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BRITAIN PROMISES BECK TO "EXAMINE" EMIGRATION PROPOSALS; POLISH POLICY ON JEWS HIT

LONDON, April 6. (JTA) -- Polish Foreign Minister Josef Beck obtained from the British Government a promise to "examine" the question of emigration of Jews from Poland and Rumania, the British Foreign Office disclosed tonight, as the House of Commons heard an attack on Poland's policy regarding the Jews.

The Foreign Office issued the following statement:

"In the course of the recent conversations in London Mr. Beck expressed the desire that any international effort for treatment of the Jewish problem should be extended to that of the Jews of Poland and that Jewish emigrants from Poland should have their due share in any opportunity for settlement which may be found. Mr. Beck at the same time, at the request of the Rumanian Government, drew attention to similar problems existing in Rumania.

"Mr. Beck was assured that His Majesty's Government fully appreciated the difficulties to which he had referred and would at any time be ready to examine with the Polish and Rumanian Governments proposals for solution of particular problems arising in Poland and Rumania which are part of a larger problem."

Commons, debating the refugee problem before adjourning for the Easter holiday, heard Col. Josiah Wedgwood (Laborite) urge the British Government, "while arranging to defend Polish independence," to "do something to prevent the Polish Government from pursuing its vile religious discrimination."

The Federation of Polish Jews of Great Britain adopted a resolution pledging support to Poland in the event of aggression. The resolution was telegraphed to Polish Ambassador Count Raczynski for the information of Col. Beck.

Polish Jews in Palestine Aid Warsaw

TEL AVIV, April 6. (JTA) -- The Histadruth Olei Polania, organization of Polish Jews in Palestine, cabled Foreign Minister Josef Beck today that the Polish Jews were ready to make any sacrifice to defend Polish boundaries. It announced a collection of 3,200 slotys (about \$600) as a contribution to the Polish defense fund.

POGROM SCHEDULED IN PRAGUE REPORTED BLOCKED BY VON NEURATH

LONDON, April 6. (JTA) -- The Star reported today from "a highly reliable source" that a pogrom in Prague scheduled to be organized on Easter Saturday and Sunday on the lines of the German anti-Semitic excesses last November was believed to have been averted because of the refusal of Baron Konstantin von Neurath, Protector for Bohemia-Moravia, to enter Prague until German military law was removed and the Czechs permitted to govern themselves.

According to The Star's informant, the plan was drawn up to give the impression that the organized attack on the Jews was actually a spontaneous demonstration by the Czechs. On March 20, the paper said, selected members of the Czech Fascist organizations and the Sudeten German Free Corps visited Vienna to receive coaching in Jew-baiting, some of whom returned on March 31 and had been instructing subordinates. It was anticipated, according to The Star, that German troops occupying Prague would receive orders not to intervene, while the police would interfere only to save "Aryan" property.

The paper declared that Baron von Neurath was known as a moderate and that the anxiety felt in London refugee circles lest the weekend witness an outburst of brutality comparable to the Berlin and Vienna pogroms had been considerably allayed by the knowledge that the new Protector had defied the extremists.

WEIZMANN THREATENS TO HALE BRITAIN BEFORE COURT OF WORLD OPINION ON PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, April 6. (JTA) -- Bitterly arraiging Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald for his proposed solution of the Palestine problem, Jewish Agency President Chaim Weizmann told a gathering of Jewish settlers last night that England would hear his voice "from every corner of the world on the Heaven-shaking injustice they would inflict upon the Jewish people." Dr. Weizmann, who headed the Jewish delegation to the recent London conferences on Palestine, addressed a meeting at Nahalal of representatives of Jewish settlements in the Galilee and the Jezreel Valley.

Threatening to hale Great Britain "before a disinterested court," Dr. Weizmann said: "If there's a MacDonald in England, there is also a Balfour in England. If England does not understand the importance of 16,000,000 Jews to world democracy, she shall soon understand it and we shall do the utmost possible to further that understanding. I have been silent for 20 years. Now I shall start to speak and England will hear my voice from every corner of the world on the Heaven-shaking injustice they would inflict upon the Jewish people."

Discussing the London conferences, Dr. Weizmann declared: "There is no need to despair for our future. Not we but the British were the losers at London because it had surprisingly placed administrative necessity before honor and justice. But I am sure that the British Government will learn from the London conferences and will change a viewpoint which brings a breathing spell of hours only." He continued: "Our enemies did not confront us at London. Behind the front were obscure forces residing in Berlin, Rome and elsewhere. Without exaggeration, I think the results of the London conferences were good because they did not do with us what they had let be done to Czecho-Slovakia. The Zionist work, land purchase and immigration will be continued. They know this as well as we do and if anybody does not understand this, we will bring him here to see and to hear."

