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CHAMBERLAIN TO TAKE ACTIVE PART IN PALESTINE PARLEYS; TO ADDRESS OPENING

LONDON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain will play an active part in the British conferences on Palestine with Arabs and Jews opening next week, it was revealed today as lists of British and Jewish negotiators and details of the parleys were announced. Mr. Chamberlain will open the discussions next Tuesday by addressing separate meetings of the Arabs and Jews, which will be formal and well publicized. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, will reply for the Jews.

The actual discussions will probably not begin until Wednesday. It is reported that the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax will participate personally in the most important sessions. The British negotiators will include Foreign Office representatives, headed by Under-secretary Richard Austen Butler, experts of the Near East Department, Colonial Office representatives and non-official personalities.

The Jewish Agency negotiating committee will be headed by Dr. Weizmann and will include David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Agency's Palestine Executive; Moshe Shertok, head of the political department; Prof. Selig Brodetsky, head of the political department of the Agency's London Executive, and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, the Agency's Geneva representative. Additions will be made from an advisory committee of 40.

The advisory committee includes three Americans -- Mrs. Rose Jacobs, member of the Agency's Jerusalem Executive and former president of Hadassah; Dr. Stephen S. Wise, vice-president and former president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Robert Szold, also a vice-president and former president of the Z.O.A. Other members of the advisory committee are: Britain -- Lord Bearsted, Lord Reading, Neville Laski, James de Rothschild, Lionel Cohen, Sir Osmond d'Avidgor Goldsmid, Chief Rabbi Joseph H. Hertz, Prof. L.B. Namier, Dr. Jacob Rosenheim, Harry Sacher, Leonard Stein and the Rev. J.K. Goldbloom; France -- Dr. B. Weill-Hall; Germany -- Chief Rabbi Leo Baeck; Belgium -- Prof. Herbert Speyer; Eastern Europe -- Sholem Asch; South Africa, J. Janower. All members of the Jewish Agency Executive are automatically members of the advisory committee. A number of other names are expected to be added, including a representative of Palestine agricultural interests.

The Jewish Agency Executive held a closed meeting today to discuss procedure for the discussions. Agency representatives had conferred this afternoon with the Colonial Office secretariat on procedure.

Meanwhile, Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald rejected in Commons a proposal by Vyvyan Adams, Conservative, that the Government admit 10,000 German Jewish children to Palestine against future quotas. Mr. MacDonald declared the entire question of future immigration to Palestine was one of the most important matters to be discussed at the conferences next week. "We cannot," he said, "anticipate the result of the discussion." In reply to a question by Geoffrey Mander, Liberal, Mr. MacDonald promised that the Government would bear in mind the possibility of raising the question of admitting the refugee children on humanitarian grounds.

Jew Killed by Terrorists

JERUSALEM, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Terrorists today shot and killed a Hungarian Jewish immigrant, Berthold Heibel, 45, near the Rehavia section of Jerusalem.

RUBLEE COMPLETES TALKS TODAY; REICH APPROVES CENTRAL JEWISH BODY

BERLIN, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The talks of George Rublee, director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Bureau, with Reich officials were not completed to night, as expected. Another conference with Dr. Helmuth Wohlthat, ministerial director of the Economics Ministry, will be held tomorrow, which is expected to be the final one.

Meanwhile, two developments indicate that the Nazis are pushing forward with plans for a final drive to rid the Reich of "non-Aryans." First, the sweeping reorganization of Jewish welfare and emigration activities, centralizing the authority of the semi-autonomous Jewish communities in a single central organization known as the Reichs Union of Jews in Germany, was officially approved. The union will be financed by regular collections from members, with a possible initial capital levy on richer Jews. The union's activities will include emigration, preparation for emigration and welfare financing and management.

Secondly, unconfirmed reports state that the move for creation of a totalitarian Jewry will be complemented shortly by the creation in Berlin of a central State Emigration Office for Jews with exclusive powers to issue passports, financial clearing papers, etc.

PRAHA ANNOUNCES CITIZENSHIP REVISION, PLANS MEASURES IN ECONOMIC FIELDS

PRAHA, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- A revision of the citizenship lists, affecting persons naturalized since 1918, has been decided upon by the Government, Premier Rudolph Beran revealed today. Addressing the youth section of the National Unity Party, Premier Beran announced also that "order" would be introduced into the fields of press, cinema and radio, with Czechs to be "brought to the front" in all spheres of life. "We are specially concerned," he said, "that our trade does not fall into the hands of alien, non-Czech elements."

