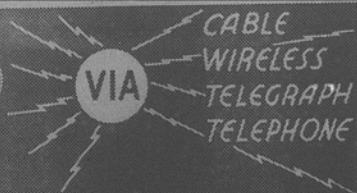


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### WEIZMANN CALLS ON LEAGUE TO UPHOLD JEWS' RIGHTS IN PALESTINE; ATTACKS WHITE PAPER

GENEVA, June 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, today called upon the League of Nations to uphold the Jewish people's "internationally recognized rights" in the Holy Land. His appeal was contained in a special letter accompanying the annual report of the Jewish Agency to the Permanent Mandates Commission, which is now holding its regular session.

The letter assails the new British policy on Palestine, embodied in the May White Paper, as virtual repudiation of the Balfour Declaration's promises to the Jews, makes the "strongest possible protest" against it and appeals to the League as the body "in which ultimate control over Palestine is vested."

Charging that the White Paper is in "direct contradiction to the whole trend and purpose of the Palestine mandate," the letter asserts that it ignores the mandate's preamble which recognizes the historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine, with regard to reconstituting the Jewish national home, and sets forth the basic principles to guide the country's destinies.

The letter accuses the British Government of disregarding those principles and omitting from the White Paper positive obligations such as recognition of Hebrew as an official language in Palestine and recognition of the Agency as the body representing the Jewish people.

"The latter omission," Dr. Weizmann declares, "accords with the whole trend of the new policy of whittling down the status of the Jewish people by limiting Jewish rights with regard to Palestine to those of the existing Jewish population in the country."

The letter attacks the White Paper's proposal to consult the Arab states which, it declares, have no *locus standi*. Discussing the proposed constitution for an independent state, Dr. Weizmann assails the contention that a state in which the Arabs will constitute a two-thirds majority will not be an Arab state. A state with a Jewish majority, he counters, would likewise not be a Jewish state.

Referring to promised safeguards for the Jewish national home, Dr. Weizmann points out that experience has shown the inadequacy of constitutional safeguards when the majority chooses to disregard them. The Zionist leader denies that the mandatory power is obliged to secure

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ultimate independence, pointing out that the Palestine mandate sui generis does not contain an independence clause such as contained in the Syrian and Iraqi mandates.

The new British policy, Dr. Weizmann charges, subjects the Jewish national home to Arab rule, perpetuates the Jewish minority position and places Jewish immigration at the mercy of the Arabs. "In short," he asserts, "it envisages termination of the mandate by jettisoning its primary purpose."

Discussing the question of immigration, Dr. Weizmann declares that the absence of any limiting provision in the mandate shows that the Government does not have the right arbitrarily to terminate Jewish entry. The absorptive capacity principle regulating immigration, he states, is the only principle enabling the mandatory to discharge its obligations to the Jews and others.

Dr. Weizmann denounces the Arab veto principle, under which further Jewish immigration to Palestine after five years would be dependent upon Arab consent. He warns that repudiation of her obligations deprives Britain of moral justification to rule Palestine and attacks the land restrictions as reversing the mandatory obligation to facilitate close Jewish settlement of the land by introducing racial discrimination contrary to the mandate.

The Jewish Agency, Dr. Weizmann states, "is forced to the conclusion that just as the drastic changes proposed in the immigration policy have been dictated, as has been freely admitted in the White Paper, by purely political considerations, so the proposal to relegate the Jews to a pale of settlement in the country of their national home has a political and not an economic object."

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British Constable, Jew Slain as Violence Continues

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- Continuing violence, marked by bombing of the General Post Office here and an ambush in the Jewish cemetery atop the Mt. of Olives, claimed the lives today of a British constable and a Jewish grave-digger and resulted in injuries to 14 Jews and Arabs.

Three bombs, hidden in parcels, exploded in letter boxes in the post office. The constable was fatally wounded while trying to remove one of the bombs and eight Arab and Jewish postal employees were injured in the explosion. The constable, an arms expert, was scheduled to be a major witness in the trial of Rachel Hawartani, young Yemenite Jewess held on charges of planting a time-bomb in front of the Central Prison last week.

Five persons, including Chief Silver of the Jewish special police force and two other ghaffirs, were wounded in the explosion of two other bombs placed in letter boxes inside the post office. Later, another bomb was discovered in the post office garage. Searching for more explosives, the police closed the post office, even to press cables.

