

BRITAIN TAKES UP ENTRY, LAND ISSUES TODAY; DEADLOCK ON ARAB STATE ISSUE

LONDON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- With a deadlock reached in the Anglo-Arab discussions over the Arab demand for an independent state, the talks are now turning to the interrelated questions of Jewish immigration and land sales, which will be considered along with the issue of a Palestine constitution when the conversations are resumed tomorrow. Official circles point out that the three questions are interdependent and full discussion of all three will bring the Anglo-Arab talks to the concluding stage.

The decision to proceed to the immigration and land questions while an Anglo-Arab subcommittee studies the dispute over the MacMahon correspondence, was taken at yesterday's session. It was learned in Arab circles that Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald outlined briefly to the Arabs alternative proposals for progressive restriction of Jewish immigration for a stipulated period, curtailment of land purchase under a zoning system previously outlined to the Jews and some form of legislative assembly in which the Arabs would predominate. On the last point, it is understood that Mr. MacDonald did not go into details and did not indicate how the proposal for Arab predominance would be reconciled with the principle of political equality suggested to the Jews.

Although the Jewish delegates on Friday rejected his proposals, it is expected that Mr. MacDonald will discuss details, particularly with regard to a constitution, when the Anglo-Jewish talks are resumed on Monday night. The Jewish Agency Executive met today to review the first two weeks of the conferences. President Chaim Weizmann is now in Paris but will return for tomorrow's session of the conference.

In connection with the conference, a service was held tonight at the Great Synagogue in the presence of the Jewish delegates and numerous rabbis recently arrived from Germany. Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine offered a prayer for the Royal family and Chief Rabbi Joseph H. Hertz of Great Britain a prayer for the success of the conference. The Jews will never accept a status as refugees in Palestine, Dr. Stephen S. Wise declared during a sermon at the Northwest Reform Synagogue.

Syrian Cabinet Crisis Linked to London Talks

DAMASCUS, Feb. 19. (Havas) -- A new crisis was provoked in the Eastern Mediterranean yesterday with the resignation of the Syrian Cabinet after a prolonged dispute with France over the question of independence for the mandated Syrian State.

Coinciding with Italian demands for French African and Mediterranean territory and the London Palestine conference, the Cabinet crisis was attributed to some extent to German and Italian propaganda activities in the Near East. For the past ten days the powerful Italian radio station at Bari has been broadcasting inflammatory speeches and news reports in Arabic which were believed to have accentuated dissension between the Syrian Government leaders and nationalist opponents.

Observers viewed the Cabinet resignation as of international importance. They said a crisis in Syria at the same time as the London Palestine conference might raise the question of a united Islam at the London talks. The connection between the Syrian crisis and the London conference is based on the fact that reports reaching here from London have indicated that a move is under way to solve the Arab-Jewish conflict by securing concessions from the Arabs in return for establishment of a vast federation of Arab states that would include Syria. The reports of this plan have strengthened the partisans of immediate independence for Syria, who apparently are anxious to enter the proposed federation as an independent state on an equal footing with other Arab nations.

Curfew in Jerusalem Quarter

JERUSALEM, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Forty-eight-hour curfew was imposed today on the Musrarah quarter of Jerusalem and adjacent streets after a Jew was shot and slightly wounded by an Arab near police headquarters. Emergency regulations were amended to permit sentencing of males under 18 years of age to whipping with a light rod, not exceeding 24 strokes. The Hebrew daily, Haaretz, was suspended for a week by Government order, reportedly because of an article on the London conferences.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY URGED TO WIDEN AID TO JEWS; BRITISH JEWS LAUD RUBLEE

LONDON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The British Section of the World Jewish Congress, at its second biennial conference, today urged on "the statesmen of the democracies" the necessity of extending such movements as the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee "to include all victims of anti-Jewish discrimination." A resolution also called on representative Jewish organizations to meet for "cooperative consultation" and expressed "profound appreciation of the practical sympathy shown to the Jewish victims of persecution by religious leaders, statesmen and free peoples of democratic lands."

The conference urged "a united Jewish stand of the Jewish people the world over, in cooperation with all forces striving for justice and freedom, to restore Jewish rights where destroyed and safeguard them where threatened." Support of the World Jewish Congress was reiterated.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise declared in address: "I do not consider the Italian acceptance of the anti-Semitic doctrine as permanent. It is unbelievable that the people will follow the Government in its racialism." Other speakers were Louis Lipsky, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and the Rev. Maurice L. Perlzweig, who presided.

