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TRANSFER OF \$20,000,000 CZECH FUND TO BRITISH REFUGEE BODIES NEARS CONSUMMATION

LONDON, March 29. (JTA) -- Negotiations for the transfer to British relief organizations of the balance of the \$20,000,000 free gift by the British Government to former Czecho-Slovakia, to aid in financing emigration, are being successfully concluded between the National Coordinating Committee for Refugees, under the chairmanship of Lord Hailey, and the Government, it was learned today.

It has been agreed, it is understood, to place the fund at the disposal of the organization concerned with Czech refugees, which will be expanded to aid both Jewish and non-Jewish refugees from Bohemia and Moravia. Full details, however, have not yet been worked out.

Developments in the conquered areas are being closely watched here by refugee agencies, which anticipate a huge involuntary emigration along the lines of that from Germany. It is believed likely that the May session of the League of Nations Council will be asked to approve inclusion of the Czech refugees within the scope of the High Commission for Refugees in the same way as were the exiles from the Sudetenland. It is also possible that the members of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee will be asked to extend the committee's competence to include them. The question may also arise whether the Wohlthat memorandum for orderly emigration of Jews from Germany will be extended to the Czechs.

Meanwhile, the position of 5,000 Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria who were caught in Czech territory by the German invasion is reported to be most precarious. Grave concern is also manifested for refugees from the Sudetenland who include 14,500 Jews. According to reports reaching London, Marie Schmolka, who headed all refugee work in Prague, has been sent to a concentration camp and her 47 assistants have been arrested.

France Gives Haven to Refugees Barred by Uruguay

PARIS, March 29. (JTA) -- The French Government today permitted 25 German Jewish refugees to land from the German steamer Cap Arcona, which was returning them to the Reich after they had been refused admittance to Uruguay and other South American countries.

The refugees, including men, women and children, had sailed some time ago from Hamburg with visas to Uruguay. After their departure, however, the consul who issued the visas was recalled by his Government and all of his visas were invalidated. Reaching

Uruguay, the refugees were not permitted to land and were forced to return on the same steamer to Germany. On their return voyage, the captain had tried to land them in other countries but was unsuccessful until the Cap Arcona reached Boulogne on the way to Hamburg.

Discovering that the passengers were Jews who faced concentration camps when they disembarked at Hamburg, the French authorities unhesitatingly permitted them to land at Boulogne and made possible their transportation to Paris, where they were immediately placed under care of Jewish organizations until provision is made for their emigration.

Measures are being taken to obtain permission for two more groups of refugees, who are expected to be turned back by Uruguay, to disembark at Boulogne. Meanwhile, central Jewish organizations are preoccupied with the fact that certain shipping agents are indulging in all kinds of schemes to transport Jews from the Reich to overseas lands. The HIAS-ICA Emigration Association is understood to have warned all steamship companies not to take passengers unless their visas are in complete order to bear the consequences when they are not permitted to disembark.

BRITAIN DEFENDS FAILURE TO CONSULT JEWS ON MacMAHON LETTERS

LONDON, March 29. (JTA) -- The British Government today defended in the House of Commons its course in declining to hear Jewish views when an Anglo-Arab committee recently prepared the wartime MacMahon correspondence with Arab leaders, which was issued as a White Paper by the Government.

Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for Coordination of Defense, replying on behalf of Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald to a question put by Geoffrey Mander (Liberal), said he saw no reason why the committee, which was a joint body of British and Arab delegates to the Palestine conference, should have sought the views of the Jews or other third parties.

Earlier, the Jewish Agency for Palestine wrote Mr. MacDonald criticizing his failure to hear the Jews before publication of the MacMahon correspondence. The letter declared that it was incorrect to consider post-war settlement in Palestine as a favor of the British Government in view of the fact of the League of Nations' responsibility for the Palestine mandate, one of whose principles are the Jews' right to reconstruct their national home.

Jews Repel Arab Attack in Haifa

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- Jewish special policemen guarding the Nesher Cement Factory in Haifa repelled an Arab attack today, killing one Arab and wounding six others. A Jewish worker, Israel Sechser, 28, was seriously wounded in the action.

The Jerusalem military court today sentenced to a five-year prison term Ephraim Cahane, 64-year-old Tel Aviv arms dealer, for possession of two revolvers after cancellation of all licenses.

Arab-Jewish friction developed in the operation of Jerusalem municipal affairs when Arab Mayor Mustapha Bey Khalidi notified Jewish Vice-Mayor Daniel Auster that he was to seek information on municipal business from him rather than from the departments directly concerned.