High Commissioner Gets Permanent Power to Limit Entry

JERUSALEM, April 6. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government has crystallized the hitherto "temporary" immigration restrictions into a permanent status by publishing in the official gazette an amendment to the immigration ordinance vesting in the High Commissioner unfettered discretion to prescribe the maximum aggregate number of certificates for any specified period as well as to specify the immigration categories and the maximum certificates that may be issued in each. Jewish circles commented that the amendment revealed the Government's intention to continue the arbitrary restriction of Jewish immigration.

Arab Sees Britain Announcing Plan During Easter

BEIRUT, Syria, April 6. (Havas) -- Fuad Bey Hamza, Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, today declared that the collapse of the London conference on Palestine was due to the gravity of the international situation as a whole. He expressed the opinion that Britain's plan for settlement of the question would be placed in effect during the Easter Parliamentary recess.

"The British Government is attempting to institute a plan which will satisfy the Arabs without arousing the hostility of the Jews," the Foreign Minister declared in an interview with Havas. "Whatever might be the immediate result of the London conference it will prove valuable to the Arab cause, which, with the official support of the Arab kingdoms, was able to arouse a demonstration on this occasion unparalleled in the past 22 years."

Fuad Bey paid tribute to Colonial Secretary MacDonald and attributed most of the difficulties encountered at London to American hostility to the British plan for eventual establishment of an independent Arab state in Palestine. "Only a fool would expect America to defend the Arab cause when the Jews control such an important number of votes, and Roosevelt is no fool," said the Arabian statesman.

Goebbels Asks 'Just Solution'; Nazi Paper Prints Secret Letter

ROME, April 6. (JTA) -- "Just solution" of the problems of Syria and Palestine was demanded by German Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels in an interview granted to Italian correspondents on the Island of Rhodes, where he stopped en route to Egypt, according to accounts published here today. He discussed "Italy's function in the Mediterranean" and predicted Germany and Italy would continue their anti-Semitic policy without heed to "Jewish war-mongers."

Essener National Zeitung Publishes Ormsby-Gore Note to Wauchope

LONDON, April 6. (JTA) -- The Manchester Guardian reported today that the Essener National Zeitung, Field Marshal Goering's newspaper, has published a purported facsimile of a confidential letter from former Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore to former Palestine High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope.

The letter, written in hand and dated Sept. 1, 1936, mentions an interview between Mr. Ormsby-Gore, who is now Lord Harlech, and Dr. Chaim Weizmann. It also contains a denunciation of the exiled ex-Mufti of Jerusalem that is virtually the same as remarks made by the Colonial Secretary to the House of Commons. The letter was allegedly supplied to the Goering newspaper by its Cairo correspondent who said he had obtained it from the Palestine Arab delegates following their return from the London conferences. The Manchester Guardian comments that it is "most remarkable that such a private letter should have come into the hands of the Arab extremists."

REICH EMIGRANTS NEED QUARTER OF CAPITAL, WINTERTON HOLDS IN COMMONS DEBATE

LONDON, April 6. (JTA) -- Efforts are going forward to find new homelands for refugees, but it is essential that the German Government permit emigrants to take with them at least one quarter of their possessions, Lord Winterton, chairman of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, declared in the House of Commons today in a debate on the refugee question.

A solution of the problem is impossible without the assistance of the German Government, Lord Winterton said. The problem would be easier if the Reich allowed emigration over a period of five years, with the emigrants permitted to take with them one quarter of their

possessions, he declared. Robert T. Pell, vice-director of the Intergovernmental Committee, is resuming negotiations in Berlin which were started by George Rublee, former director, Lord Winterton stated.

Emigration of endangered Czechs and Sudetens was cut off by German occupation of Bohemia and Moravia, he said. He observed that 27,000 Germans may enter the United States each year and that the addition of those granted temporary visas would raise this number to about 40,000. Refugees now being cared for in England, he said include -- Germans: men, 4,677 women, 3,663; Austrians: men, 3,540, women, 3,440; Czechs: men, 347, women, 169.

The committee chairman declared that steps were being taken in South American countries and said he was convinced that in time the refugee problem would enter the path of a solution. He emphasized his belief that Jewish refugees should be given agricultural training so that they might be sent to sparsely populated lands, since only a few could be accommodated in Britain and other thickly settled European countries. Regarding the finding of new homelands for refugees, he summarized progress as follows:

"What has been done since Evian? I have stressed on the British Government and on other governments the extreme urgency of finding land to settle these people. Every support is being received from the Colonial Office.