Four Arabs ambushed two Jewish grave-diggers in the Mount of Olives cemetery, fatally shooting Abraham Itzhak Mintz, 38. Mintz's brother escaped by leaping into the grave on which they had been working. One Jew, Isaac Brat, 26, was seriously wounded in an attack on the Jewish colony of Yagur, near Haifa, which was repulsed. Brat had immigrated from Czecho-Slovakia a week ago.

Sporadic shooting broke out in various quarters of Jerusalem. Troops cordoned off the Zichron Moshe, Geula, Ruhama and Achva quarters, while police conducted a house-to-house search for arms.

Jewish buses, including school buses, were stopped and minutely searched by police, who even examined brief cases carried by frightened six-year old girls.

Mayor Azzam Bey of Jaffa escaped assassination the second time within a week when he was fired upon in a Jaffa street.

The authorities withdrew machine guns allotted last year to four exposed Jewish settlements in the Upper Galilee, Ayeleth Aschachar, Kfar Giladi, Yesod Hamaale and Mishmar Hayarden. The settlers expressed indignation at the withdrawal of their protection for the harvest.

Hebrew newspapers warned the Palestine Government not to implement the land sale restrictions as broadcast yesterday, the laborite Davar declaring that the Government was aware that the restrictions contradicted the mandate and was therefore hastening their enforcement before the expected observations by the League Mandates Commission, which is now in session. The Jewish National Fund announced the contributions during May, the month in which the White Paper was issued, reached the all-time record of \$575,000 net.

#### GESTAPO BANS USE OF FIRE BRIGADES FOR SYNAGOGUE BLAZES IN BOHEMIA

LONDON, June 11. (JTA) -- The Gestapo has issued a secret order to fire brigades throughout Bohemia-Moravia, according to advices from Prague today, not to answer calls if fires break out in synagogues or buildings of Jewish communal institutions, but to give service only in localizing the blazes.

Meanwhile, several prominent Jews in Maerisch-Ostrau, including Dr. Eisner, president of the local Jewish community, were arrested during a religious service in the house of a certain Krieger for the latter's son, who had died in Palestine. Gestapo agents arrived at the moment when the 70-year-old Krieger was reciting Kaddish for his son and seized all those present.

Election of the presidium of the Jewish community of Bruenn took place in the presence of a special Gestapo agent. Dr. Sonnenfeld was elected president and his election was confirmed by the Gestapo.

Meanwhile, destitution among the Jewish population was reported increasing daily, with at least 6,000 Jews depending for their maintenance upon welfare organizations which are spending 100,000 kronen weekly for relief.

Because of lack of funds, the relief was said to be entirely insufficient. Among persons receiving relief were 2,500 refugees from the Sudeten areas and 1,500 from Germany and Austria. A Jewish soup kitchen will be opened this week, if permission from the Gestapo is obtained, to supply needy Jews who are excluded from the lists of general welfare organizations.

Under the caption, "Czech anti-Semitism," the Narodni Politika, organ of the Czech Fascists, tries to prove that anti-Semitism is not an alien influence but a Czech national movement. It recalls boastfully that Prague was the scene of the biggest program in the Middle Ages. "Masaryk and Benes," the paper states, "suppressed anti-Semitism, but the brakes are removed now and with German help Czech anti-Semitism will continue its good work."

#### Kladno Jews Ordered to Pay 80% of Punitive Fine

KLADNO, Bohemia, June 11. (JTA) -- Jews must pay 80 per cent of the 500,000-crown fine levied on the Kladno community for the death of a German policeman, it was ordered today by the German chief of the Kladno district. The other 20 per cent must be paid by "supporters of Benes."

FRANCE BACKS MOVE FOR MOROCCO HAVEN FOR 500 ST. LOUIS REFUGEES

PARIS, June 11. (JTA) -- The French Government acted today to save from German concentration camps the 907 Jewish refugees aboard the German liner St. Louis, scheduled to arrive in Hamburg on June 16, after its passengers had been barred from Cuba.

The Foreign Office cabled to the administration of the International Zone of Morocco supporting the appeals of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association to permit 500 of the refugees, chiefly adult males, to land in Tangiers for a temporary stay.

The Gestapo has announced in Hamburg that the St. Louis refugees will be interned in concentration camps if they return to the Reich, but it is believed that this does not refer to the women and children.

As Jewish relief organizations negotiated with every possible European government to obtain temporary asylum for the refugees on the St. Louis and other ships, a number of French deputies introduced a resolution in Parliament requesting that the Government collaborate with other democratic powers toward "finding a humanitarian solution for the St. Louis wanderers."

At the same time, the Government took measures to check continued illegal entry of Jewish refugees from Italy. Two French fishermen and one Italian were arrested at the border town of Menton on charges of aiding refugees to enter France from Mediterranean fishing boats.

