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VOLUNTARY TAX ON ALL JEWS AND COMMUNITIES PROPOSED AT WORLD CONGRESS

GENEVA, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The Jews of the world would be asked to pay a special voluntary tax for the World Jewish Congress, according to a plan submitted at today's session by Dr. Leon Kubovitzky of Belgium in a report on a permanent representation for the Jewish people. In addition, every Jewish community would contribute a certain percentage of its income.

The congress opened last night in the League of Nations Assembly hall in the presence of more than 300 delegates from 32 countries, said to represent a third, or about 5,000,000, of the Jews of the world. Diplomats, representatives of the League secretariat and the Nansen office, and many other distinguished guests were present.

Dr. Kubovitzky's plan provides that the congress be elected once every four years and hold sessions every two years. A special committee of the congress would meet every six months.

He proposed that the World Executive of the congress be divided into four departments:

- 1- Political, to combat anti-Semitism and to fight against anti-Jewish propaganda, which would be internationally recognized as a criminal act.
- 2- Social-economic, which would control Jewish relief funds and deal with migration of Jews from one country to another.
- 3- An organizational and propaganda department.
- 4- A financial department.

Orthodox delegates formed a special bloc under the initiative of Dr. Mordecai Nurok of Latvia and Leon Gellman, of St. Louis, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America. A similar bloc was formed earlier by laborite delegates of various countries, including both Zionists and non-Zionists.

Central Relief Bureau Asked by Efroykin

Creation of a central bureau of Jewish social relief and an economic statistical service was urged by Dr. Israel Efroykin, president of the Federation of Jewish Societies of France, speaking on the aims and methods of Jewish relief work.

He also urged representation of Jewish relief units before international organizations and establishment of a central Jewish peoples' fund under administration of the central bureau to help groups suffering from anti-Semitic persecution.

Dr. Arish Tartakover of Lodz, Poland, addressing the afternoon session on "Jewish Migration and Emigration Policy," called for the establishment of a central bureau or migration to enable maximum utilization of existing possibilities and to create new possibilities.

He also recommended the training of emigrants, renewal of colonization activity and conduct of negotiations with individual governments, the League of Nations and other international bodies.

Dr. Tartakover charged existing bodies with having neglected the fight against restrictions and for the creation of new emigration possibilities. He accused United States consular officials of aggravating the stringency of American immigration laws through complicated formalities.

Lestschinsky Describes 'Ruin' of European Jews

With about 5,000,000 Jews deprived of rights and ruined economically, the Jewish position in Europe was described as "catastrophic" today by Jacob Lestschinsky, noted Polish Jewish economist.

He singled out Germany, Poland, Rumania, Lithuania and Latvia as among the countries in which the Jewish population has been severely hit. Thirty-five per cent of the Polish Jews and a third of the Rumanian Jews have been deprived of their livelihood, he said.

There is no hope for the Jews in Germany, he asserted. Twenty-two per cent of them are dependent on charity and 20 per cent of their businessmen are liquidating their enterprises and awaiting the opportunity to emigrate.

The delegates rose for three minutes in tribute to the Jews who have fallen in Palestine disorders. A Hebrew greeting was read from the Jewish National Council of the Holy Land.

An address was delivered by Shalom Asch, the author. Others who greeted the assemblage were William Rappard, rector of the Geneva University and M. Ehrler in behalf of the Geneva canton.

Dr. Wise Holds Anti-Semitism Challenge to World

A heavy police detail was on hand last night at the opening of the congress to prevent possible provocations by local Nazis.

In the opening address, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, moving spirit in organizing the congress, held anti-Semitism a challenge to civilization. He defended the convocation of the congress and invited its opponents to join.

Dr. Wise opened his speech with an account of the reasons why the congress must unite the Jews and why it must be regarded with sympathy by non-Jews.

"Anti-Semitism," he declared, "is a challenge not only to Jews, but to civilization. Christendom cannot afford morally and spiritually to leave the answer to anti-Semitism to be given solely by Jews who are its victims.

"Anti-Semitism is a world problem. If Hitlerism had been faced by the world powers when it was little more than an anti-Semitic, electioneering expedient, the world would not be called upon today to face the ever-growing peril of barbaric Nazi Germany.

"We needn't give an explanation to the world for calling the congress. We need explain it only to the Jews who imagine it necessary to explain away every common enterprise, because even the most normal undertaking is regarded as abnormal by too many Jews, especially by those Jewish leaders whose leadership consists of cautiousness, which rarely proves wisdom.

"The lack of organization on the part of Jews has been an inducement and an encouragement to our enemies."

Dr. Wise then invited those Jewish organizations which have elected to refrain from participation in the congress to change their stand.

"The doors remain open for the absentees," he declared, emphasizing that no group of assimilationists was powerful enough to render ineffectual the work of the congress.

His invitation was specifically addressed to the American Jewish Committee, of which Dr. Cyrus Adler is president; the B'nai B'rith, international fraternal order with headquarters in Cincinnati; the Hilfsverein der Juden in Deutschland, central Jewish relief organization in Germany; and the Board of Jewish Deputies of Great Britain, of which Neville Laski is president.

