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### JEWS DISCUSS BRITISH 'PEACE' PLAN INVOLVING ENTRY CURBS; WEIZMANN SEES CHAMBERLAIN

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Jewish delegates to the Palestine conferences today intensively discussed a proposed solution of the Arab-Jewish conflict, submitted to them last night by Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald, giving Arabs and Jews political equality but restricting Jewish immigration on entirely new and original lines. The MacDonald plan was discussed first at an executive meeting of the Jewish delegation and later at a plenary session of the Jewish conference committee.

Earlier, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, was received by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain at 10 Downing Street. The interview was attended by Mr. MacDonald. Accompanied by several colleagues, Dr. Weizmann is understood to have given the Prime Minister a summary of developments at the conference but to have advanced no categorical proposals.

At the same time, King George VI received in audience Prince Seif el Islam el Husseini, head of the Arab delegation from Yemen.

Last night's Anglo-Jewish session was addressed by Sholom Asch, novelist, Rabbi Moshe Blau and Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, both of Palestine. Speaking on behalf of East European Jewry, Mr. Asch appealed to the Government in the name of "millions of poor Jews for whom Palestine is the only hope" not to close Palestine's gates. Rabbis Blau and Herzog both avoided political aspects in their addresses, stressing instead the spiritual side of the issue.

Lord Samuel denied to the J.T.A. a report published by the Palestine Arabic daily, Falastin, alleging that he had three consultations with Iraqi Premier Nuri Pasha es-Said in connection with the conferences and had also submitted to the British Government a memorandum requesting larger representation for British Jews in the Jewish delegation.

### Histadruth Voices Amity Plea

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The Histadruth, Palestine Jewish labor federation, adopted a resolution today appealing to the Arab masses for peace. The resolution also voiced encouragement to the Jewish delegates at the London conferences.

### Jew, Arab Killed in Continuing Disorders

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Arab disorders were unabated today, claiming the lives of a Jewish settler and an Arab policeman and resulting in imposition of curfew in the Old City. David Soltes, 24, was killed by terrorists who fired shots through the window

of his hut on the outskirts of Kiryat Amal as he lay asleep. The authorities put the Old City under curfew following the slaying of an Arab policeman last night. Three Arabs captured last week in a battle near Ramleh were sentenced to death by a military court. Searches today uncovered an important cache of arms, munitions and uniforms in a cavern near Safed.

#### TELEKI FORMS CABINET IN HUNGARY; CAUTIOUS VEERING FROM REICH ORBIT SEEN

BUDAPEST, Feb. 16. (Havas) -- Despite Regent Nicholas Horthy's determination to steer away from the totalitarian states, no immediate about-face in Hungarian policies was expected from the new Government formed today by Premier Paul Teleki, called to office Wednesday when anti-Semitic Bela Imredy resigned because of his Jewish ancestry.

Imredy was the only figure dropped from the Government. Political observers, however, regarded Count Teleki's ascension to office as the first precise indication of Regent Horthy's firm decision to tolerate no further orientation toward the totalitarian orbit. On the other hand, the same sources pointed out that Hungary -- like Austria and Czecho-Slovakia -- is astride the avenue of "geographical politics" mapped by the Reich in its expansionist ambitions in Southeast Europe. It would scarcely seem possible, therefore, they said, to forecast a sudden revision of Budapest's policies, which to date have been receiving encouragement from Rome and Berlin.

It was realized here that Budapest must feel assured of outside support and that immediate action must be undertaken to create solidarity among the small powers of South and Central Europe before such a reorientation could be attempted. Hungarian quarters believed that the material was at hand for such a common front, but equally felt that immediate action was necessary if its realization was to be sought with any chance of success.

Linked with this reported trend away from Berlin and Rome were rumors that Ferenc Szalasy's Hungarian Nazi Party may be dissolved by the Teleki government. It was disclosed that the synagogue bombing here on Feb. 5 was perpetrated by two youths who claimed they had been incited to the act by one of Szalasy's followers. The irredentist "Hungarian Life" Party was also reported involved in the bombing, which injured 20 persons.

#### No Change in Jewish Bill Expected

BUDAPEST, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- No modification in the anti-Jewish bill before Parliament is expected as a result of Premier Bela Imredy's resignation on the score of his Jewish ancestry. It is hoped, however, that some amendments will be introduced during the debate on the bill in the Upper House.

