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BRITAIN MAPS FEDERAL STATE PLAN, SEEKS APPROVAL OF JEWS AND ARABS

LONDON, March 10. (JTA) -- A new plan for solution of the Palestine question, now being drafted by the British Government for submission to the Arab and Jewish delegations within the next few days, provides for eventual establishment in Palestine of a federal state composed of two or more cantons following roughly the present population demarcation, it was indicated in official circles today. Although the plan in all its details is so far by no means complete, some days still being required to fill in a number of important points, its broad outlines have already been indicated to the representatives of the Arab states who, it was reliably learned, have approved them.

The question of the cantonal boundaries is now engaging the attention of the British ministers. It is understood the ministers today had High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael's replies to a number of questions relating to distribution of the Arab and Jewish populations and the possible boundaries. Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax and Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald met the delegates of Egypt, Iraq and Saudi Arabia this afternoon and discussed some of the points involved in the plan.

Mr. MacDonald met Dr. Chaim Weizmann last night and is understood to have told him of his desire for a further informal meeting with the Jews to clarify a number of points. Dr. Weizmann suggested that Mr. MacDonald had better defer the meeting until after the Jews receive the Government's reply to their letter requesting guarantees that continued development of the Jewish national home will be safeguarded under any plans proposed by the Government.

Mr. MacDonald and Foreign Undersecretary Richard A. Butler will meet some of the Jews informally tomorrow afternoon to discuss the letter. The Jewish delegation will be headed by David Ben Gurion, and includes Lord Reading. It expects the Government's definite reply on whether the mandate is to be retained or, alternatively, if the Jewish national home's development will be guaranteed under the new plan. If the reply is in the affirmative to either question, the Jews will announce their readiness to discuss the new plan. Dr. Weizmann left for Paris today and is expected to return Monday or Tuesday.

Regarding the question of Jewish immigration, Mr. MacDonald is reliably said to have in mind a figure of 10,000 annually for five years, with the likelihood that 10,000 refugee children would be admitted the first year above the quota. He is reportedly still "undecided" on how immigration would be regulated after this period, apparently in view of strenuous Jewish objections to an earlier suggestion that after five years the question of further immigration would be fixed by mutual agreement with the Arabs. The Jews rejected the suggestion, declaring they would never accept the principle of Arab veto or consent to Jewish immigration.

It is understood that division of Palestine into cantons under the new plan envisioned by the Government would be put into effect as soon as possible and cantonal self-governing institutions established. The cantons would have a large measure of local autonomy. At the same time, the Government would proceed with organization of a federal government in which Arabs and Jews would both be represented. It is not yet known whether Mr. MacDonald intends to follow suggestions on a constitution that were submitted to the Arabs and the Jews a fortnight ago, providing a bi-cameral legislature with Arab and Jewish ministers.

Mr. MacDonald this morning received Rabbi Moshe Blau and H.A. Goodman, of the non-Zionist Agudath Israel, and discussed the situation. He expressed the hope that it might be possible to find a generally satisfactory solution of the problem.

During private sessions with the Arabs yesterday, Mr. MacDonald is reliably said to have stressed British friendship for the Arabs and to have assured them that Great Britain was acting in good faith in seeking a solution of the problem. He is said to have pointed out that the Government must take into consideration British and American public opinion, both of which would be most hostile to immediate establishment of an independent State and stoppage of immigration and land sales.

The British Government consequently, Mr. MacDonald's argument is described as continuing, could not fix a short transition period but would have to leave it indefinite and dependent upon the growth of self-governing institutions in Palestine and development of positive Arab-Jewish cooperation. Because of British and American opinion, the Government could not stop immigration and land acquisition completely, the Colonial Secretary reportedly told the Arab representatives, indicating that the most the Government could do would be to introduce additional restrictions.

Mr. MacDonald is understood to have tried to convince the Arab states that they should exercise a moderating influence on the Palestine Arabs to accept the British proposals when finally submitted. The Arab states originally were invited to the conference in the hope they would exercise such an influence, but so far it has not been apparent that they have done so. In fact, at one stage they seriously embarrassed the British representatives by making a joint declaration of support of the Palestine Arab maximum demands.

Dr. J. Machover, chairman of the Jewish State Party of Great Britain, has resigned from the Jewish conference advisory panel in protest against continuation of participation in the conference.

Jews' Non-Cooperation Will Make State Impossible, Wise Holds

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, first delegate to return from the London conferences, last night told some 2,000 Zionist leaders that Jewish non-cooperation would make it impossible for Britain to establish an independent Palestine state, but he pledged the Jews' aid to England in the event of war.

