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£2,500,000 BUDGET ADOPTED BY COUNCIL FOR GERMAN JEWRY

LONDON, March 24. (JTA) -- The Council for German Jewry today adopted a budget of £500,000 (about \$2,500,000) for execution in 1937 of various projects it is coordinating in aid of German Jews both within and outside the Reich.

About one-third of the sum, or £171,000, is to be expended for settlement of German Jews in Palestine. Other expenditures decided upon include:

For relief of refugees in the United States, Great Britain, South America and European countries -- £150,000;

For the Reichs Representation of Jews in Germany and the Central Relief Union of Jews in Germany -- £137,000, to be used for training emigrants and actual emigration expenses;

For the HIAS-ICA (emigration and colonization aid society), to be used in emigration and settlement work -- £40,000.

Included in the budget are allocations to German emigration and re-training work by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal. The J.D.C. will spend about \$1,100,000 on German-Jewish projects, while the U.P.A. has assigned approximately \$200,000 to the same purpose.

The remainder of the budget is being met by the British section of the Council and the Jewish Agency for Palestine. The Council was established in December, 1935.

AGENCY EXECUTIVE AIRS INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN LONDON SESSION

LONDON, March 24. (JTA) -- With American non-Zionist leaders in attendance, the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine held an important session here today.

It was reliably learned that the meeting was devoted almost exclusively to internal affairs. Among the questions discussed, it was reported, were the position of the non-Zionist members of the Agency and the advisability of holding the administrative committee meeting which has been scheduled for next month. The latter question is expected to be decided finally at tomorrow's session.

American leaders in attendance included Felix M. Warburg, George Backer, Solomon Lowenstein and Dr. Maurice J. Karpf. Others attending were Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Eleazar Kaplan, Dr. Maurice Hexter, Moshe Shertok and Prof. Selig Brodetsky.

SITUATION IN SOUTH PALESTINE "NOT ABNORMAL," COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, March 24. (JTA) -- The situation in southern Palestine is "not abnormal" the House of Commons was told today by Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore.

Replying to questions on the latest developments in the Holy Land, the Colonial Secretary said the authorities had made many arrests in northern Palestine and "preventive arrests" in Jerusalem. He said the Palestine High Commissioner, Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, was now touring disturbed areas in Galilee and would report further on the situation shortly.

The Arab Supreme Committee, Mr. Ormsby-Gore declared on the basis of the "whole evidence" at his disposal, disapproves of the violence.

WARSAW ZIONISTS BACK U.S. BID FOR 20TH CONGRESS

WARSAW, March 24. (JTA) -- Zionist circles here voiced approval to-day of a proposal, made by the Zionist Organization of America, to hold the twentieth biennial World Zionist Congress in Washington this year.

Leaders cited the political importance of holding the Congress, which is scheduled to open in August, in America. They stressed the great share American Jewry has had in the work of upbuilding Palestine and the support accorded the Zionist movement by the United States Government.

LUTHER WITHDRAWN; DIECKHOFF, SUCCESSOR TO U.S. POST, NOT NAZI PARTY MAN

BERLIN, March 24. (JTA) -- Chancellor Adolf Hitler will nominate Hans Heinrich Dieckhoff, acting Under-Secretary of the Reich Foreign Ministry, as German Ambassador to the United States, it was officially announced here today, the Havas News Agency reported.

Dieckhoff will succeed Dr. Hans Luther, former Reichsbank president, who has held the Washington post since April 21, 1933.

When the change will take place was not indicated. Dieckhoff, a career diplomat, is believed to enjoy close relations with the Nazi Fuehrer.

(The Berlin correspondent of the New York Times said today Dieckhoff is not a member of the Nazi Party, although he is "not out of sympathy with the present regime.")

He will be succeeded in the foreign ministry by Hans Georg Von Mackensen, son-in-law of Foreign Minister Constantin von Neurath. Von Mackensen is now serving as Reich Minister to Budapest.