Denies Congress Meant as Parliament

Dr. Wise devoted a portion of his address to listing arguments of the congress' opponents. He minimized the strength of the opposition, stating that the congress has no reference either to the possibility of a Jewish state or a Jewish super-state.

The greatest absurdity of all, he said, is to speak of the congress as if it purported to be a parliament. The Jews have no state and therefore cannot have a parliament, he declared, adding that the congress consists of a voluntary association of Jewish communities from various countries.

Referring to Palestine, Dr. Wise declared that although world Jewry has given great assistance to Palestine and also German Jews, not one per cent of the total capital possessed by the Jewish world of western Europe and America has gone towards upbuilding of the Jewish national home and not one-hundredth of one per cent of Jewish possessions has been given for relief of German Jews.

Explaining that the congress would deal with those problems, Dr. Wise said it had not made the claim the present gathering would represent all the Jews of the world, but was a preliminary step toward organization of world Jewry.

Disclaiming any hopes that the congress would accomplish "a miracle," he said it "may bring together the Jews of many different lands and many different views."

Expressing regret at the absence from the congress of German and Soviet Jews, Dr. Wise criticized the Juedische Rundschau, organ of the German Zionist Federation, for opposing the congress in a recent editorial.

He charged Palestine Communists with giving aid to the Arab terrorists, but emphasized that the Congress nevertheless would not exclude any Jews because of their political and economic views.

Goldmann Holds League Ineffective on Minorities

In another opening address, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, member of the congress executive, attacked the totalitarian state and its "new, barbaric philosophy of racialism."

He appealed to Russia to change its "antiquated policy" toward Zionism, pointing out that Jewry's attitude towards Communism was similar to its neutral attitude toward any other regime.

The League of Nations minorities guarantees, the speaker declared, were no longer effective because the League no longer has the power to protect minorities. He said guarantee of Jewish rights by individual constitutions were also worthless since they are being "shamelessly violated" by many states through anti-Jewish economic and administrative terror.

Dr. Goldmann declared that Jewry's fight against Nazism would be continued until the German Jews again are enjoying the fullest rights.

Discussing Palestine, he said upbuilding of the Jewish national home there did not mean sacrifice of Jewish equality of rights in other lands since Palestine required strong Jewish backing throughout the world, without which it would be unable to fulfill its functions.

He appealed to the Soviet Government not to suppress Hebrew culture, declaring such a policy derives from the time when Communist leaders regarded Zionists as their class enemies.

Concluding, Dr. Goldmann counselled Jewry not to despair, referring to the historical triumphs of Jewry over its most powerful enemies.

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ARAB STRIKE SPREADS TO HAIFA; 17 ARRESTED FOR INTIMIDATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Arab disorders, entering their seventeenth week today, brought the threat of extension of the general strike to the important port of Haifa, which serves as a British naval base and the terminus of the Iraq Petroleum Company's pipeline.

A strike of Government employees and railway workshop laborers went partially into effect at Haifa after a day of stormy meetings which ended in no final action. Jews and Egyptians did not join the strike. Harbor activity was not affected. Arab workers at the Iraq Petroleum Co. plant called a strike yesterday.

Seventeen Arabs were arrested in Haifa on charges of intimidating laborers to strike. Eight others were seized for possessing arms and five for attempting to steal Government-owned explosives.

While unrest among Arab laborers was mounting, Government circles felt sure harbor traffic would continue because of the presence of strong army and naval forces. Sailors began convoying trains from Haifa this morning after two cars had been set afire by rebels.

The Government, changing its course from defense to a vigorous offensive, warned newspapers not to mention strike agitation by Arab Government employees and distributed leaflets among Arab towns and villages, particularly in the coastal area, announcing stringent steps to halt terrorism.

The leaflets announced comprehensive house-to-house searches. They warned peasants against feeding, hiding or supporting brigands and explained the military forces were determined to completely purge the country of terrorist gangs, after which -- and not before -- the British Royal Commission would arrive to investigate Arab grievances.

The Government denied reports in Arab newspapers that William Ormsby-Gore, British Colonial Secretary, had given High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope permission to halt Jewish immigration at his discretion.

Scattered disorders continued in various parts of the country. Troops beat off attacks on several colonies. About 3,000 orange trees were uprooted in two days at Meretz and Tel Mond. Police were searching for a band of Arabs that stole 250 sheep at Hittin. A member of an Arab band was wounded when an attack on Kinereth was beaten off.

Following failure of Emir Abdullah's mediation, it was semi-officially admitted the situation in the Holy Land is grave but hope was expressed that order would soon be restored.

All-night shooting occurred in the outskirts of Jerusalem and at Kiriath Haim, Nesher, Yavniel and Kfar Yavetz.

The Transjordan Frontier Forces engaged a band of Arabs in the Kinderefs Hills, killing one. Friday's clashes between British troops and rebels accounted for the lives of 23 Arabs, according to later reports.