Speaking at a reception for him and Mrs. Wise arranged at the Hotel Roosevelt by various Zionist organizations, Dr. Wise was bitter in his denunciation of British policy on Palestine, expressed the opinion that the Jews had been brought to London as "scenery" for a decision perhaps prepared in advance, declared he would rather see Jews die than live in a Palestine "ghetto" and vowed the strongest resistance to any Palestine state plan.

But, at the same time, he cautioned the Zionists not to be too harsh in their judgment of Britain. The British, he said, were acting out of dread of the Fascist governments,

and "I think that if England today were ready to meet its enemies, the conference would not have been held." He declared: "In the conflict that is to come between England and the Fascist powers, we will give all that England may triumph."

Arguing that London could take no just decision under the pressure of present circumstances, he urged the British Government to postpone for a year a decision on Palestine's future, meanwhile continuing Jewish immigration. He made reference to a "grand plan" that was being considered by Jews for development of Palestine and surrounding Arab countries, about which he declared he could not reveal more at present.

Dr. Wise's conviction that a Palestine state could not be established now and that Jewish upbuilding would continue were shared by Dr. Solomon Goldman, president of the Zionist Organization, who drew cheers when he introduced Dr. Wise as "the Jewish Gibraltar," by Lady Reading, who made a brief farewell speech before sailing for England on the Queen Mary on Saturday, and by telegrams from regional Zionist groups.

Tel Aviv-Haifa Traffic Suspended

JERUSALEM, March 10. (JTA) -- The military authorities today suspended all traffic between Tel Aviv and Haifa following the fatal shooting last night of an Arab near Tel Aviv. An official communique declared the killer was a Jew. Two Jews were wounded during sniping attacks upon a potash convoy from the Dead Sea. The convoy was subjected to heavy rifle fire throughout the trip to Jerusalem.

Two Petach Tikvah Jews, Dr. Joseph Farber and Moshe Novick, have been arrested for "political reasons." The city council met in special session, strongly protested the arrests of citizens known as peaceful and law-abiding and demanded their release.

The executive committee of the Agudath Israel adopted a resolution declaring a minority status would not be accepted by the Jewish people of Palestine and abroad.

150 JEWS LEAVING CZECHO-SLOVAKIA DAILY; ANTI-SEMITIC BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED

PRAHA, March 10. (JTA) -- Spurred by rising anti-Semitic pressure, approximately 150 Jews are emigrating daily from Czecho-Slovakia, a survey established today. Jews who remain are facing the prospect of being left without leadership, since the emigrants include a number of Jewish leaders. Parliament deputies Dr. Angelo Goldstein and Dr. Chaim Kugel have already departed for Palestine.

While freely permitting the sale of Der Stuermer, Julius Streicher's violently anti-Semitic weekly, the Czech authorities are drastically censoring anti-German reports in the two existing Jewish publications. Yesterday's editions of one of the Jewish papers were confiscated and the editor and publisher, Oscar Rabinowicz, called to the police. Asked whether he intended to "liquidate" his weekly, Mr. Rabinowicz promised to transfer it to London, whence he is emigrating within two months.

Influential non-Jewish circles, meanwhile, are making efforts for Government intervention against publication by a leading Praha publishing house of a 320-page book, "Hilsner and Thomas G. Masaryk," which revives the famous Leopold Hilsner ritual murder case at the turn of the century. The author, M. Janrys, is believed to be financed by German sources. The book, which is scheduled for release at the end of this month, contains numerous anti-Jewish caricatures taken from Der Stuermer. All but two of its chapters have been passed by the Czech censors.

In his interview with this correspondent yesterday, Dr. Jiri Havelka, Chief of the Cabinet Chancellery, emphasized that the Jews of Czecho-Slovakia were not subjected to interference in trade and in public places. He admitted, however, that the situation was different in Slovakia, where anti-Jewish elements were more active than they were in Praha.

Dr. Havelka paid tribute to the 40,000 Jews who in the 1910 census had declared themselves Czech, promising that they would be accorded better treatment than those who had claimed German nationality at that time. (In yesterday's JTA NEWS it was incorrectly stated that better treatment would be accorded 40,000 Jews who declared themselves of German nationality.) Asked why he was using the 1910 census to distinguish between the two groups of Jews, Dr. Havelka pointed out that the census of that year had formed the basis of the Munich agreement under which Czecho-Slovakia was dismembered. He said:

"We lost more territory to Germany under that agreement because too many Jews that year declared themselves of German nationality. On the other hand, we feel especially grateful to those Jews who at that time did not hesitate to declare themselves Jews of Czech nationality. It was a heroic act, during the 1910 regime, to declare oneself Czech when one really was a Jew. Those Jews we therefore consider real Czechs and there will be no discrimination between them and Czech 'Aryans.' Whatever the treatment of Jews who in 1910 declared themselves of German nationality, we shall not reduce them to third class citizens nor will we introduce the racial principle in our country."