"There is an expert commission in British Guiana. It is partly American and I would like here to pay a tribute to the personal interest displayed by the President of the United States, and it was largely due to his interest that this commission was selected. I hope that the commission's report will be in the hands of the Evian committee very shortly. A commission has gone to Northern Rhodesia and there are considerable hopes and prospects of bringing about settlement there. The possibilities of settlement in British Nyasaland are being examined by the same commission that has gone to Northern Rhodesia.

"Suggestions have been made by the Dominican Republic and British Honduras. They are under consideration by the Colonial Office. The Dominican Republic has made an offer to take 100,000 settlers. There is an American committee here. In addition, investigation is being made of the possibilities of settlement in the Philippines."

During the discussion, Col. Josiah Wedgwood said the refugee problem could be solved only by preventing countries from exterminating the Jews. Philip J. Noel Baker emphasized the necessity of employing new methods and conceptions in dealing with the refugee problem and declared that to some new countries an industrial population with capital would bring great prosperity.

Meanwhile, it was announced that Sir Wyndham Deedes has resigned as co-chairman of the Movement for the Care of Children from Germany and has been succeeded by Lord Gorell, the author, publisher and editor of Cornhill Magazine who was for five years a member of the staff of The Times. Lord Samuel is retaining his co chairmanship. Twenty Jewish refugees, aged 15 to 18 and some of them of Jewish families formerly wealthy, will sail for Australia on Saturday.

ITALIAN CURBS KEEP U.S. ENTRY QUOTA ONLY HALF FILLED

ROME, April 5. (JTA) -- The United States quota of approximately 5,000 immigrants from Italy is likely to be only half filled in the year ending this June, it was learned today, as result of the Italian Government's failure to issue emigration passports to native Jews and others.

REICH EMBASSY DENIES BUND LINK WITH HITLER

WASHINGTON, April 6. (JTA) -- The German Embassy denied today that the German-American Bund had any connection with Chancellor Adolf Hitler. The explanation was apparently prompted by the publication earlier this week of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's report on the Bund in which it was shown that Fritz Kuhn, leader of the Bund, participated with Hitler in the Munich "beer-hall putsch" of 1923.

The policy of the German Government, the Embassy said, is that German nationals do not take part in political affairs in this country, that German citizens are "guests" who must respect this status or be subject to deportation. Accordingly, Germany has warned its nationals not to join the Bund, it was stated.

The Embassy looks on the Bund as "just another" German organization in the United States and points out that there are 750 German-American societies in New York alone. It insists that if a German takes out citizenship papers in the United States, the German Government is not interested in him from the political standpoint, as there can be no double allegiance. As to the cultural standpoint, the Embassy holds that Germans cannot be expected to give up their cultural ties any more than Poles, Britons, etc.

The F.B.I., however, is trying to discover whether the Bund has penetrated the Army and Navy to get military secrets, and also whether tie-ups exist between the Bund and anti-Semitic organizations such as the Silver Shirts. As the F.B.I. understands it, the Bund is working with anti-Semitic groups in the United States.

GROWTH OF WORLD FEDERATION OF POLISH JEWS OUTLINED AT PRESS PARLEY HERE

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- Growth of the World Federation of Polish Jews since its inception in London in 1935 was outlined today by Zelig Tygel, executive secretary, at a press conference to be held in New York next September 6. The federation, which started with 17 member bodies in as many countries, now has 21 constituent organizations, Mr. Tygel announced. The new members are Canada, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay. Other speakers included Gershon Bader, journalist and chairman of the conference arrangements committee; Abraham Goldberg, Zionist leader, and Joseph Opatashu, author.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL LAUNCHES NEW YORK WOMEN'S DRIVE

NEW YORK (JTA) -- About 3,000 women take the field tomorrow in the emergency campaign of the New York United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs. The Women's Division of the emergency drive was launched today with a conference attended by 2,600 women at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria. They heard Miss Dorothy Thompson, the columnist, describe the situation in Europe today "as the gravest crisis to face the world since the Fourth Century, when the Roman Empire fell." She said: "This is not simply a Jewish question, nor a question of Jewish refugees. The world has got to see that we are facing not only the possibility of war, but the possibility of total chaos. You must keep this chaos from spreading. I see civilization itself at stake in the world today." Mrs. Herbert H. Lehman was among the other speakers.