It was revealed today that proofs of Imredy's Jewish origins were submitted to Regent Horthy last Friday by a member of the Lower House because, during a defence of his anti-Jewish measure, Imredy had insisted that the Jews were not assimilatable with Hungarians even if they intermarried.

#### REICH FORCES PRAHA TO INTENSIFY ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES; NAZIS DOMINATE CZECH AFFAIRS

PRAHA, Feb. 16. (Havas) -- Increasing Nazi intervention in Czecho-Slovakia's internal affairs, extending to virtually all branches of the nation's activity, has confronted the Praha Government with a problem which is daily growing more grave, diplomatic quarters said tonight.

German official and semi-official agents have flocked here in constantly increasing numbers to impose their demands in foreign, domestic and financial affairs and even to forbid newspapers to pick up British or American press comments, to ban plays "unfriendly to the Reich" from the stage, to compel suspension of the showing of certain motion pictures and to force the discharge of actors.

This Nazi surveillance over every phase of Czecho-Slovak life is exercised chiefly by the reinforced personnel of the German Legation, which now includes no less than three counselors. The Gestapo also has blossomed out and has collected an imposing file of information on the private lives of innumerable Czecho-Slovaks. The many Germans living in Praha have helped considerably in carrying out this assignment.

German interference has been more noticeable than anywhere else, however, in connection with the Jewish problem. Reports are that Chancellor Adolf Hitler has declared he could not carry out his Munich promise to guarantee Czecho-Slovakia's new frontiers until the Jewish question was "liquidated." Premier Rudolf Beran's Cabinet, after many discussions, drafted a project which took into account some humane considerations, but the Reich demanded amendments and the Government had to apply itself to framing a much sterner bill.

As was to be expected, the German University at Praha and the two German technical schools at Brno have already been "purged" of Jewish professors and pupils. Similar action is under way in German secondary schools throughout the country. Professors have in many cases already filled out questionnaires which ask, among other things, "Does your father or mother belong, or has he or she belonged, to the Jewish religion or nationality?"

While the Czecho-Slovak Government is entirely unable to cope with the Reich and must accept every new demand imposed on it, the nation's remaining German minority continues to profess dissatisfaction. Deputy Ernst Kundt, who was Konrad Henlein's right-hand man when the Sudetenland was still part of this country and who was left behind to keep the torch of Germanism burning in the remnant state, only a few days ago warned that "some Czech chiefs have completely failed to learn the lesson of September, 1938."

#### 200 Anti-Semites Reported Arrested

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Newspapers reported from Praha today that 200 Fascists had been arrested following searches that revealed seditious and anti-Semitic literature and documents which indicated that preparations were under way for anti-Jewish excesses.

#### BOYCOTT COUNCIL OPPOSES EMIGRATION PLAN LINKED TO EXPORTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The Joint Boycott Council of the American Jewish Congress and Jewish Labor Committee has announced its opposition to any plan of Jewish emigration from Germany which will increase exports of Reich goods. Increased German exports are involved in the German plan negotiated by George Rublee, to which the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee gave its approval this week.

The council's decision was announced yesterday by Chairman Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum at a luncheon in the Hotel Astor in honor of Friedrich Stampfer, former editor of the Berlin Socialist paper, Der Vorwaerts. Dr. Tenenbaum said he had cabled notification of the decision to Dr. Stephen S. Wise in London. The council's action was based on the belief that any slackening of the boycott would improve Germany's economic situation at a time when the Nazi regime was within a year of "collapse," Dr. Tenenbaum said. "We shall not have to wait long now for a change in the Nazi Government, and then the refugee problem will not exist at all any longer."

Britain Approves Rublee Plan

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The British Government was reported today to have approved the plan for emigration of Jews from Germany as outlined this week to the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee.

Home Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare told the House of Commons today that the Government has made special arrangements for granting of visas to refugees desiring to enter England on their way to Canada and the United States. Replying to a question by Thomas Edmund Harvey, Independent, Sir Samuel said: "I am most anxious that no difficulties shall be placed in the way of granting transit visas to refugees to whom admission to some overseas countries is available. Special arrangements have already been introduced by the Home Office, in cooperation with the voluntary organization, for the immediate grant of visas in such cases."

