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DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE BARS REPORTS ON PERSECUTION AT GENEVA

GENEVA, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Diplomatic pressure has been brought to bear to prevent delegations of several countries where Jewish populations are persecuted from laying their grievances before the World Jewish Congress, it was learned today.

Delegations from Poland, Rumania, Austria, Lithuania and Latvia -- countries named at yesterday's session as centers of anti-Semitic persecution -- announced they would be unable to report on conditions in the respective countries.

Pressure on the delegations was believed to have been effected by various governments through their consulates and legations in Geneva. The Polish delegation said it would read a declaration on the situation of the Polish Jews later in the meeting.

The congress executive decided to let discussion on the floor proceed, but provided that it must be of general nature without specific reference to any of the countries.

Ask Return of Synagogues in Russia

Demands for the return of all synagogues confiscated in Russia since the advent of the Soviet regime and the release of all Jews arrested for teaching religion, based on article 124 of the Soviet Constitution, were discussed by the political committee.

The Russian-Jewish question was raised by Wilhelm Latzki-Bertholdi, publicist, who outlined further demands which the Congress is expected to adopt in the form of resolutions.

The resolutions will be made the basis of negotiations with the Soviet. They include:

- 1) That the Soviet permit emigration of Jews wishing to leave Russia;
- 2) That teaching of Hebrew and importation of Hebrew literature be permitted;
- 3) That persecution of Zionists be discontinued and arrested Zionists be released;
- 4) That the Soviet permit organization of Jewish religious communities, grant them legal rights to maintain kosher abattoirs, matzoth bakeries and other religious institutions.
- 5) That the Government permit establishment of rabbinical seminaries.

International Bank Proposed

A proposal that the congress take up establishment of an international bank for economic rehabilitation of the Jews was made by I. Naiditch of Paris. He urged creation of a bank with headquarters in London and branches in various countries to assist Jews discriminated against economically by extending credits and facilitating exports of Jewish manufacturers.

Other speakers were Rabbi Edward L. Israel, of Baltimore; Meier Ebner of Rumania, Dr. Mordecai Nurok of Latvia and Berl Locker of Palestine.

Before the general discussion, Robert Stricker, speaking for Austrian Jewish societies, appealed to the congress not to establish political factions and party groups. He warned of the danger of splitting the congress and urged division on territorial lines.

"We came here for united action," he said. "We should not return home split."

The reference was believed to be to yesterday's formation of orthodox and labor blocs. The question was referred to the organization committee for a report later.

Says U.S. Jews Don't Fear Anti-Semites

The United States is the "silver lining" in a cloud of world anti-Semitism, it was declared by Dr. Samuel Margoshes, editor of the New York Jewish Day. He said American Jews did not fear anti-Semitic groups which spring up from time to time.

Angelo Orviato, Italian poet, representing the Italian Federation of Jewish Communities, praised Premier Mussolini, declaring that Italy represented the noblest example of perfect equality for Jews.

Morris Myer, editor of the London Jewish Times, after lauding British tolerance, revealed that the British delegation had submitted a scheme for financial assistance to needy Jewish communities.

Czechoslovakia is the only country in Central Europe where Jews and other minorities are well treated, it was asserted by H. Stransky, a Czech delegate.

Dr. Gregory Wolse of Lithuania described the Jews' boycott of German goods and services in that country.

A memorial meeting for Dr. Nahum Sokolow, Zionist leader who died in London recently, was held this evening. Among those scheduled to greet the congress was Sir Neill Malcolm, League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Mrs. Israel Zangwill, widow of the English Jewish writer, received an ovation when she appeared at the session.

4 ARABS KILLED IN CLASH WITH BRITISH TROOPS; AVIATOR SLAIN

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- British troops today killed four Arabs and wounded one in a clash near Anabta with a rebel band of undetermined strength. No British casualties were reported.

One member of the Royal Air Force stationed here was fatally wounded, and another injured by an Arab who fired a revolver at them near the Rockefeller Archaeological Museum. The assailant escaped.

The Jewish death toll in seventeen weeks of disorders rose to 56 today with the death at Haifa this morning of Josef Kaleb, 20, a Sephardic Jew, who was wounded August 1.

A Jewish peddler, Elishu Gerson, 24, was seriously injured in Haifa by stones thrown by an Arab.

Police caught two Arabs from Lifta with bombs in their possession after Jews on rooftops had seen them escaping. Shooting occurred during the day in Jerusalem.