PALESTINE BULLETIN1 Jew Killed, 6 Wounded in Arab Attacks

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- One Jew was killed and six wounded tonight in three separate attacks as Arab disorders entered their seventeenth week.

Asher Rosenfeld, 22, fell in an ambush while guarding an orange grove at the Ness Ziona settlement. Benjamin Shusterman, 38, a settler at Motzaillith, was shot by an Arab while standing at the threshold of his house. He was removed to Hadassah hospital.

Four Jews were injured in an explosion of a bomb in the yard of a Jewish house in Jerusalem while chatting after supper. The owner of the house was wounded by an Arab sniper after the blast. Troops launched an investigation.

Those injured in the explosion are: Israel Weinstein, Menachem Keller, Moshe Gostorp and Ziporah Schwartz; a woman.

ZAMENHOF, INVENTOR OF ESPERANTO, HONORED IN VIENNA

VIENNA, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Church sermons were delivered in Esperanto today and newspapers joined in paying tribute to Ludwig Lazar Zamenhof the Polish Jew who devised the international language, on the occasion of the Esperanto Congress.

A sermon in Esperanto was rendered at Votive Church services in the presence of Cardinal Theodor Innitzer. Rabbi Mummelstein also preached in the international tongue at a special service held in the Stadt-empel.

LARGE CROWD AT SERVICES FOR AUSTRIAN RABBI

VIENNA, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- A large crowd attended funeral services today for Nahum Friedman, widely known as the Bojaner rabbi, who died at Rothschild hospital yesterday. He was 68 years old.

Among those attending the funeral were Desider Friedman, president of the Vienna Jewish community, and the rabbis of Kopyczng, Czortkow and Wisnitz. He was buried in his family's vault in the Vienna cemetery.

LORD LUGARD RESIGNS FROM MANDATES COMMISSION

GENEVA, August 9. (JTA) -- Lord Lugard, British member of the Permanent Mandates Commission since 1922, resigned yesterday giving poor health as the reason.

THREE U.S. SENATORS TO STUDY JEWISH PROGRESS IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Three United States senators sailed yesterday on the Rex to make an unofficial survey of Jewish accomplishments in Palestine. They are Royal S. Copeland of New York, Warren R. Austin of Vermont and Daniel O. Hastings of Delaware.

Explaining the reason for the trip, Senator Copeland said:

"Palestine has problems of immigration and relief which we should know about first hand in Washington. We know that conditions for the Jews in certain European countries are difficult, and that there will be great waves of immigration to relieve that unfortunate state.

"America may be called upon to help meet that immigration problem."

Senator Copeland said that eighteen years ago the late Nathan Straus invited him to make a health survey of Palestine, but "I never found time until now." He added that "all three of us feel that Palestine as the religious center of the world is worthy of the consideration of all nations; and there is much we want to investigate besides health."

LATE GENEVA NEWS

Exclusion of American "Reds" Stirs Storm at World Congress

GENEVA, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Exclusion of five radical United States delegates stirred the first storm of the World Jewish Congress tonight which ended with almost all the delegates voting to support the executive in denying the "Reds" admission.

Only twenty delegates voted to back the protest of J.L.Fine, representative of labor and trade unions of London, who pointed out that Dr. Stephen S. Wise, in his opening address last night, had stated that the congress would not exclude any Jewish groups.

Mr. Fine said exclusion of the Communists might lead to difficulties if the congress intended to negotiate with the Soviet Government about modifying its unfavorable attitude toward Hebrew and Zionist work in Russia.

The storm broke after his address. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who was presiding, restored order with difficulty.

Replying for the American delegation, Louis Lipsky of New York, asked that the congress refuse to admit the radicals, who claim to represent 500,000 Jews in the United States, because they had declined to condemn the Palestine Communists for siding with the Arabs in current disorders.

"We cannot forget or forgive the Communist disloyalty to Jewish interests in Palestine," he concluded.

Led by Dr. Wise, the eighty American delegates, about a third of the total number, organized themselves into a united bloc, electing Mr. Lipsky as chairman and Mendel M. Fischer of New York as secretary. They decided not to press for a majority in the various committees.

At a luncheon this afternoon the American delegation subscribed \$5,000 to support the congress.

Federal Judge Julian W. Mack was elected honorary president of the congress tonight and the following members of the praesidium:

David Pinsky of New York, Dr. Goldmann, Mr. Lipsky, Ben-Zion Mossinson of Palestine, Dr. Wise, Rafael Shereshewski, Dr. Henry Rosmarin of Poland, A. Reis, Rabbi Mordecai Nurok of Latvia, M. Salymeyer, Dr. Israel Yefroikin of France, Councillor Davis of England and Rabbi Brodt.

The secretariat includes Dr. Samuel Margoshes of New York, Max Hollander of New York, Dr. Kramer and Rabbi M. H. Stern, also of the United States, M. Blum and M. Kruker.