8 REFUGEES GET HAVEN IN CUBA AFTER MEETING BATISTA ON SHIP

HAVANA, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Eight Austrian Jews, unable to remain in the United States and barred from Mexico, found a haven in Havana today as a result of having met Col. Fulgencio Batista, Cuban military chief, on board ship.

Arriving at Veracruz on the Cuba Mail steamer Orizaba, the refugees were not permitted to land because they could not meet Mexican immigration requirements. When they learned that Col. Batista had boarded the ship to return to Havana from his visit to Mexico, the refugees decided to appeal to him.

Col. Batista listened to their plea of the fate that awaited them if forced to return to the Reich and sent a radiogram to the Cuban Labor Minister, with the result that when the ship arrived in port here today, a representative of the Labor Minister was there to meet them. This representative and Col. Batista intervened with the immigration authorities. The refugees were immediately released and were sent to the Jewish community center, where they were immediately provided with temporary homes and means of subsistence.

86 Allowed Temporary Stay in Venezuela

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Eighty-six Jewish refugees from Germany, who found on their arrival in Trinidad that they were barred because of a new prohibition on admission of refugees, have been granted a 30-day stay in Caracas, Venezuela, after being also barred from Honduras, it was reported by HIAS here today. The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, which obtained for them the temporary asylum in Caracas by appealing to the President of Venezuela, is now seeking to find a permanent haven for them in a Central or South American country.

Australia Rejects Jewish Colony Plan

MELBOURNE, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Reiterating the Government's opposition to block settlement of immigrants, Premier Joseph A. Lyons announced today rejection of a proposal to establish a Jewish colony in the hinterland of New Guinea. In a statement following a Cabinet meeting, Mr. Lyons said immigrants should be distributed to areas where they had good prospects of absorption in the general population. (Australia has approved entry of 15,000 German Jewish refugees in three years.)

LATE NEWS OF PALESTINE PARLEY

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The British Government today replied to the Arab demand for establishment of an independent Arab state in Palestine with the advice to the Arabs to face the realities of the present situation. It was learned after this afternoon's anglo-Arab session of the Palestine conferences in the St. James Palace. Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald, without making any definite proposals for the Government, laid before the Arab several suggestions aimed at revealing possible alternatives to an Arab state. He was understood to have discussed existing conditions, both with reference to the large Jewish population in Palestine and the state of international affairs, including the Mediterranean situation.

Jamal el Hussein, head of the Palestine Arab delegation, replying to the suggestions, attempted to prove that the existence of an independent Arab state would not be incompatible with the security of the Jewish minority.

No Anglo-Jewish session was held today. Instead, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, David Ben Gurion and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, were received by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Mr. MacDonald. They were understood to have expressed concern over the nature of the suggestions made by Mr. MacDonald and to have urged the Government to make known its intentions without further delay.

They were also reported to have pointed out that the present discussions would be barren of result and would not succeed in bringing a peaceful settlement of the Palestine question unless based on an Arab-Jewish understanding. They were said to have asked Mr. Chamberlain to use the utmost influence to bring the Arabs to meet the Jews face to face for discussion on the points at issue. These reported requests reflect the feeling which is hardening in most sections of the Jewish delegation that only through direct discussions with the Arabs can peace be achieved in Palestine.

There is also a growing belief that while the discussions with the British may result in a new formula on questions such as immigration, a constitution and land sales, this formula will not alter the situation unless it is also satisfactory to the Arabs. It is expected that at tomorrow's Anglo-Jewish meeting this viewpoint will be strongly pressed.

At the same time the Jewish spokesmen will give considered replies to the tentative proposals offered by Mr. MacDonald last night to the Jews, which were debated fully at today's closed meeting of the Jewish delegation. It was agreed that although there had been no intimation that the Arabs had in any way shifted from their past stand of refusing to meet the Jews, every possible method of bringing about such a meeting should be utilized if there was to be a satisfactory solution of the problem. One condition that would be made by the Jews would be that there should be a cessation of terrorism in Palestine.

BULLETIN

BUDAPEST, Feb. 16. (Havas) -- Premier Paul Teleki, called to office yesterday when anti-Semitic Bela Imredy resigned because of his Jewish ancestry, tonight publicly pledged his newly-formed Government to support the anti-Jewish legislation and other policies sponsored by his predecessor. Promising to continue Imredy's policies, Count Teleki told a meeting of the Government party: "The new Government will support the bills on Jews and agriculture."