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WIDE POWERS TO CURB PALESTINE LAND TRANSFERS LISTED; RETROACTIVE TO MAY 15

JERUSALEM, June 28. (JTA) -- Sweeping powers to prohibit, restrict and regulate transfers of land in any part of Palestine, thereby implementing an important provision of the British White Paper, were delegated today to High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael in an amendment to the Palestine Order-in-Council published in the official Palestine Gazette.

The amendment provides that the regulations may be made retroactive to May 15 and further empowers the High Commissioner to: 1) limit the application of regulations to transfers between Arabs and Jews, or from Arabs or Jews to others, or from Arabs or Jews to corporate or non-corporate bodies; 2) invalidate transfers contravening the regulations; 3) prescribe penalties for violations.

Synagogue Searched First Time Under British Rule As Violence Continues

JERUSALEM, June 28. (JTA) -- A synagogue was searched here today for the first time in the history of the British administration in Palestine.

The search followed an Arab's complaint to the police that he had been shot at by a Jew, that he had pursued and caught his assailant but that Jews from the synagogue, in the Bokharian quarter, had rushed to his assistance and freed him.

The entire quarter was thereupon surrounded by British troops and British policemen conducted a house-to-house search. District Commissioner Edward Keith-Roach ordered a search of the synagogue, which was executed with troops standing by. A Jewish district officer, J. Kisselov, was sent to observe.

A dozen worshippers in the synagogue were detained. Troops mounted machine-guns on house-tops as the populace, mostly Bokharian Jews, were ordered from their houses. Fifty persons were rounded up in the searches.

The military commander of the Jerusalem area later issued a statement assailing the action of the Jews in "assisting a would-be murderer to escape and returning his pistol instead of assisting in his capture." He imposed a 48-hour shutdown of shops in the Bokharian, Mea Shearim and Geulah quarters as "punishment for this flagrant case of aiding and abetting terrorism."

Two Jews were seriously wounded today when a taxicab in which they were riding was bombed near Sarafand. The wounded, Hanoch Backer, 30, and Abraham Lipshitz, 58, were removed to the Hadassah hospital at Tel Aviv.

Four Arab terrorist organizations were uncovered, meanwhile, and a search was underway for their members. Six Arab villages in the Jerusalem district offered to help the authorities against marauding bands, with the double aim of escaping possible punitive measures and pursuing work on the harvest.

All traffic was suspended in Southern Palestine from Hebron to the Gulf of Akaba and the Egyptian Frontier, where important military maneuvers are taking place.

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General Zionists Urge Constructive Work to Combat White Paper

LONDON, June 28. (JTA) -- The Confederation of General Zionists has sent a manifesto to the World Zionist Congress, which is to convene in Geneva for its 21st biennial session next August, condemning the new British policy on Palestine as a betrayal of the Jewish people and a violation of international obligations.

Pledging assistance to the struggle against execution of the policy, the manifesto asserts that constructive development work constitutes the most effective reply and pledges the utmost support for such activity. The document pays tribute to Palestine Jewry's self-restraint and national discipline, reaffirms opposition to violence as an ethically indefensible and politically harmful weapon and urges adoption of a number of economic measures including establishment of a special committee to coordinate the activities of Palestine Jewish economic institutions. It also recommends encouragement of private investment, aid to artisans, support for the projected \$5,000,000 loan and purchase of Palestine goods.

The manifesto also recommends organizational changes, including creation of a special organization department for west Europe and America, discontinuance of sectional Palestine fund drives and unification of the Palestine Jewish educational system.

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Palestine-Syria Trade Pact On Way; Arab "Atrocity" Charges Derided

LONDON, June 28. (JTA) -- Negotiations are in progress for a new customs agreement between Palestine and Syria, Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald told Commons today. "I am unable to say whether any increases in existing duties on goods imported from Syria will be made," he added, "but the interests of all sections of the populations of Palestine are being borne in mind."

