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### WEIZMANN CONFERS WITH CAIRO LEADERS; ROUNDTABLE PARLEY EXPECTED; AMICABLE SOLUTION LOOMS

CAIRO, April 11. (JTA) -- An amicable settlement of the Arab-Jewish conflict over Palestine loomed as a possibility today with the arrival of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, for conferences with Egyptian Government and other Arab leaders. The Zionist leader came to Cairo upon invitation of the Government. Accompanied by the well-known Jewish barrister Alexander, Dr. Weizmann immediately went into conference with Premier Mohammed Mahmoud Pasha and Foreign Minister Abdel Fattah Yehia Pasha.

Presence of the Zionist leader, who headed the Jewish delegation at the recent London conferences on Palestine, coincided with the sudden return to Cairo of the Egyptian Ambassador to London, Dr. Hassan Nachat Pasha, with important new British proposals with regard to Palestine's political future.

Since an Iraqi delegation is expected to arrive by air tomorrow, it is surmised here that a new Arab-Jewish roundtable conference will take place in the very near future. Dr. Weizmann's interview with the Egyptian leaders lasted more than an hour. It is believed in informed circles that a solution of the Palestine question will be expedited in view of the international situation.

### Zionist Council Meeting Deferred

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- A meeting of the Zionist General Council scheduled for April 25 has been postponed indefinitely pending publication of the new British policy on Palestine, it was learned today. American members of the Council, which is the supreme Zionist body between biennial meetings of the World Zionist Congress, raised objections to holding the meeting before publication of the policy, it was understood.

### Palestine Bars 2 Refugee Ships

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- Palestine coast guards today seized the Greek steamer Assima as it was trying to unload 200 Jewish refugees from central Europe who had no immigration visas. They charged that about 50 other refugees had been landed before the vessel was discovered. Passengers and crew were arrested. Another 78 Jewish refugees from Germany, who arrived at Tel Aviv on the steamship Taiki without visas, were not permitted to disembark.

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### PALESTINE SETS 790 ENTRY QUOTA FOR JEWS IN APRIL; ZIONISTS BITTER

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government announced tonight a quota of 920 immigrants for April, including 790 Jews, not counting wives and minor children. British consuls abroad will accept no more applications for immigration to Palestine, except from dependents of Palestine residents, it was announced, since the applications on hand before April 1 under most categories of immigrants exceed the quotas.

The new immigration schedule was received with bitterness in Zionist circles, which declared it showed that the British Government was fulfilling Arab demands. Particular resentment was expressed at the low quota for Jewish laborers, which totals 110.

The one-month quota -- apparently a stop-gap schedule since the immigration figure is usually set for six months -- was announced in a special edition of the official Palestine Gazette which said the British Government would take into account the April immigrants when considering future immigration in the light of the recent Palestine conference in London. The total quota and quotas in the various categories were set by High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael, acting under powers to prescribe quotas and sub-quotas which were vested in him by an amendment to the Immigration Ordinance announced on April 5. The quotas follow:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Total Quota</u>	<u>Jewish Quota</u>
Capitalists (possessing minimum of £1,000)	110	100
Persons with fixed income of at least £4 monthly	10	10
Religious functionaries	30	10
Students	220	200
Laborers with definite employment prospects	110	110
Dependents of Palestine residents and of new immigrants, except wives and minor children	440	360

The maintenance of the religious functionaries must be assured. Their applications can be submitted only through the Palestine Chief Rabbinate or the Agudath Israel, in the case of Jews. The maintenance of the students must also be assured.

BERLIN SEES POLAND GRANTING DEMANDS WITHOUT WAR

BERLIN, April 11. (Havas) -- Competent Reich circles today predicted that the Reich will receive satisfaction in German-Polish issues without resorting to armed measures. While closely watching Poland's moves following Foreign Minister Josef Beck's visit to London, these circles are convinced that Poland will not allow itself "to become a soldier of Great Britain."

The press today did not mention any anti-German incidents in Poland in spite of the fact that only three days ago Germans who arrived at Danzig from Polish Pomerania charged they had been molested and the windows of their houses broken by angry demonstrators. (However, the Danziger Vorposten, Nazi organ in the Free City, said Germans were arriving in Danzig, "fleeing Polish persecution.")

Should Poland sign a mutual assistance agreement with Great Britain, German officials would examine to what degree such an accord was compatible with the Hitler-Pilsudski agreement of 1934. The Reich might summarily denounce the agreement with Warsaw without taking into account the period provided for such action on the grounds it was arbitrarily modified by the new Warsaw-London pact, it was said.

Generally, Reich political circles were confident that the present European difficulties would develop along peaceful lines. "No provocation will turn us from our political course and Great Britain will search in vain for soldiers on the continent," one commentator said.

Jewish Unions Stress Polish Unity Against Reich

WARSAW, April 11. (JTA) -- The Seventh Congress of Jewish Trades Unions opened today with the slogan, "Unity in the Fight for Poland's Independence and Against Hitler Aggression." Representatives of Polish trades unions, greeting the 221 delegates who represent 100,000 Jewish workers in 30 communities, emphasized that the Poles and Jews had a common fate and asserted that anti-Semitic agitation was created by the enemies of Poland to split the citizens of the State. Victor Alter is presiding at the congress.

ONE KILLED IN MOSLEM-JEWISH CLASH IN FRENCH MOROCCO

RABAT, French Morocco, April 11. (JTA) -- Clashes that followed a market-place argument between groups of Moslems and Jews at Meknes resulted last night in the death of one person and the wounding of eight Arabs. Police dispersed the combatants. (The Associated Press said police blamed foreign agitators for the clash and arrested several foreigners.)