Mr. Auster, in reply, insisted on the vice-mayor's right to maintain full and direct contact with the various city departments. In a letter to District Commissioner Edward Keith-Roach, Mr. Auster asked his intercession to prevent encroachment on his office and hinted at the possibility of non-cooperation. Meanwhile, municipal officials continued normal relations with the vice-mayor.

A Galilee land redemption campaign, with a goal of \$750,000, was proclaimed for the third successive year today by the Jewish National Fund. Thirty-thousand dunams of land have been redeemed with \$750,000 raised in the previous campaigns, it was announced, on which the colonies of Hanita, Churvath Samakh and Shaave Zion have been established.

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Palestine Pavilion At Fair To Open May 15; Weizmann Expected

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- Formal ceremonies opening the Jewish Palestine Pavilion at the New York World's Fair will probably be held on May 15, it was announced today at a press conference with George Backer, chairman of the sponsors' committee, and Meyer Weisgal, director. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, has indicated his intention of attending, it was stated.

Completion of the pavilion has been assured, Mr. Weisgal revealed, by advances from Zionist funds against contributions still to be made. Cost of the enterprise was estimated at between \$500,000 and \$325,000.

MEAT STRIKE ENDS IN POLAND; PROTEST HAD MARKED ECONOMIC EFFECT

WARSAW, March 29. (JTA) -- A 16-day meat strike by Polish Jewry, called to protest a bill banning shechita (kosher slaughtering) completely by the end of 1942, ended today after having provided a remarkable demonstration of Jewish unity against a policy of discrimination by the Government. The strike was given almost 100 per cent support by both the orthodox and non-orthodox Jewish population.

During the strike, all Jewish butcher shops were closed, smoked and tinned meat factories shut down, Jewish restaurants served no meat dishes and all Jewish newspapers daily published meatless menus.

The economic effects of the strike were illustrated by the decline in slaughtering at the Warsaw abattoir from 4,300 head of cattle in the fortnight before the protest action to 2,300 in the fortnight just ended. Prices of meat fell 20 or more per cent while poultry prices tumbled from 50 to 70 per cent.

While the strike was on, the Sejm passed the shechita measure and it was sent to the Senate. It is significant that the Senate, on the final day of the pre-holiday session, passed all bills sent on by the Sejm with the sole exception of the shechita measure, which was held over for discussion when the new session opens at the end of April.

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Jewish Legislators Back Polish Defense Loan

WARSAW, March 29. (JTA) -- The Jewish Deputies Club appealed to Polish Jews today to subscribe generously to the national air defense loan, emphasizing Jewish readiness to make sacrifices for the defense of the Polish Republic.

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World Jewry Seen Behind Poland

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- Commenting on the declaration of Polish Jews pledging support to the State, the local Yiddish daily, The Day, said editorially today that not only the Polish Jews but others would be ready to support Poland in the event of a conflict with Germany. The editorial declared that the extent of Jewish support of Poland would depend, as a psychological fact, on Warsaw's attitude toward the Jews. Commenting in the same vein, the Jewish Daily Forward urged Poland to prove that she deserved her independence by moderating her Jewish policy.

NEW LITHUANIAN PREMIER PLEDGES TO GUARD RIGHTS OF MINORITIES

KAUNAS, March 29. (JTA) -- Premier Jonas Cernius, head of the new Government of National Concentration, said in a declaration today that the Government would not infringe on the rights of minorities and would continue the centuries-old tradition of friendship between the Lith people and the national minorities. No one will be persecuted because of race or religion, General Cernius declared.

Organizations of national minorities will be incorporated in the Patriotic Front of National Unity, it was declared by M. Guzas, leader of the Lithuanian ex-servicemen and initiator of the Government of National Concentration, in announcing that all parties, organizations and youth associations would shortly lose their separate existence.

JEWS SEEK WAR, FINANCE COMMUNISM, GEN. MOSELEY TELLS PHILADELPHIA RALLY

PHILADELPHIA, March 29. (JTA) -- Major-General George Van Horn Moseley (retired), who is reported to have been sought by Fascist groups to combine them into a "national Christian organization," last night accused the Jews of seeking war to gain world hegemony and of financing Communism.

A "battle for peace" against the "champions of war," whom he identified with the Jews, was demanded by General Moseley addressing more than a thousand persons attending the sixth annual "National Defense Meeting" sponsored by the Women's National Defense Committee of Philadelphia at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel with more than 70 patriotic and veterans' groups listed in the program as participants.

