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RUBLEE GETS NEW SCHACHT PLAN CALLING FOR 45,000,000-MARK RISE IN EXPORTS

BERLIN, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A new proposal for solution of the Jewish emigration problem, involving creation of additional Reich exports amounting to 45,000,000 marks yearly, was reported to have been laid today before George Rublee, director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Bureau, by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the Reichsbank.

Germany is assertedly demanding that half of this sum be brought into the Reich annually and that the other half remain outside to finance the program of transferring Jewish property. Details of the new plan, which differs radically from the one sketched by Dr. Schacht in his recent London visit, were given orally to the Intergovernmental Bureau mission at today's meeting at the Reichsbank with Mr. Rublee and his assistants, Robert T. Pell and Joseph Cotton, and in the afternoon the proposals were reduced to written form.

The resultant memorandum is subject to further conference tomorrow during which its points will be scrutinized cerefully by both sides. Provided no last-minute hitch occurs, the Rublee delegation will depart with the documents on Saturday evening to attend the meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee officers in Paris next Monday and then proceed to London for the plenary meeting of the committee opening next Thursday.

While the delegation did not disclose details of the plan, usually well informed observers believed that the 45,000,000 mark annual supplementary export proposal constituted its most important financial feature.

So far there is no indication whether or not the proposal for a huge international loan -- an integral pert of the original Schecht plan -- has been salvaged to form a part of the new scheme. Spokesmen for the Rublee delegation made it plain, however, that the new scheme is "considerably different" from the original Schacht plan.

It is significant that the Danziger Vorposten, Free City Nazi organ which is close to the German Government, in the first comment on the negotiations appearing in the Nazi press, in some measure todey substantiated the reported export figure in the new plan. The paper suggested that Germany

was aiming to obtain supplementary exports totalling 40,000,000 marks yearly to finance transfer of Jewish property over the stipulated period and said that Jewish organizations abroad were reported to be ready to absorb this amount.

Meanwhile, unconfirmed but persistent reports are current that the Reich will soon issue a decree permitting German firms once more to employ Jewish representatives abroad. If the report is true, it is obviously aimed at breaking down the anti-German boycott in America, England and elsewhere. It is pointed out here that at least a partial breakdown of the boycott would be essential for the success of any Jewish emigration scheme envisaging additional German exports.

It is plain that the Nazis enjoy the opportunity to put the Jews in a position in which the only way they can save themselves is to help the Reich in the struggle to increase her international trade.

LEAGUE BODY PUTS OFF ACTION ON DANZIG JEWS

GENEVA, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Hope for immediate League of Nations intervention to protect the Jews in Danzig, a thousand of whom have been ordered to emigrate before the end of the month, were shattered today when the Council's Committee of Three on Danzig postponed a definitive examination of the question for another meeting, which will be held before the next Council session, probably in February in either Paris or London.

The postponement of action, announced in a communique, came as a surprise to Leegue circles. The committee's course was reported to have been based on a desire to withhold a decision to see what Chancellor Adolf Hitler says regarding Danzig in his speech on Jan. 30, on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of his rise to power.

The communique said that Prof. Karl Burckhardt, League High Commissioner for Danzig, had called the committee's attention at two meetings to the latest decrees of the Danzig Senate and that the committee had decided they were contrary to the Free City's League-guaranteed constitution. The committee also examined the possibility of considering the irregular position, which raised the question of the League's obligations as guarantor of the constitution, but postponed a decision to "enable a fuller examination."

Meanwhile, Prof. Burckhardt is not returning to Danzig. He is, according to the communique, "on his usual leave," and will be at the committee's disposal.

\$2,500,000 PALESTINE TRANSFER PACT SIGNED BY SLOVAKIA

PRAHA, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- An agreement calling for settlement of 5,000 Slovakian Jews in Palestine and transfer of \$2,500,000 worth of goods was concluded today between the autonomous Slovakian Government and Dr. E. Soskin, director and founder of the Jewish Transport and Colonization Company. The agreement sets a three-year period for the settlement of the Jews, including both capitalists and workers.

