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JEWISH AGENCY ASKS WORLD COURT TO AIR BRITAIN'S ARBITRARY CURB ON PALESTINE ENTRY

JERUSALEM, April 17. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Palestine charged today that the British Government had violated the League of Nations mandate by introducing arbitrary restriction of Jewish immigration and demanded that the Immigration Ordinance be submitted to the Permanent Court for International Justice at The Hague for a ruling. The protest was made in a memorandum, signed by David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency's Palestine Executive, submitted to High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael for transmission to the British Colonial Office.

Restriction of Jewish immigration is not only contrary to the letter and spirit of the mandate, but belies all the statements of successive Colonial Secretaries in Parliament and elsewhere, the memorandum said. Arbitrary restriction has repeatedly been declared to be only temporary, but under the amended Immigration Ordinance (announced on April 5), the political instead of the economic factor as a guiding principle becomes a permanent administrative practice, the statement asserted.

While the Government may intend to modify the mandate, for which, however, the League's consent is necessary, it cannot apply provisions contrary to the mandate as long as the mandate exists unmodified, the protest continued.

The statement termed the restrictive policy "inhuman" at a time when Jews were in distress and asserted that the "authors of the terror" in Palestine must regard the policy as a reward for murder.

As precedent for submission of the question to The Hague, the Jewish Agency cited the suggestion made in 1930 by Sir John Simon and Viscount Hailsham that the Government's White Paper of that year, envisaging restriction of Jewish immigration, be submitted to the court and that the policy not be enforced pending a ruling.

The section of the mandate which applies to the immigration question is Article VI, which states: "The administration of Palestine, while ensuring that the rights and position of other sections of the population are not prejudiced, shall facilitate Jewish immigration under suitable conditions....."

Transition Period Seen Chief Issue in Arab-British Negotiations

LONDON, April 17. (JTA) -- Egyptian Ambassador Hassan Nachat Pasha returned from Cairo today and was expected to inform Colonial Secretary MacDonald tomorrow of counter-suggestions made by the Arab states to make the proposed British policy on Palestine acceptable to the Palestine Arabs.

It was understood that the chief point at issue in addition to the question of Jewish immigration was the length of the transition period preceding establishment of an independent Palestine state. The British Government reportedly is now proposing an interim period of ten years rather than one of indefinite length and is offering to consult the Arab states if prolongation is considered necessary. The Arab states, on the other hand, want assurance that the British Government will follow their advice and prolong the transition period only with their consent.

There is some disquiet in Zionist circles over the fact that negotiations to determine the future of Palestine are going on with Jews in any way being represented. Representatives of the Jewish Agency for Palestine have informed the Colonial Office of their concern and will seek an interview with Mr. MacDonald on the question.

Death Toll Grows

* JERUSALEM, April 17. (JTA) -- Another Jew was added to the mounting death toll today when Samuel Shimshoni succumbed to wounds received yesterday in an attack in Haifa. Meanwhile, a Sephardic Jew, Machluf Hadad, 55, was shot and dangerously wounded today by three Arabs who entered his shop in the Old City quarter of Tiberias.

Labor Group Pledges to Obstruct Arab-Ruled State

TEL AVIV, April 17. (JTA) -- A policy of non-cooperation if Great Britain imposes a solution of the Palestine problem that involves either open or "camouflaged" Arab domination was approved today at a special conference of the Mapai, Jewish labor party.

A resolution declared the foremost political duty of the present was to nullify any scheme of that character and to obstruct any Arab-dominated regime. "The moment the British Government commits itself by a White Paper or decrees and restrictions," the resolution said, "the Palestine Jewish community will enter a state of emergency requiring complete unity."

The resolution urged speedy election and convocation of a new Jewish National Assembly to enlarge the powers of the Jewish National Council and sent the following message to world Jewry: "The builders will build, the defenders will defend; newcomers will come and the upbuilding process will be continued under any circumstances."

GHETTO SYSTEM TO BE APPLIED IN CZECH SCHOOLS; DRIVE ON JEWS IS PRESSED

LONDON, April 17. (JTA) -- Jewish children will be segregated in classrooms of all elementary and secondary schools of Bohemia-Moravia, it was reliably reported today from Prague as the ousting of Jews from the economic and social life of the Reich "protectorate" spurred Jewish emigration efforts.