CZECHS OUST SLOVAK PREMIER, ATTACK HLINKA GUARDS; ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS REPORTED

PRAGA, March 10. (Havas) -- Slovak Premier Joseph Tiso was ousted and interned today, hundreds of Slovak extremist Hlinka Guardsmen were arrested and sent to Moravia, and a new provisional Government of the autonomous province was set up by Czecho-Slovak President Emil Hacha. While maintaining in radio broadcasts that Slovak autonomy would continue to be respected, the central Government sent motorized army units to Bratislava and other Slovak centers and cut short negotiations which had started here yesterday.

(According to the Associated Press, anti-Czech and anti-Jewish demonstrations were reported in Slovakia Thursday night. At Malacka the demonstrations were said to have developed into attacks on Jewish shops. In other Slovak cities they were confined to street displays.)

(Late reports reaching Vienna said Hlinka guards, whose organization has been banned by Praha, were reported besieged in the Zivnostenska Bank building in Bratislava and holding out against Czecho-Slovak gendarmery.)

Nazi Germany was understood to be watching these developments with a calmness inspired by the fact that the Slovak separatists are friendly with Hungary and Poland.

In what amounts to a coup d'etat President Hacha also caused the arrest of the Slovak extremist propagandists Dr. Vojtech Tuka and Sano Mach, former propaganda chief in Slovakia. The Government was convinced that under pressure from these men the ousted Premier, Joseph Tiso, was preparing to proclaim Slovakia as a free and independent state. The members of the provisional Slovak Government are all men well known for their devotion to Slovak autonomy.

HUNGARIAN VETERANS' BODY ORDERS REVISION OF MEMBERSHIP ROLLS

BUDAPEST, March 10. (JTA) -- Apparently anxious to avoid a repetition of pro-Jewish manifestations by certain of its branches, the National Union of War Veterans, today ordered a general revision of its membership rolls. Four district groups of the organization were recently dissolved for indulging in what was described as "propaganda friendly to Jews."

ITALY SEEN "OVERLOOKING" EXPULSION DEADLINE; MORE TIME EXTENSIONS GRANTED

ROME, March 10. (JTA) -- The Italian Government is apparently inclined to "overlook" the March 12 deadline for the enforced emigration of all post-War Jewish immigrants. It is understood that all who applied for extension of time will be permitted to stay until a definite negative reply has been received. The number of time extensions, ranging from a month to six months, has considerably increased in the last few days.

Meanwhile, the United States Embassy is still awaiting a reply to its numerous notes to the Foreign Office asking clarification of the status of American nationals with respect to the expulsion edict. The Embassy fears that an embarrassing situation may develop if the reply, when it comes, states that American citizens will be granted extension on request, since it is anxious to avoid the impression of recognizing discrimination against Americans by submitting such requests. Notes from the Swiss, French and British embassies have also gone unanswered to date.

68 REFUGEES SET OUT FOR CHILE TO TAKE UP FARM WORK

MONTEVIDEO, March 9. (JTA) -- A group of 68 German-Jewish refugees departed for Chile today with the Government's permission to settle as farmers. The group had been refused admission by Uruguay when they arrived on the liner Conte Grande and were about to be returned to Germany when the Chilean Government granted visas. Meanwhile, 25 refugees who arrived here yesterday on the German ship Cap Arcona were not permitted to land.

CATHOLIC EDUCATOR TO BROADCAST ON POPES' CONDEMNATION OF ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- The Council Against Intolerance announced today a national broadcast over the Columbia network next Tuesday night on the topic, "The Popes Condemn anti-Semitism." The speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Maurice S. Sheehy, head of the department of religious education at the Catholic University in Washington.

DIES BILLS WOULD CURB FASCISTS, REDS AND ANTI-RACIAL GROUPS

WASHINGTON, March 10. (JTA) -- Bills designed to regulate Fascist, Communist, anti-racial and anti-religious groups, bar Fascists and Communists from Government employment and deport Fascist and Communist aliens have been introduced by Representative Martin Dies, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. One bill would require registration with the Secretary of State of the various so-called un-American groups and the filing at stated intervals of information about the organizations and membership.