Discussing the refugee question, Dr. Wise, who is a member of President Roosevelt's Advisory Committee on Refugees, warned against prejudging the plan of Jewish emigration from Germany negotiated in Berlin by George Rublee. He said: "I know Rublee and Myron Taylor and I am not certain that in their anxiety to save the Jews of Germany they may not have been led to some mistake. But I want you to know that Rublee and Taylor would never wittingly say or do a thing which would contribute to the support of the Nazi Reich against the Jews."

They earnestly and diligently strived to support us. Remember, we will consider the plan in America, and be sure that the heads of English Jewry deliberate on this plan as earnestly and impartially as we mean to do."

Refugee assistance work of voluntary organizations will be rendered fruitless unless the prospect of overseas settlement is offered by Intergovernmental Committee powers, a report to the Board of Deputies of British Jews warned. Skepticism regarding the German Government's readiness to assist orderly emigration was expressed in the statement, which was prepared by Leonard G. Montefiore, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, and read in his absence by Neville Laski, president of the board. Three requisites for orderly emigration, the statement said, are (1) cessation of expulsions from the Reich, (2) arrangements for the maintenance of those remaining in Germany, especially in Vienna, and (3) relaxation of immigration restrictions by the Evian states.

Mr. Laski praised the "courage and persistence with which he faced and carried out a difficult and thankless task" of Mr. Rublee. The retiring director sailed for the United States on the Queen Mary yesterday after he had communicated to the German Government the committee's decision on the Reich emigration memorandum.

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HUNGARIAN PREMIER ACTS AGAINST EDITOR WHO CALLED HIM ANTI-SEMITIC

BUDAPEST, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Premier Paul Teleki, successor of anti-Semitic Bela Imredy who resigned when his Jewish ancestry was revealed, served notice today that he objects to being branded an anti-Semite. The new Premier instituted action against 81-year-old Josef Veszi, ~~former~~ editor-in-chief of Pester Lloyd, for so describing him. Veszi, a Jew, has been editor of this semi-official organ of the Foreign Office since 1913. Although the newspaper recently passed into "Aryan" hands, Veszi was retained in his post because he was found to be indispensable. Veszi faces a fine of 1,000 pengos (about \$300).

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~~in 1937~~ While the new Premier has declared he will proceed with Imredy's anti-Jewish bill, it is pointed out here that expectations of some modification of the bill are justified by his record. The Premier belongs to the school of "moderate anti-Semites" and as a university professor always treated his Jewish students with objectivity. Valentin Homan, who replaces Count Teleki as Minister of Education, is known as an extreme anti-Semite.

A sharp increase in the number of conversions, attributable to present and pending anti-Jewish legislation, has brought protests from Christians who object to attending services with the converts. Two Hungarian Calvinist Bishops, announcing receipt of such protests from church members, issued an open letter saying that "the reformed Church does not wish to seek a political question. As long as it is not convinced that the conversion of some Israelites is a hypocritical gesture, it must consider them to be brothers in Christ."

7 SUPREME COURT JUSTICES EULOGIZE BRANDEIS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Seven associates of Louis D. Brandeis on the Supreme Court have written him expressing their regret upon his decision to retire and paying high tribute to his record and his personal character and attainments. The letter was signed by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes and Associate Justices Butler, Stone, Roberts, Black, Reed and Frankfurter. Only Justice McReynolds did not sign. In reply to Chief Justice Hughes, Mr. Brandeis wrote: "You and the Associate Justices are very generous. Our friendship gives assurance that throughout the years to come we shall remain companions."

"We deeply regret that you have found it advisable to retire from your regular active service as Associate Justice, a service which you have rendered for over twenty-two years with a vigor and devotion which have never been surpassed. Your long practical experience and intimate knowledge of affairs, the wide range of your researches and your grasp of the most difficult problems, together with your power of analysis and your thoroughness in exposition, have made your judicial career one of extraordinary distinction and far-reaching influence.

"It has always been gratifying to observe that the intensity of your labors has never been permitted to disturb your serenity of spirit and we shall have an abiding memory of your never-failing friendliness. We trust that, relieved of the pressing burden of regular court work, you may be able to conserve the strength which has been so lavishly used in the public service, and that you may enjoy many years of continued vigor. We extend to you our best wishes and the assurance of our affection and profound esteem."

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British Jews Pay Tribute to Brandeis, Frankfurter

LONDON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Tribute to newly-appointed Justice Felix Frankfurter and just retired Justice Louis D. Brandeis was voiced today at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. The board was asked by President Neville Laski to send formal congratulations and good wishes to Justice Frankfurter, whose appointment "is acclaimed as one in the high traditions of the United States." British Jewry, Mr. Laski said, also wishes to express its good wishes to Mr. Brandeis on his retirement after "a most distinguished career, which sheds luster not only upon the judiciary of the United States, but on the Jewish community."

