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# WEIZMANN DEMANDS IMPLEMENTING OF MANDATE; URGES AGREEMENT BASED ON FEISAL PACT

LONDON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Jewish demands for retention and implementation of the Palestine mandate were submitted to the Government tonight by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, at the first business session of the Holy Land conference. The closed meeting between British negotiators and a Jewish delegation of 19 members was held while the British pressed efforts, apparently so far without avail, to mend the split in the Arab delegation from Palestine to obviate separate negotiations with the extremist and moderate factions.

Dr. Weizmann was understood to have demanded a return to the economic absorptive capacity standard of Jewish immigration, facilitation of close Jewish settlement on land and adequate security in the form of strengthening of the Jewish defense force.

In the course of his two-hour speech, Dr. Weizmann was understood to have asked the British Government to state exactly its present attitude regarding the Jewish position in Palestine, protested against the presence of five Arab states at the conference and also against the arbitrary restriction of Jewish immigration to Palestine, stating that both were prejudicial to the Jewish case. He warned Britian that Arab friendship alone was not sufficient to safeguard British imperial interests in the Near East.

The Jewish leader, it was learned, assailed the contention that the authors of the Balfour Declaration of 1917, guaranteeing establishment of a Palestine Jewish homeland, had not foreseen the present dimensions of the Jewish tragedy. He ridiculed attempts to represent the declaration as something not intended to provide a lasting refuge for large numbers of homeless Jews.

Dr. Weigmann, in referring to Arab-Jewish relations, it was learned, criticized the Government's failure to assist a rapprochement. He referred to the Treaty of Friendship between Arabs and Zionists which he concluded in 1919 with Emir Feisal, later King of Iraq, and proposed it as the basis of an agreement today.

(The treaty, revealed by Dr. Weizmann on June 10, 1956, in The Times of London, guaranteed Feisal's support of the Balfour Declaration and encouragement of Jewish immigration and settlement in Palestine. It provided for the establishment of friendly relations between Palestine and an Arab state. The treaty was supported by Col. Lawrence, who was instrumental in obtaining Arab support of Britain in the World War.)

The Jews do not desire to dominate the Arabs, Dr. Weizmann said, but they will not accept domination by the Arabs. He warned that it was difficult to conceive of the

reaching of a lasting solution while law and order were not restored. He urged adoption of a positive policy by the Government, asserting that vacillation was the cause of the disorders, which would continue as long as the policy continued to vacillate.

A large part of the address, it was understood, was given over to a review of the Jewish position the world over and the necessity of evacuation of millions of Jews. He agreed that the search for territories for settlement must go on, but said that Palestine alone was able to provide an immediate and lasting refuge. He concluded by stating that the Jews would always be grateful to Britain for a signal contribution to a solution of the problem and fulfillment of the promise would give a seal forever to the bonds uniting the Jews to the Empire.

The Jewish delegation at the meeting was composed of Dr. Weizmann, Menachem M. Ussishkin, David Ben Gurion, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, Moshe Shertok, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chief Rabbi Joseph H. Hertz of Britain; the Palestine rabbis, Dr. Isaac Herzog, Moshe Blau and Ben-Zion Uziel; Mrs. Rose Jacobs, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Isaac Ben-Zvi, M. Weill-Halle, of France, Sholem Asch and Leonard Stein.

Efforts to close the breach in the ranks of the Palestine Arab delegates occupied the time of Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald before the session. Mr. MacDonald conferred with the delegates of Egypt, Iraq and Saudi Arabia regarding the failure of the moderate Palestine Arab Defense Party representatives to attend the opening ceremonies of the conference yesterday and the inability to obtain their reconciliation with the Palestine extremists of the Husseini faction. This afternoon, the Colonial Secretary was to see Ragheb Bey Mashashibi, leader of the Arab moderates, and this evening Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain was to see the Nashashibi group.

Satisfaction was expressed in Jewish Agency circles at the spirit in which Mr. Chamberlain launched the conference. Particular pleasure was voiced at the assurance that the Palestine mandate would be made the basis of the discussions, the reference to the United States position respecting the mandate and Mr. Chamberlain's tribute to Palestine Jewry's discipline and self-restraint in the face of disorders. (A remark that "sholom (peace) is our watchword in Palestine," made by Dr. Chaim Weizmann in his reply to Mr. Chamberlain, was erroneously attributed to the Prime Minister in Tuesday's dispatch.)

Meanwhile, the Treasury published supplementary budget estimates of L1,120,700 for the defense of Palestine and the Transjordan and L1,387,000 to cover the costs incurred as the result of the Arab disturbances. An additional sum of L14,400 was asked by the Colonial Office to cover expenses of the Palestine conferences.

# Palestine Jewish Council Sends Message of Support

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council today cabled the Jewish delegation at the London conferences that the three-year struggle had hardened the Palestine Jewish community and that no sacrifice was too great for the fulfillment of the delegation's mission. The cable added that the community wanted peace but not at the price of a minority status and restriction of immigration and colonization.

An attempt of Zionist-Revisionist students to organize a two-hour strike at the Hebrew University in protest against the London conferences drew a warning today of "strongest measures" to preserve order. Rector Abraham H. Fraenkel assembled the student body and denounced yesterday's demonstration, which was accompanied by fisticuffs with other students and invasion of lectures, as attacks resembling anti-Semitic campaigns in European universities. The Hebrew University, as a Jewish national institution, backs up Jewish leaders during the present crisis, the rector asserted to the accompaniment of applause.