Mr. Beran gave assurances that there would be no infringement upon freedom of religion and that "elements who have lived in Czecho-Slovakia for generations" would be secure.

A decree providing that political emigres must leave Czecho-Slovak territory on order of the provincial administration, which will grant them a period one to six months in which to get out, was published today. The decisions of police authorities in the matter are not subject to appeal. The measure applies to all emigres, regardless of their religion or race.

FASCIST COUNCIL SEEN READY TO ENACT NEW CURBS ON JEWS

ROME, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Italian newspaper comments on Chancellor Hitler's Reichstag speech surprisingly contain no reference to his remarks on the Jews, a fact which is explained in certain quarters by the belief that the Government has not yet decided whether to modify its anti-Semitism or to continue on a program similar to Berlin's. Premier Mussolini's decision in this respect is likely to be revealed during Saturday's session of the Fascist Grand Council, when it is believed the Jewish question will be discussed at length.

Present indications are that the March 12 deadline for expulsion of Italy's 15,000 foreign Jews -- half of whom have been unable to emigrate since they are "stateless" -- will not be extended. It is also likely that the Council will bar certain professions, such as the law and medicine, to the Jews, and will institute stronger control of Jewish finances.

TURKEY HALTS EXPULSIONS OF REFUGEES

ANKARA, Turkey, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The Government today cancelled expulsion orders against a number of Jewish families of German and Austrian nationality and ordered an investigation into every case of foreign Jews already expelled. The action followed an appeal to the Interior Ministry.

At the same time, Premier Refik Saygam issued to the press the following declaration on the Jewish question: "There is not and never will be a Jewish question in Turkey. We cannot allow mass immigration of persecuted Jews, but Jewish specialists of foreign nationalities may be allowed to bring their close relatives to stay until the expiration of their contracts. Turkish Jews, as far as the Government is concerned, are Turks, not Jews. Their faith does not impair their full rights as Turkish citizens, conferred by the constitutional charter, which is part of the secular republic and does not discriminate between races and religions."

14 GET JAIL TERMS FOR ANTI-JEWISH INCITEMENT IN LITHUANIA

KAUNAS, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The District Governor of Shavli today sentenced 14 anti-Semites to jail terms ranging from two weeks to a month and fines of 200 to 500 lit (\$20 to \$50) for anti-Jewish incitement. In passing sentence, he warned that incitement of one section of the population against another and attacks on peaceful citizens would be severely suppressed.

A law for protection of "Lithuanian honor," modelled after the Nazi Nuremberg laws, prohibiting Jews from employing Lithuanian servant girls, was demanded today by Darbas, official organ of the Lithuanian Chamber of Labor. The paper charged editorially that 20,000 Lithuanian maids were being exploited by Jews and "forced into sexual intercourse." It was reported here that instruction in racial doctrines has been introduced into the schools of the Nazi-controlled Memel district.

HUNGARIAN JEWS WARNED OF FURTHER RESTRICTIONS

BUDAPEST, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Creation of an emigration department for Jews was demanded by Baron Nikoulavsay, a leader of the Government party, during a meeting of a parliamentary committee hearing on the bill to limit participation of Jews in the nation's economic and cultural life to seven per cent. The Baron declared emigrating Jews should be permitted to take only merchandise out of the country with them. He warned, also, that a third anti-Jewish law would be introduced if the Jews fail to carry out provisions of the present measure when it is enacted.

The National Union of War Veterans appealed to the Government to exempt from the anti-Jewish bill all those holding the Cross of Charles, which was issued to all who saw several months' service at the front in the World War. Although the bill has already been approved by the Parliamentary commission, the union expressed the hope that the amendment would be added in the plenary session of Parliament. Meanwhile, the Pest Jewish Community decided to sue papers publishing anti-Jewish articles under the law prohibiting calumny against a religion.

BECK SEEN PUTTING DAMPER ON POLISH ANTI-SEMITIC PROGRAM

WARSAW, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The Kattowice newspaper Polonia reported today that Foreign Minister Josef Beck, believing that legal discrimination against the Jews would interfere with his international plans, has forced the Government Camp of National Unity to abandon all efforts to solve the Jewish problem in a radical manner.