According to an official communique, Premier Joseph Tiso is giving the Jewish question in Slovakia his personal study. Dr. Tiso was also stated to have personally examined the Palestine transfer agreement.

Replying to demands voiced by a delegation from the Government Youth Organization for a speedy anti-Semitic solution of the Jewish problem, Premier Rudolf Beran declared today: "Either the Jews or goods must be exported -- both together is impossible." (Dr. Beran was believed to be referring to the possibility of a boycott of Czecho-Slovakian products in the event proposed radical anti-Jewish legislation is adopted.)

HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT TO GET MODIFIED ANTI-JEWISH BILL

BUDAPEST, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The drastic new anti-Jewish bill, with modifications by the Cabinet, will be shortly re-introduced in Parliament, it was learned today. Meanwhile, Nezi Deputy Meizler urged Premier Bela Imredy to insert in the measure, which calls for restriction of Jewish participation in Hungary's economic and cultural life to 7 per cent, racial clauses benning mass conversions and mixed marriages.

ITALIAN CARDINAL CONDEMNS RACISM, URGES TOLERANCE TO JEWS

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Vatican organ Osservatore Romano today published the text of a recent speech by Adecdato Cardinel Piazza, Patriarch of Venice, in which, following the example of Milan and Bologna prelates, he proclaim in the dangers of racism and neo-paganism. Opposing the universal doctries of the Church to racist theories, the Cardinal denied any scientific basis for the latter, declaring they constituted "morbid applications of materialism." Turning to the Jewish question, he recalled the example of St. Peter who, he said, never closed his door to his former coreligionists.

ARAB DELEGATES TO LONDON SPLIT ON DEMANDS

CAIRO, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The outlook for the forthcoming Palestine conferences in London was described by Arab sources today as "very black" as Palestine Arab delegates refused the demands of delegates from neighboring Arab states to moderate their demands. A second half-hour session of Arab delegates was held today and a communique was issued announcing that the discussions will continue Saturday.

600 COLLEGES ASKED TO GIVE SCHOLARSHIPS TO REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Six hundred colleges were asked today to aid victims of intolerance by bringing students here from lands of persecution to complete their studies on scholarships, in a letter sent out by the Intercollegiate Committee to Aid Student Refugees, a newly formed organization of students of all faiths in 100 colleges.

The drive to provide tuition and living expenses for refugee students "voices the determination of American students to fight religious and recial intolerance wherever they find it," the letter said. "In working for the refugees from Fascism abroad, American students are demonstrating, at a time when such a show of strength is sorely needed in the world, their conviction that they will preserve a humane and democratic form of government in their native land."

Mayor LaGuardia, Representative Bruce Barton, Mgr. John A. Ryan and Robert Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago, are among those who have consented to sponsor the committee, which is an outgrowth of the Harvard

Committee to Aid German Student Refugees. The committee plans an intercollegiate conference in Cleveland on Feb. 17 and 18. Organizations sponsoring its work include the National Student Federation of America, the National Intercollegiate Christian Council, the Intercollegiate Menorah Association, the American Student Union and the National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees and Emigrants Coming from Germany.

The Council Against Intolerance in America today endorsed the petition of representative Protestant and Catholic clergymen, presented at the White House last week, calling for admission of a number of refugee children into the United States, under laws to be enacted by Congress. The Council said that such action would present the American people with the opportunity to express in concrete terms, their profound sympathy for innocent victims of persecution abroad.

Canadian Parliament Hears Open Door Appeal

OTTAWA, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Social Credit Leader M.J. Coldwell was on record today as advocating admission to Canada of refugees. In a speech before Parliament which was well received by a majority of the members present, he compared the refugee problem at the beginning of the century to the present situation and pointed out that Canada's leaders at that time welcomed the refugees with open arms. He pleaded that the Government open the gates to both Jewish and Gentile refugees.