The members of the board stood silent when Mr. Laski, in opening the meeting, paid tribute to the late Pope Pius XI.

GOD NOT ANTI-JEWISH, BERLIN PASTOR ASSERTS

BERLIN, Feb. 19. (Havas) -- In a sermon at the Church of St. Anne at Dahlem, Pastor Gollwitzer today stressed the need for absolute and unreserved faith in God and scored the Nazi religious concepts. "God cannot be what men wish to make him, as, for example, the Jews and Greeks conceived their God or as the Germans seek to conceive a racist and anti-Jewish God," he asserted.

RECORD NUMBER OF COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS CONDUCTED FOR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- As evidence of the unprecedented nationwide response to the campaign of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs, a record number of more than 250 community campaigns will have been completed during the first three months of 1939, it was announced today by Rabbis Abba Hillel Silver and Jonah B. Wise, national chairman of the campaign.

AMERICANS URGED TO AID VLADECK FUND FOR DEMOCRACY, TOLERANCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- A call to Americans of all creeds and faiths to join and subscribe to the "Vladeck Memorial Fund" for the Defense of Democracy and the Promotion of Racial Tolerance was issued here today by David Dubinsky, treasurer. This fund, Dr. Dubinsky said, "more than steel and stone would be a fit monument to the Jewish immigrant who devoted his life to the furtherance of the democratic ideals and tolerance, which we, as American, cherish so much." Other officers are Sidney Hillman, chairman; Adolf Held and Max Zaritsky, vice-chairmen and Joseph Baskin, secretary.

POLISH GOVERNMENT REPORTED SEEKING STRONGER RULE OVER MINORITIES

WARSAW, Feb. 19. (Havas) -- Opposition quarters tonight predicted an early reshuffle in Premier Felicjan Slawoj-Skladkowski's Cabinet in order to give a more authoritarian turn to the Government, especially on the minorities question. According to these sources, the Premier will relinquish his interior portfolio to Gen. Janusz Gluckowski, Vice-Minister of War, or Col. Joseph Wenda, chief of the general staff of the Camp of National Union (Government Party). At the same time Wojciech Swietoslowski would resign as minister of religions and education.

Similar rumors have been current in the past, but this time they are regarded as significant because of a tendency in the national union camp toward a more totalitarian policy

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Jews Ousted from Jewish-Founded School

WARSAW, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Fifty years ago two Jewish banker-philanthropists, the brothers Wawelberg, founded the Wawelberg Technical High School, which soon was regarded as one of the finest technical institutes in the city. Today, the director of the Wawelberg school expelled 45 Jewish students because they refused to sit in "ghetto" benches assigned them under Government-backed regulations in force since 1937. The students had been under suspension since they began the practice of standing in the rear of the classroom in protest against the regulation. A memorandum they had sent to the Minister of Education some time ago was forwarded to the school's director and their expulsion followed.

SLOVAKIA SPEEDS UP DRAFTING OF ANTI-JEWISH LAW

PRAHA, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The anti-Semitic autonomous Government of Slovakia was reported today to be speeding up the drafting of legislation on the Jews which will introduce a numerus clausus in professions and trade. The laws, it was said, will be based on a compromise between religious and racial anti-Jewish theories. In preparation, the Education Ministry at Bratislava has ordered registration of journalists, writers, actors, architects, composers, singers and others by March 1.

Five-hundred and sixty-two Jewish doctors were stricken from the lists of social insurance practitioners in Slovakia when they were revised Jan. 1, it was revealed.

LITHUANIA SUPPRESSES ANTI-JEWISH INCITEMENT

KAUNAS, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- A Cabinet decision to take strong measures against anti-Jewish incitement brought immediate action today when the Government censor suppressed all anti-Semitic articles submitted by the anti-Jewish newspaper Verslas. The Cabinet, at a special meeting, decided to punish severely agitators against Jews and suppress disorders and propaganda for an anti-Jewish boycott, it was learned, after it was stated that Jew-baiting would lead to economic depression and inter-racial irritation.

BUECHLER, PRINCIPAL OF JEWS' COLLEGE, DEAD IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Prof. Adolph Buechler, principal of Jews' College in London and a leading Hebrew scholar, died today at the age of 71. He was born in Priekopa, Hungary, was educated at Hungarian, German and British universities and came to Jews' College in 1906. His books include studies of the Jews and their customs in biblical and post-biblical eras. He was awarded an honorary degree by the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati (Ohio) in 1938.