While denying that he was a Fascist, General Moseley said that Fascism and Nazism were "only antitoxins and will disappear when the disease of Communism is cured," and added that, "in fact, the finest type of Americanism can breed under their protection, as they neutralize the effects of Communism."

Although the retired general said he spoke for himself alone, it has been reported that Fascist groups have been seeking his leadership for formation of what George Deatherage, head of the Knights of the White Camelia, called "a national Christian organization that we can all back." General Moseley was recently nominated as national commander of the Protestant War Veterans of the United States, according to a letter to the J.T.A. from Edward James Smythe, who called himself chairman of the national executive committee.

General Moseley's speech last night aroused some resentment. Several men in veterans' uniforms left just before he began to speak. During his address, he was booed twice -- once when he attacked Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter and again when he assailed Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Later last night the Philadelphia Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at a meeting attended by 250 persons, adopted a resolution condemning his address.

General Moseley said he stood for patriotic Christian leadership. He declared there had been a "tremendous growth" of Communism within the present administration and referred to Justice Frankfurter's nomination to the bench as "further evidence of the President's leaning toward Communism."

Other speakers at the meeting were the Rev. Edward Lodge Curran, of Brooklyn, president of the International Catholic Truth Society; the Rev. Charles B. du Bell, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Joseph Francis Park, chairman of the committee sponsoring the meeting, and Mrs. David D. Good, who introduced the speakers. Representative James E. Van Zandt, who was scheduled to speak, sent his regrets.

The part of General Moseley's address in which he referred particularly to the Jews follows:

"We must stand up and fight for our rights today. Especially must we fight the battle for peace at a time when the champions of war are powerful, yes, and encouraged in the very highest places of our Government. Once we butted in and fought a war to make the world safe for democracy. We did not accomplish our mission. The war now proposed is for the purpose of establishing Jewish hegemony throughout the world. We must recognize that fact. The Communists have forced us to state it frankly.

"Recently a speaker came to Atlanta and addressed the assembled Jews. I understand that other speakers are covering the nation with the same message. What was the gist of his remarks? He stated, in effect, that the influence of the Jews throughout the United States was being organized to force the present administration to compel Hitler to reinstate the refugees in Germany to their former status, even at the cost of war. The speaker added that they were much encouraged in their efforts by the President himself and the charming First Lady.

"In contemplating war today, we must remember that war costs money and that as a nation we are already 'busted.' Our former allies have not as yet paid us for what they owe us on the last war. Where, then, is the money coming from? History will have to repeat itself, and we will have to re-establish the Jew in power and borrow money from him. A partner of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., it must be remembered financed the Russian Revolution, and he was mighty proud of his achievement.

"We will also have to ask the benevolent government of Russia to come to our aid in the fight, as an ally. How perfectly ridiculous it sounds today when someone refers to the present Russian Government as a 'democracy.' Of course, the Communists do say that Communism is twentieth century Americanism, or sometimes they put it, 'Communism is twentieth century democracy.' What a beautiful picture it will be. Your sons and mine, I have three, fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Communists of Russia and being paid with money borrowed, probably from the Jews. Certainly it would be far more appropriate for Russia to align herself with the dictators and thus relieve us of the embarrassment of referring to her as a democracy."

General Moseley has made several violent speeches in recent months. In an address in New York he warned of "massacres" resulting from American resentment against Communism. In a New Orleans speech last May he proposed sterilization of refugees in the United States. This month, in Boston, he called for organization of vigilante groups to be mobilized "at all critical points" on a moment's notice to quell any Communist uprising.

HUNGARIAN SENATE COMMISSIONS BEGIN STUDY OF ANTI-JEWISH BILL TOMORROW

BUDAPEST, March 29. (JTA) -- Joint commissions of the Upper House are scheduled to debate on Friday the new anti-Jewish measure, which has passed its third reading in the Chamber of Deputies. During third reading of the bill in Chamber, Socialist Deputy Karl Peyer sarcastically moved the following three-point amendment; (1) That Jews be permitted to bet in the parimutuels at the race tracks only if they prove that their ancestors had betted in 1867; (2) that Jews winning in the State lottery be obliged to yield their winnings to the "Aryan" owner of the next number, and (3) that Jews playing cards be obliged to cede trumps to their "Aryan" partner.

Re-electing Court Councillor Samuel Stern president for the tenth year, the annual meeting of the Pest Jewish Community solemnly reaffirmed its protest against the "denial of national honor, human rights and Hungarian sentiments to Hungary Jewry" and declared that the victims of the projected law were prepared to sacrifice their blood and life to the Fatherland.