CENTRAL JEWISH BANK PLANNED IN POLAND

WARSAW, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Plans for a central Jewish bank were mapped here at a meeting of a committee formed to centralize Jewish credit institutions in Poland, held under the chairmanship of ex-Senator Rafael Szereszewski, prominent banker. The committee decided to convoke a conference of the representatives of the country's biggest cooperative banks to discuss the project.

NEW BOOK GIVES FULL PICTURE OF REFUGEE PROBLEM IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Oxford University Press has announced publication of "The Refugee in the United States," by Harold Fields, a volume giving a complete picture of the American immigration question in the light of the country's immigration laws and past and present refugee movements, with special emphasis on the current exodus from Germany. The author is executive director of the National League for American Citizenship. The volume, a statistic-buttressed contribution to the practical literature on the refugee, is described by Mr. Fields in a preface as having been prepared "with the idea that an objective, impartial approach to the life of the refugee in this country was essential at this time."

BAECK NAMED HEAD OF WORLD UNION OF PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

LONDON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The World Union of Progressive Judaism today announced the election of Chief Rabbi Dr. Leo Baeck, of Berlin, as president to succeed the late Dr. Claude J. Montefiore. Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, has been elected American vice-president.

LATE PALESTINE NEWS

Jews to Make No Offers at London Parley, Ussishkin Holds

JERUSALEM, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The Jews will wait to hear proposals at the London conferences since they have no proposal to offer but preservation of Jewish rights, Menachem Mendel Ussishkin, president of the Zionist General Council and of the Jewish National Fund, said today before sailing from Haifa on the steamship Galilee for London.

"Despite the conviction that the Jews should not participate because the London discussions have as their object the fulfillment of Arab demands at the expense of the Jews, I am going, since the majority of the Jewish Agency Executive decided to participate and vigorously demanded my presence to share the responsibility," Mr. Ussishkin told the Hebrew daily, Haaretz. "I could not refuse because there can be no split in the Zionist Organization at this difficult time."

Joshua Suprassky, a member of the delegation sent by the Jewish National Assembly, in an interview rejected the view that the Jews were going "like Isaac to the sacrifice." He said that despite mistakes that had been made, there was no reason for panic. The delegation was joined by Rabbi Jacob Fishman, a leader of the Mizrahi.

Meanwhile, the Arab moderates were assured representation in the conferences when the Arab National Defense Party reached an agreement with the Government to send a delegation of five from the party. The delegation includes Ragheb Bey Nashashibi, ex-mayor of Jerusalem and leader of the party; his cousin, Mayor Fakhri Bey Nashashibi of Bethlehem, and Suleiman Bey Toukan, as the voting members, and Mahmed Tounis el Hussein, secretary, and an adviser not yet named. The British Government had made it clear that it would not consider the Palestine Arabs as completely represented unless the Nashashibi party sent delegates. The Arab extremists, under the control of the exiled ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, had resisted the inclusion of National Defense Party representatives.

LATE PRAHA NEWS

PRAHA, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Decrees providing for the revision of citizenships of all persons who acquired citizenship after Nov. 14, 1918, or who lived on Jan. 1, 1938 in districts which on Dec. 30, 1938 were the territory of other countries will be published on Thursday, it was announced tonight. While making no distinction between citizens of various races, nationalities and religions, the decrees provide that all those denaturalized must leave the country in from one to six months.

SURVEY GRAPHIC ISSUES SPECIAL NUMBER ON 'CHALLENGE TO DEMOCRACY'

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- A special issue of Survey Graphic devoted to democracy and racial and religious amity was published today under the title, "Calling America: The Challenge to Democracy Reaches Over Here." The 192-page number contains articles by noted writers, cartoons and photographs reviewing the consequences of despotism abroad, minorities overseas, the refugee situation, tests of democracy at home and a symposium on "What We Can Do on the Challenge Reaching Over Here." Raymond Gram Swing is special editor of the issue.

CORRECTION

The B'nai B'rith Executive Committee on Monday voted \$2,500 for Youth Aliyah, not \$500 as reported in the JTA News of Jan. 31, and \$500 for the Intercollegiate Committee to Aid Student Refugees, not \$1,000.