BRITISH SOLDIER AIDS REICH JEW WHO SAVED HIM IN WAR

LONDON, April 11. (JTA) -- A British army officer whose life was saved by a German Jewish soldier on a French battlefield during the World War has responded by rescuing the Jew and his daughter from Germany. David R. Stravan, former sergeant of the Scots Guards, read in the British press an appeal from Isaac Lowenstein, 55, addressed to the unknown British soldier whom Lowenstein saved. Stravan replied by arranging for temporary residence in Britain for Lowenstein and his 17-year-old daughter pending the granting of visas for immigration to the United States.

Suicide Attempt Wins Refugee Stay in Cuba

HAVANA, April 11. (JTA) -- An unsuccessful attempt at suicide by a Jewish refugee physician who feared deportation ended today with the refugee and his family being granted permanent residence in Cuba. Dr. Rudolf Gashke, a German Jew who had gone to Italy with his wife and child and from there to Cuba, jumped into the sea as he was being taken to the Immigration Department. Following his rescue, the Immigration Chief gave Dr. Gashko his liberty and, upon intervention of the Jewish Center in their behalf, granted the family permission to stay in Cuba indefinitely.

COUGHLIN ASKS \$100,000 TO FINANCE SUMMER RADIO TALKS; SEEKS 5 NEW STATIONS

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- Father Charles E. Coughlin has opened a drive for \$100,000 to finance his weekly broadcasts through the Summer months. The appeal for contributions is published in the latest issue of his organ, Social Justice, which also states that Father Coughlin is now negotiating to add three stations to his present network of 46 units.

"One hundred thousand dollars are needed to carry Father Coughlin's weekly broadcasts through the Summer months," the full-page appeal states. "THAT SUM IS NEEDED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS -- or Summer broadcasting cannot be assured. In order to keep his contracts with his privately formed chain of stations (after the subversively inclined national networks barred him) Father Coughlin MUST broadcast every Sunday of this year."

The negotiations for addition of three stations are reported in another full-page ad which is devoted to an "anti-war essay" contest offering prizes totalling \$16,000, for participation in which children must first sell two one-year subscriptions to Social Justice.

"With the intensifying of national issues it is also desired that Father Coughlin's radio chain be lengthened so as to include all sections of the United States," the announcement states. "At present 46 stations handle the weekly broadcast. These, however, are confined pretty much to the northeastern part of the country. A vast portion of the South and West are beyond hearing distance.

"Negotiations are now under way for the adding of three new stations, each with a power of 50,000 watts. One of these is situated in an Eastern city, with excellent radio coverage over the city of Washington. The second is in a region penetrating the 'deep South,' and the third is in the far West. It is possible from this latter station to run lines to Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle, thus completing a national network which would carry Father Coughlin's weekly messages to every square foot of the nation."

While Social Justice seeks to jack up its circulation by a contest, the paper is being vended on the streets of several cities. In New York, there have been several altercations and minor clashes as a result of the inflammatory slogans shouted by hawkers of the paper. In some cases, it was noted that vendors of Social Justice were accompanied by persons dressed in green shirts and black ties, apparently bodyguards.

The Coughlin organ spreads anti-Semitism (while denying it is anti-Semitic) by linking Jews to Communism in news stories, articles and editorials; it goes into frequent tirades against refugees, and it has manifested an increasing friendship for Germany.

Indicative of its treatment of the Jewish question, the paper, in its April 10 issue, cites the recent "Stop Hitler" parade in New York as evidence that Jews are the "leaders" and "brains" of the Leftist movement in the United States and publishes letters seeking to show that Jews are intolerant of Christians. The April 3 issue accuses Jewish detectives in Philadelphia of unjustified arrest of Christians at a "tolerance" rally.

The paper has taken a strong stand against further admission of refugees into the United States and devotes prominent space to Senator Robert Reynolds' (Dem., No. Car.) bills to halt immigration. Regarding Germany, Social Justice condemns the seizure of Czechoslovakia, but campaigns strenuously to prevent the United States Government from acting against the Reich, devotes the back page of its April 3 issue to an article featuring a large portrait of Hitler and the caption, "Rome-Berlin Axis is a Firm Rampart Against Communism," and, in its April 10 issue, in the course of an attack on a rabbi who criticized Father Coughlin, says that "Germany is a more Christian nation than the America in which Rabbi Arzt talks so freely."

#### STATE SENATE GETS NEW "ISMS" BILL

ALBANY, April 11. (JTA) -- A companion measure to the Devany "isms" bill in the Assembly was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Spencer Feld, Manhattan Democrat. The bill would bar from civil service and teaching posts anyone advocating the overthrow of the Government. Action in the Assembly was deferred to Monday because of the bill's controversial nature. Some legislators have not yet returned from their Easter holiday.

Meanwhile, the Senate Codes Committee reported favorably John J. MacNaboe's "anti-Nazi" bill which would make it a felony for two or more persons to seek orally or in writing to deprive others of their constitutional rights.

#### BULLETIN

WARSAW, April 11. (Havas) -- New Polish-German tension threatened today when a Reich citizen was arrested in the Polish corridor for "insulting Poland" and the Government called out additional troop reserves despite previous Nazi warnings. Police in the railway station at Chojnice, a town opposite the German frontier, arrested Hans Wudthe, a Reich citizen who was charged with having insulted Poland and using abusive language in an argument with a Polish railway worker.