### DAMAGE TO U.S. JEWS' PROPERTY CITED IN NOTE TO BERLIN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A note citing specific cases of discrimination against American citizens in Germany -- most of them said to involve damage to property during the November excesses -- was submitted to the German Foreign Office on Monday, it was disclosed today. The action was taken on the basis of the German note to the United States last month which rejected the American principle of non-discrimination among foreign nationals on the basis of race but agreed to examine and regulate individual cases involving treaty rights.

# Adoption of Jewish Surnames Demanded

LONDON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Chancellor Hitler's Voelkischer Beobachter, chief organ of the Nazi Party, today warned Jews with German surnames to change them to Jewish names or face the imposition of names by the Government. The Berlin paper said that the Jews "can be sure that we will not be so accomodating as authorities of the liberal period, but that we will either give them back their old Jewish family names, which they before before the emancipation period, or look up Old Testament records, which offer a big choice."

# Nazi Urges 'Reservation' for Jews

BERLIN, Feb. 8. (Havas) -- The 15,000,000 Jews of Germany and Central Europe must get out, Dr. Alfred Rosenberg said here last night, and should be "penned in a reservation" in some sparsely populated part of the world. The Nazi doctrinarian, lecturing a party gathering as Chancellor Adolf Hitler's personal representative, declared a Jewish national state was out of the question, because that would mean diplomatic embarrassment to other countries.

He put it up to the powers which own thinly inhabited regions -- Britain, the United States, France and the Netherlands -- to decide among them whether the Jews should be settled in Guiana, Madagascar or elsewhere.

# 4 Members of Guiana Commission Leave

MIAMI, Feb. 8. (JTA) — Four members of the commission arranged by President Roosevelt's Advisory Committee on Refugees to survey prospects for refugee settlement in British Guiana left today for Georgetown by plane, among them Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, colonization expert. The other two American members will leave Sunday.

## Tanganyika Governor Submits Report

LONDON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald informed the House of Commons today that Governor Sir Mark Young of Tanganyika has submitted a preliminary report on the possibilities of Jewish settlement in that British-mandated territory. He said the report has been communicated to the Committee of Coordination for Refugees.

## DELEGATION SEEKS TO AID JEWS FACING EXPULSION FROM RHODES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A delegation of Sephardic Jews will leave tomorrow for the Italian-ruled Island of Rhodes to study the situation of the Jews, some 5,000 of whom have reportedly been ordered to leave by Feb. 28 as foreigners or face fines of 5,000 lire and expulsion. Most of the 4,000 Jews of Rhodes are classed as foreigners since the island was formerly Greek and served as a refuge for many Jews from Asia Minor after the war. The delegation bears a letter of introduction to the Italian High Commissioner in

Rhodes from Count Quinto Mazzolini, Italian Consul-General in Jerusalem. The delegation will also study the possibilities of finding a refuge for those expelled, regarding which it is expected to visit Cyprus, British crown colony.

### Jewish Officers Dismissed from Italian Army, Navy

ROME, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- All Jewish officers in the Italian military and naval services have been dismissed, it was officially announced here.

#### A.F.L. CONSIDERS FIGHT AGAINST NAZISM, FASCISM IN LATIN AMERICA

MIAMI, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Declaring that the Nazi and Fascist "invasion of some Latin American countries" gave ground for apprehension lest the Nazi-Fascist philosophy affect the United States, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has announced that the executive council will consider during its current sessions here whether or not to send a commission to the Latin-American nations to lay the groundwork for a Pan-American labor conference to combat Nazism and Fascism.

#### REFUGEE SCHOLARS GIVEN RECEPTION AT LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 guests, including distinguished scientists, the Swedish Ambassador, Lord Samuel, Prof. Norman Bentwich and Neville Laski, attended a reception here last night for refugee scholars and scientists. Sir William Bragg, president of the Royal Society, welcomed the refugees and the Archbishop of York, president of the Society for the Protection of Science and Learning, replied in their behalf. Sir William praid tribute to the society for its help to the refugees, declaring it had added to Britain many men whose value would be felt in the future.

#### NETHERLANDS DEPORTS 21 REFUGEE CHILDREN

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Twenty-one German Jewish children without necessary documents were taken to the German frontier today for deportation.

## JEWISH LAWYERS IN RUMANIAN TOWN BARRED FOR 5 YEARS

BUCHAREST, Feb. 5. (JTA) — The Piatra-Neamt Bar Association has notified Jewish lawyers whose citizenship has been recognized after the current revision that they will not be re-admitted to practice for five years, the waiting period normally required for naturalization, it was learned today. Dr. Wilhelm Filderman, president of the dissolved Union of Rumanian Jews, has protested to Minorities Commissioner Silviu Dragomir. The Rumanian Union of War Invalids, Widows and Orphans has petitioned the Cabinet to restore cancelled tabacconist licenses to Jewish war invalids, widows and orphans.

## CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION CONSIDERS AID TO COUGHLIN, KUHN

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Roger N. Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union, revealed today at a luncheon of the union in Town Hall that "only two weeks ago I wrote to Father Coughlin in connection with his case and I have even written to Fritz Kuhm" in regard to their free speech rights.

Quincy Howe, chairman of the union's council for freedom from censorship, declared that the council had been studying the Coughlin situation arising from his being barred from Station WMCA for failing to submit an advance copy of his script.