The French authorities in Nice warned Jewish relief organizations that severe punishment awaited all refugees who entered the French Riviera illegally in the future. The 800 refugees already on the Riviera will not be molested or deported, it was added.

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Berenson, Razovsky Leave Havana

HAVANA, June 11. (JTA) -- Lawrence Berenson and Miss Cecilia Razovsky, New York Jewish leaders who came here in a vain effort to obtain permission for landing of 907 refugees from the German liner St. Louis left for the United States today.

The German Jewish Immigrants Committee meanwhile received the following radiogram from the refugees aboard the St. Louis: "Greatest despair prevails. Ship proceeding full speed toward Hamburg."

POLES EXPELLING CZECH JEWISH REFUGEES, PARIS HEARS

PARIS, June 11. (JTA) -- Polish police have begun expulsions of Czech Jewish refugees into the German protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia, according to reports reaching Jewish relief organizations from Kattowice today, apparently in reprisal for the Reich's deportation of Jews to Poland.

Forty of the estimated 800 Czech Jewish refugees were driven by Polish police last night from Krakow to the Reich frontier and forced into Czech territory. The remainder of those in Krakow took a collective oath to commit suicide if they were deported into Nazi-controlled territory. The authorities ordered the Jewish Relief Committee in Krakow under no circumstances to feed and shelter new refugees from former Czecho-Slovakia. In Kattowice, police today started a hunt in the streets for Czech Jewish refugees as a preliminary to expulsion.

REPORT ON RHODESIAN POSSIBILITIES FOR REFUGEES COMPLETED

LUSAKA, Northern Rhodesia, June 11. (JTA) -- The British commission sent here to investigate colonization possibilities on behalf of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee was understood today to have completed its report, which will be forwarded shortly to London. Sir James Donnet, chairman of the commission, and H. Croud, one of the members, are leaving for Nyasaland to study settlement possibilities there.

Admission to East Africa Urged

LONDON, June 11. (JTA) -- An appeal for admission of refugees to East Africa was made here by former Governor Edward Grigg of Kenya in an address before the East African Dinner Club. Thousands of refugees from Central Europe, he asserted, are educated, capable people of the hard-working type from which the most efficient settlers are found. All races in East Africa would benefit from immigration of this kind, the ex-Governor said.

The Daily Mail urged editorially the formation of a British Foreign Legion composed of refugees now in Britain.

4 ITALIAN JEWS GET JAIL TERMS, FINED FOR FAILING TO LIST RACE

ROME, June 11. (JTA) -- Four Jews in Genoa have been sentenced to five to fifteen days' imprisonment and fined 100 lire each for failing to register as members of the Jewish race, it was disclosed today, in the first reported prosecution of such nature. Numerous Italian Jews have received prison terms and fines for retaining the services of non-Jewish domestics.

POLISH MINISTER HITS CONDITIONS LEADING TO MURDER OF JEW AT LWOW SCHOOL

WARSAW, June 11. (JTA) -- Education Minister Swietoslawski today denounced the "unhealthy moral atmosphere" prevailing at the Lwow Polytechnic Institute, where a Jewish student was recently murdered by anti-Semitic Nationalist students.

In a letter to the school's senate, the Education Minister declared "the murder proves that the unhealthy moral atmosphere requires a strong reaction against decadence." The senate, making the letter public, called upon all student organizations to condemn criminal actions.

Swietoslawski refused to confirm the election of Prof. Bulanda as rector of Lwow University. Prof. Bulanda is known for his leniency toward Nationalist agitators.

BUCHAREST SCHOOL BANS 80% OF JEWISH APPLICANTS ON HEALTH GROUNDS

BUCHAREST, June 11. (JTA) -- Dr. William Filderman, Rumanian Jewish leader, today protested to the authorities against the rejection on medical grounds of 80 per cent of Jewish applicants for admission to the Bucharest Polytechnic Institute. In a memorandum to the Premier, the Minister of Education and the school's rector, Dr. Filderman pointed out that the new regulations regarding medical examination prior to admission of applicants to the entrance examinations were not being applied to the Jews in the same manner as to other applicants. Dr. Filderman said all the Jewish applicants were perfectly healthy and had health certificates from Rumanian doctors. He demanded new medical examinations for the rejected applicants.

BULLETIN

Paris, June 11. (JTA) -- The Belgian Government will permit 250 of the 907 German Jewish refugees on board the Hamburg-bound St. Louis to disembark at Antwerp, it was disclosed here today.