3,000 VIENNA FAMILIES TO GET PASSOVER AID

VIENNA, March 24. (JTA) -- About 3,000 Jewish families in Vienna will receive Passover relief, it was estimated today by the Jewish Community which is bringing to a close its special Passover relief campaign. An estimated 100,000 schillings will be distributed.

DR. BERGMANN, HEBREW U. RECTOR, HONORED AT DINNER HERE

NEW YORK, March 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Hugo Bergmann, rector of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, declared at a dinner in his honor tonight that the university is a force for better understanding between Jew and Arab and helps to prevent the cultural level of the Jewish community from being lowered through the strain of pioneering work.

The dinner was given by the American Friends of the Hebrew University at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria. Others on the speakers' list were Chancellor Harry Woodburn Chase of New York University, Dr. Albert Einstein, Edward M.M. Warburg, Roger W. Straus, Arthur M. Lampert, Dr. Nathan Ratnoff, and Dr. A.S.W. Rosenbach, president of the Friends, who presided.

Dr. Bergmann, who is visiting this country for six weeks in the interest of the university, said that the fact the university teaches Arabic, promotes Arab culture and does scientific work in the fields of agriculture and health "will create new possibilities for future cooperation between Arabs and Jews."

Declaring that work on the soil is hard and the Jewish pioneers cannot combine hard physical daily work with a high cultural standard, he warned that "there is a great danger of lowering the cultural level" but added that the existence of the university sets a standard "even for those who do not enjoy the privilege of study at the university."

Dr. Chase called the institution "a modern university in the best sense of the word" and said "it expresses, on the highest cultural level, the aspirations of a forward looking people." He added that "it deserves the support and encouragement of those in America and everywhere who are interested in the cause of freedom and the advancement of the people whom it serves."

The New York Times, in an editorial today on Dr. Bergmann's arrival here, said that the university has "brought substantial benefit to Arab and Jew alike -- and not only practical and material benefits" but cultural. "There, of all places, should be envisaged the peace that the whole world seeks," the editorial concluded.

ADLER LIKENS EXODUS TO COLONIZATION OF U.S. IN RADIO TALK

NEW YORK, March 24. (JTA) -- A parallel between the Hebrew exodus from Egypt to Palestine and the colonization of America by refugees from religious intolerance in Europe was drawn tonight by Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, in an address on "Judaism and the American Heritage" over station WEAJ.

Dr. Adler asserted that there was complete harmony between the Jewish teachings and the mode of life of all the people of the United States. "We feel that through maintaining the Jewish tradition we are making a distinct contribution to the American heritage," he said.

He pointed out that not only did the American colonists, like the Hebrews, have a fresh country to settle and something akin to 40 years in the wilderness, but they "belonged to that portion of non-Conformists who were greatly impressed by the Hebrew Scriptures."

THOMAS MANN TO COME HERE FOR "UNIVERSITY IN EXILE" FETE

NEW YORK, March 24. (JTA) -- Thomas Mann, Nobel Prize winner for literature who was stripped of his German citizenship and an honorary degree from Bonn University, will leave his retreat in Zurich, Switzerland, for a 12-day trip to the United States next month to participate in the fourth anniversary celebration of the Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science (the University in Exile) at the New School for Social Research, it was announced today.

Z.O.A. PAYS TRIBUTE TO JACOB DE HAAS

NEW YORK, March 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, as president of the Zionist Organization of America, said today in a statement on the death of Jacob de Haas that he "won for himself a place of honor and distinction in Zionist history" and that, although he supported the Zionist-Revisionist Organization in recent years, he was one of the "devoted furtherers and upbuilders" of the Zionist movement.

Dr. Wise expressed the hope that Mr. de Haas' "earthly remains shall be interred in Eretz Israel, which he loved with all his heart and which he served with power and utter devotion throughout forty years."

JEW SENTENCED TO DEATH BY REICH CLAIMS U.S. CITIZENSHIP

NEW YORK, March 24. (JTA) -- State Department officials began an investigation today into the death sentence for treason and possession of high explosives meted out by a German court to Helmut Hirsch, who claims American citizenship, the United Press reported today from Washington.