYS POLISH RIOTS TO HITLER AGENTS

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Representative Emanuel Celler, of Brooklyn, stated tonight that "uncontestable evidence" had convinced him that the Nazis in Germany were aiding anti-Semitic elements in Poland and "are behind the bill before the Polish Parliament to prohibit Hebrew ritual slaughtering."

He declared in an address over Station WHN, sponsored by the American Committee Appeal for the Relief of Jews in Poland and the Federation of Polish Jews in America, that Nazi agents were making "a determined effort to transplant Hitlerism" in Poland and to convert Poland into "a Nazi stronghold."

PROF. MUGGIA, NOTED ARCHITECT, DIES IN BOLOGNA AT 75

BOLOGNA, Italy, March 19. (JTA) -- Professor Attilio Muggia, noted architect and president of the Jewish Community of this city, died here today at the age of 75. He was formerly professor of architecture at the Bologna Royal Engineering School, vice-president of the Federation of Italian Engineers and the Italian representative on the International Jury for competition for the Palais des Nations. Prof. Muggia was also active in civic affairs holding the position of Town Councillor at one time.

SWASTIKAS SPROUT IN 40 AUSTRIAN VILLAGES

VIENNA, March 19. (JTA) -- Residents of forty villages in Lower Austria awoke today to discover that during the night Nazis had smeared windows and walls with swastikas. Police forced high officials of the Nazi organizations to erase the emblems. Five officials and one Government Councillor of the Lower Austrian Federal Government were placed under arrest on charges of belonging to a Nazi Party cell in Vienna.

RIOTS UNCHECKED IN WARSAW, LODZ, PROVINCIAL TOWNS

WARSAW, March 19. (JTA) -- Violent anti-Jewish rioting continued unchecked today in Warsaw, Lodz and numerous provincial towns.

Spurred by unhampered agitation, anti-Semitic mobs in this city launched street attacks that resulted in serious injury to an aged Jew, Mendel Goldmann, who was removed to a hospital. A group of mourners at a funeral in a Jewish cemetery were attacked by another mob using stones and other missiles as weapons. The mourners were forced to take refuge in the cemetery office until arrival of police.

The most serious situation developed in the city of Lodz, forcing the Jewish Community there to appeal to Warsaw for aid. Deputy Minczberg addressed an urgent appeal for intervention to the Minister of the Interior.

A Palestine training farm at Galil, near Radom, was attacked by hoodlums who demolished the office building and seriously injured a young girl. Several arrests were made, police establishing that the hoodlums are members of the Nationalist (Endek) Party.

"Jim Crow" cars meanwhile were introduced for Jews on the Warsaw-Otwock branch of the railroad, whose trains have recently been the scene of several anti-Jewish assaults. Jewish travellers were notified they must use the cars when travelling on the line.

Twenty Jewish youths were arrested at Salenica, near Otwock, for organizing a self-defense unit for passengers.

Other disorders occurred at Klobuck, near Czenstochow, where a police captain was among those injured; at Pajentszno, near Radom; and at Karczew near Warsaw.

At Cracow, rabbis today visited the grave of Marshall Pilsudski to pray for better treatment of Jews and defeat of the anti-shechita measure on which the Sejm will vote tomorrow.

The first reprisals for participation in the general strike Tuesday were ordered by the Governor of Czenstochow. Offices of the Jewish Cultural League, Jewish libraries, sports organizations of the Jewish Labor Party and of the left-wing Poale-Zion Party were closed by the authorities.

The Polish labor leader, Nesnied Zalkowski, in an article in Robotnik, labor newspaper, appeals to the Government to curb the anti-Jewish disorders, pointing out that it may soon have to invite Jews to take arms in defense of the Republic's frontiers.

Newspapers reported that the Vatican has instructed the Catholic clergy in Warsaw to change its attitude on the Jewish ritual method of slaughter, the bill to prohibit which is believed certain to pass the Sejm in its amended form.

Despite the pretext that the bill is aimed to prevent cruelty to animals, it was revealed here today that it contains provisions permitting export of kosher meat. This is taken as evidence that the bill was definitely inspired by a desire to eliminate Jews from the meat industry.