Intense propaganda is being carried on for a ban on use of swimming pools and public baths by Jews, "to prevent Aryan women from being looked on by Jewish eyes," reports said.

"Aryanization" of Jewish-owned business firms was proceeding apace. Lunch wagons displayed signs identifying them as Czech. The Philips radio company dismissed its Jewish general manager, Victor Graf, and two other Jewish managers. Cafes and restaurants throughout the country were ordered to follow the example of those in Prague and display "Jews Not Wanted" signs.

Many furniture vans were seen in Prague streets with signs, "To London and "To Tel Aviv." So far the Jews who have emigrated have been, for the most part, physicians, lawyers and members of other liberal professions. The merchants and industrialists are awaiting liquidation of their enterprises. Among recent immigrants was the engineer, Aschermann, member of the Prague Municipal Council and director of the Jewish National Fund, who went to Palestine.

An exhibition of art objects opened in Boemisch-Leipa under the slogan, "Rescued from the Jew and preserved for the country." The exhibition comprises art treasures collected, chiefly by six Jewish families, over a period of generations.

Jewish lawyers in Slovakia are not being permitted to take the oath of loyalty to the State required of all attorneys. Twenty Jewish journalists who acknowledged Hungarian nationality were expelled from Slovakia on 24 hours' notice. During recent disorders in the Slovakian town of Kaesmark, a synagogue was partially destroyed and many Jewish shops were attacked.

REFUGEES IN FRANCE AND AUSTRALIA VOLUNTEER FOR WAR SERVICE

PARIS, April 17. (JTA) -- Thousands of Jewish refugees today registered as volunteers for military service without waiting for conscription provided in decrees, issued yesterday, which impose military obligations upon refugees and "stateless" persons in the event of war.

Newspapers reported that 800,000 francs have been raised for the purchase by aliens of several airplanes to be turned over to the French Government as an expression of readiness to fight for France.

SYDNEY, April 17. (JTA) -- Refugees from central European countries were on record today with offers of service in defense of Australia and the British Empire. A mass meeting of 1,000 from Austria, Germany and Czecho-Slovakia, last night adopted a resolution volunteering for service in the event of war.

--Although the Commonwealth defense forces are restricted to British subjects and those who have been naturalized at least five years, the Ministry of Defense was understood to be considering the possibility of waiving the restrictions through exercise of special powers. Meanwhile, the authorities are already availing themselves of offers of service by highly qualified electrical, mechanical and military technicians.

RELIEF CRISIS FACES 7,000 REFUGEES IN SHANGHAI; 200 EXILES ON DUTCH BORDER PRESSED TO LEAVE

PARIS, April 17. (JTA) -- Central Jewish organizations were faced today with urgent appeals for emergency measures on behalf of approximately 7,000 penniless Jewish refugees in Shanghai and 200 others stranded in the Dutch-German frontier station of Bentheim.

From Shanghai Jewish leaders came cables addressed to relief bodies here and in London serving notice of their inability to continue caring for the refugees unless foreign relief arrived within three weeks. According to the cables, the danger exists that the refugees, who have German passports, will be turned over to the German consulate as burdens upon Shanghai. The refugees for the last few months have been dumped in ever increasing number in Shanghai from German vessels, upon which they were placed by the Gestapo. Shanghai does not require entrance visas from immigrants holding German passports.

Meanwhile, the plight of the 200 Czech Jews who have been stranded in Bentheim since before Easter took an alarming turn when they were served with Gestapo notices that they had ten days in which to find their way out of the Reich. Under arrangements made by the Joint Distribution Committee, the refugees were being cared for by the Reichsverband, German-Jewish central organization, until they could be admitted to Holland for emigration to England and overseas countries.

A representative of the Dutch Jewish Refugee Committee has gone to London to seek intervention on behalf of the Bentheim group by Sir Herbert Emerson, director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee and League High Commissioner for Refugees. He was expected to assure Sir Herbert that admission of the refugees to England would not involve more arrivals since the German authorities were no longer permitting Jews to leave Bohemia-Moravia.

Pell Reports on Berlin Trip

LONDON, April 17. (JTA) -- Robert T. Pell, vice-director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, returned today from his visit to Berlin and reported on the results to Chairman Lord Winterton and Director Sir Herbert Emerson.