Arabs damaged a pipeline of the Iraq Petroleum Company near Belsan and set fire to the escaping oil.

A number of Arabs were arrested in Haifa this morning for intimidating workers to join the general strike against Jewish immigration, sale of land to Jews and for institution of an Arab national government. The situation in the Mediterranean seaport continued grave. Some Arab Government employes and railway workshop laborers have already gone on strike.

Arab rebels launched a strong attack on a bridge between Petach Tikvah and Magdiel, but were beaten off by watchmen.

Shots were fired on the outskirts of Jerusalem, at Gedera, and Delhamia. A bomb exploded in an Arab house in Jaffa, injuring the owner.

JEWISH REFUGEES FROM SPAIN JAILED IN GERMANY

BERLIN, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- It was learned today that German Jewish refugees from Spain, who have been "saved" by German warships, have been imprisoned in concentration camps after returning to Germany.

NAZI LEADER SEIZED IN SWITZERLAND ON RETURN FROM REICH

GENEVA, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Friedrich Eisenegger, chief of the Frontists Swiss Nazi organization, was arrested today on his return from Germany to Berne.

His arrest had been demanded by Swiss newspapers after publication of photostatic copies of a letter he had written to German Propaganda Minister Goebbels demanding 300,000 marks for fighting "the Jewish free-masonic influence" and to Germanize non-German districts of Switzerland.

It was understood that other compromising documents were found on Eisenegger, including a letter from Col. Ulrich Fleischauer, Nazi expert in the recent case involving the discredited "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" in Berne.

STREICHER ENVISIONS "LEAGUE OF NATIONS" AGAINST JEWS

BERLIN (JTA) -- That a new "League of Nations" to press anti-Semitic persecution on a world-wide scale will soon be formed, is the firm conviction of Julius Streicher, Nazi Governor of Franconia and publisher of "Der Stuermer," Germany's leading anti-Jewish organ.

Its purpose, declared Herr Streicher at a public meeting in Arnstadt, will be "to bring the Jewish people before an international court."

"For many Germans and members of the Nazi Party," he said, "the chaos which reigns among other nations at the present time is still an unsolved mystery. He who is conscious of the racial problem, has also the key to world history.

"He knows that in Spain and France as well as in Soviet Russia Jewry plays a decisive party in politics. The Jew thrives on the misfortunes of others and the people of the world will continue to be afflicted with misfortunes so long as the Jew is not entirely defeated."

MRS. BILLIKOPF, DAUGHTER OF LOUIS MARSHALL, DEAD AT 39

LAKE SARANAC, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Mrs. Ruth Marshall Billikopf, only daughter of the late Louis Marshall, died Saturday at her summer home, Knollwood. She was 39.

Mrs. Billikopf was prominent in East Side settlement house work in New York before her marriage 14 years ago. She is survived by her husband, Jacob, prominent Philadelphia social worker and chairman of the Industrial Arbitration Court; two children, Florence, 13, and David, 10, and three brothers, James, George and Robert Marshall.

REPORT NAZI PACT STIRS GROWING PERSECUTION OF AUSTRIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The Associated Press reported from Vienna today that Austria's 250,000 Jews are watching with growing anxiety the spread of a new anti-Semitic campaign close on the heels of the Austrian pact of friendship with Nazi Germany.

Some Jewish leaders believe Austria is no longer a safe harbor for their people, largely as a result of the treaty and the growth of the Nazi Party, the dispatch said. Jewish communities were reported swamped with applications for emigration to Palestine and other countries.

The news agency declared the wave of propaganda was apparent in denunciations by Catholic, labor peasant and merchant organizations, who charged the Jews with paving the way for Communism. The campaign is not confined to the Nazis, but has drawn the participation of liberal national elements.

Jewish leaders in Vienna were quoted as asserting that 60 per cent of the Jews in Austria have reached a state of poverty as a result of the anti-Semitic propaganda. An unnamed leader was quoted:

"One can no longer find any Jews in the Austrian state departments, nor in the Austrian courts. The city of Vienna employs only a few Jewish physicians.

"Vienna hospitals presently refuse to employ Jewish student doctors. In a short time, therefore, Austria will have no Jewish professors in the University of Medical Faculties.

"The same policy is followed in other university branches. In the past two years no Jewish teachers have been given positions in the Austrian high schools."