HOOVER, KING URGE REFUGEE AID AS TEMPLE GROUPS END PARLEY

CINCINNATI, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Conventions of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the national federations of temple brotherhoods and sisterhoods closed today with the election of officers. Herbert Oettinger, Cincinnati broker, was elected treasurer of the U.A.H.C. succeeding N. Henry Beckmen of Cincinnati. Alfred M. Cohen was elected president at Monday's session.

Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner of Clevelend, in a joint program this morning of the U.A.H.C. and the Central Conference of American Rabbis on "The Relation of the Rabbi and the Layman in Congregation and Community," declared: "If we are going to save democracy, we must make it work. People can't eat their liberties."

Aid to refugees and a rebuke to Germany were urged by ex-President Herbert Hoover and Senator William King at yesterday's session of the Union.

Mr. Hoover said in a message: "I would like to be numbered among those who express to your conference the sympathy and interest which all decent Americans hold in the problems with which you are confronted at the present time. The Jews are but part of those peoples the persecution of whom rises out of moral and political degradation the world over. It remains to those who steadily hold to religious and political ideals to join in every relief that can be extended. In the meantime, it is the duty of all of us to show the indignation of all the right thinking people, for in that expression we contribute to hold fast to those standards from which the world must have its ultimate redemption."

Senator King, addressing the convention banquet last night, called upon the United States to proclaim non-intercourse, political or otherwise, with Germany if it persists in racial and religious persecution and pledged support for such a measure if introduced in Congress. He also called for immediate steps to bring relief to victims of Nazi cruelty.

BRITAIN ISSUES 1,208 PALESTINE CERTIFICATES FOR CHILDREN

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Great Britain has issued 1,208 certificates for the immediate transfer of Jewish children from Austria and Germany to Palestine, the largest group to be permitted entry during any one immigration schedule so far, Hadassah announced today after a national board meeting. With the arrival of the new settlers there will be 4,300 child refugees in Palestine. To facilitate immediate movement of the children blank certificates were granted, a change in British policy, which previously required an advance list of names of prospective immigrants.

DINNER MARKS 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF MENORAH JOURNAL

NEW YORK, Jen. 19. (JTA) -- The 25th anniversary of Menorah Journal, Jewish literary quarterly, was celebrated tonight with a dinner at the Hotel Astor attended by about 1,000 persons. Scheduled speakers included George S. Hellman, Dr. Irwin Edman, Dr. John Erskine, Lewis Mumford, George Stevens, Dr. Heinz Liepmann, and Henry Hurwitz, editor of the Journal and chancellor of the Menorah Association.

FASCISTS DEMONSTRATE AT LONDON REFUGEE BENEFIT

LONDON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A Fascist demonstration marred the premiere last night of Elisabeth Bergner's film, "Stolen Life," which raised about \$17,000 for the Baldwin Refugee Fund. Following an appeal for contributions by Lord Reading, a number of Fascists showered leaflets on the audience, reading "Mosley and the British Union of Fascists say help the British unemployed, not aliens." Miss Bergner appeared in person at the performance, which was attended by Lady Baldwin and many other notables.

20,000 REFUGEES ENTERED BRITAIN SINCE 1935, HAILEY REVEALS

LONDON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Lord Hailey, chairman of the Refugees Coordination Committee, declared in a radio address tonight that since 1935 a total of 160,000 emigres had left Germany. Of this number Britain admitted 20,000, of whom 6,000 subsequently left for other countries. The British Home Office has simplified the rules of admission, the Peer said, but continues to demand proof that the immigrants will not become state charges.

JEWISH ANTI-RED BODY BACKS CATHOLIC ACTION ON LABOR UNIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Federation to Combat Communism and Fascism, announced today that it has taken steps to follow the action initiated yesterday in Detroit by Archbishop Edward Mooney to put into effect a program for the development of the labor movement along democratic lines and to oppose Communist, Nazi and Fascist leadership of labor unions in the United States.