Menuhin Concert Raises \$20,000 For Refugees

LONDON, April 17. (JTA) -- The sum of \$20,000 was raised at the refugee benefit concert given last night by Yehudi Menuhin at Royal Albert Hall, it was announced today. Menuhin, who is on a world tour, was given an ovation.

Norwegian Doctors to Aid Refugee Scientists

OSLO, April 17. (JTA) -- Rejecting a proposal to admit twenty prominent refugee physicians to practice in Norway, the Medical Association today adopted a substitute plan to admit ten medical scientists for a five-year stay during which they will work in hospitals and be paid small salaries from a fund to be collected among Norwegian doctors.

Swedish Christians Urged to Help Exiles

STOCKHOLM, April 17. (JTA) -- The Congress of the Free Churches adopted a resolution on the refugee problem today, urging members to be conscious of their Christian responsibility and to consider the interests of other people as well as their own. The meeting was attended by a German representative and the King's brother, Oscar Bernadotte.

Ship With 160 Refugees Seized Off Palestine

HAIFA, April 17. (JTA) -- A Greek vessel with 160 illegal immigrants was seized off Nathania today.

U.S. JEWS URGED TO EXERT SUPREME EFFORT TO EXTEND PALESTINE COLONIZATION

CHICAGO, April 17. (JTA) -- A supreme effort on the part of American Jewry to extend the area of Jewish colonization in Palestine was called for by the extraordinary conference of the Jewish National Fund, which closed here last night. A resolution declared that Jewish upbuilding was "an historic process of national emancipation which, regardless of temporary setbacks, must progress to fulfillment."

A proposal that the biblical "maaser" -- 10 per cent tithe -- be now applied to communal Jewish property throughout the world by Jewish institutions expressing readiness to hypothecate 10 per cent of their property equities as collateral for a land-acquisition loan was made by Dr. H. Raphael Gold, president of the Texas J.N.F. Greetings were received from President Roosevelt, Governor Lehman, the Jewish National Council of Palestine and the Jewish National Fund of Great Britain.

DIES ASKS U.S. DRIVE ON ALIEN AGENTS; WOULD FORCE SUBVERSIVE GROUPS TO FILE REPORT

WASHINGTON, April 17. (JTA) -- Martin Dies, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, today called on the Government to take action against foreign agents and supporters of totalitarian forms of government in the United States, in an address to the convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Representative Dies asked the Government to prosecute foreign agents not complying with the law for registration of such agents; discharge Communists and Fascist-minded from the Government; give "full publicity" to all subversive organizations, making them file semi-annual reports with the Secretary of State showing officers, members, contributions and expenses. He urged an active campaign against alien enemies, requiring the full cooperation of all Federal departments.

Meanwhile, Representative J. William Ditter (Rep., Pa.) introduced a bill to prohibit receipt of compensation from foreign governments by persons in the United States for publicity or propaganda.

REICH COURT FINES JEW WHO FAILED TO SIGN LETTER "ISRAEL"

COLOGNE, April 17. (JTA) -- A court for the first time today fined a Jew 50 marks or a week in prison for signing a letter to the authorities without using the compulsory additional name of Israel in the signature.

3 GET JAIL TERMS FOR SLAYING OF JEW IN WARSAW

WARSAW, April 17. (JTA) -- Three Poles were sentenced by the Warsaw District Court today to prison terms of two to three years for the fatal wounding of a Jewish druggist, Ber Baras, in the Saxon Gardens last Summer.

CUBAN ARMY BANS RALLIES BY UNIFORMED GROUP

HAVANA, April 17. (Havas) -- The Cuban army command today ordered military posts to disperse all meetings staged by organizations whose members wear uniforms. The order followed a "Phalanx" rally at Santiago de Cuba in which a number of demonstrators wore blackshirt uniforms.

BERLIN REPORTER FOR LONDON PAPER GETS 15 DAYS TO LEAVE REICH

BERLIN, April 17. (Havas) -- German authorities today ordered H.D. Harrison, chief correspondent of the London News-Chronicle (liberal) to leave Germany within 15 days. The expulsion order was believed to be based on recent articles hostile to Germany published by the News-Chronicle.