Earlier the Colonial Secretary branded as a "mass of falsehoods" charges made in a document published last Thursday by the Arab center here that the British Government was committing "atrocities" in Palestine.

Queried as to the number of Jews currently detained in Holy Land concentration camps who have not as yet come up for trial, MacDonald said: "I am informed by the High Commissioner for Palestine that 95 Jews are presently detained in prison and detention camps under emergency regulations. These include 74 Revisionists, 18 Communists and three others."

HAVEN LOOMS FOR SEVERAL THOUSAND REFUGEES WITH BOLIVIAN VISAS

PARIS, June 28. (JTA) -- Relief for several thousand refugees who have Bolivian visas was indicated today in a cable received by the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association from La Paz announcing that the Bolivian Government has decided to admit such refugees at the rate of 250 monthly. The organization announced that it has been entrusted by the La Paz regime to select the quota at its own discretion and with the cooperation of the Bolivian Consul in London. (A La Paz dispatch to the N.Y. Times said Bolivia had initiated negotiations with the Argentine authorities for free transit for the refugees.)

Introduction of the quota for Jewish refugees climaxed long negotiations with the Bolivian Government by the Bolivian Jewish Immigration Committee, headed by Max Hochschild. It automatically cancels the recent Bolivian order barring admission to Bolivia after May 7 of Jews holding visas. The action also diminishes fear that Bolivia will be closed to immigrants in the future, as the HIAS-ICA is determined to use the organized immigration of visa holders to demonstrate that immigration of that character is generally an asset to Bolivia.

All Bolivia-bound steamers are booked in advance until next winter, thousands of visa holders having engaged passage, but the HIAS-ICA, desiring to avoid chaotic sailings, will assign passengers within the 250 quota to each steamer. At the same time, no shipping agent will be permitted to book passage without the organization's consent in each case, thereby preventing tragedies similar to the St. Louis and also checking racketeering shipping agents.

Admission to Bolivia, under the above system, will be granted to all visa holders irrespective of which Bolivian Consulate issued the visas.

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So. Rhodesia Probe Completed

SALISBURY, Southern Rhodesia, June 28. (JTA) -- The British experts' commission sent to investigate colonization possibilities in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland on behalf of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee has completed its work and left for England. It is understood that the commission's report has already been prepared and that it considers a proposal to settle a large number of refugees in the Mwinilunga district, which has a high elevation and is well watered but is difficult to reach.

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100,000 Seek Entry to Australia

LONDON, June 28. (JTA) -- The Australian Government has received more than 100,000 refugee applications for immigration visas, it was learned here today.

CANBERRA, Australia, June 28. (JTA) -- Interior Minister H.S. Foll announced today that 4,365 refugees had been admitted to the Commonwealth in the last twelve months, the figure representing one in 25 applicants. Many had founded new industries which were employing native Australians, he said.

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LONDON, June 27. (JTA) -- Robert T. Pell, vice-director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, and representatives of an American group are now in Paris continuing discussions initiated here regarding formation of an international foundation to finance and direct large-scale emigration of Jews from Germany. Interested French circles are participating in the conversations.

150 REICH JEWS TAKEN FROM BED, CHASED ACROSS POLISH BORDER BY HOUNDS

PARIS, June 28. (JTA) -- Added details with regard to the renewed expulsion by Germany of Polish Jews reached here today. Advices from Berlin said 150 Jews of Hanover were taken from their beds during the night and shipped in two trains to the Polish border. Fifty of the group reached Neubentchen and were driven across the Polish-German frontier with hounds at their heels. One of the deportees, Israel Roman, 80, died and his body is still lying on the frontier. Fate of the remaining 100, who reached the frontier station Beuthen, is so far unknown. The victims include blind and aged men and women from institutions.

WARSAW, June 28. (JTA) -- Polish Jews numbering 140 who resided in the Reich were forced by the Gestapo to cross the frontier at Rybnik, according to reports reaching here today, but Polish frontier guards ordered them to return to the Reich.

RABBINICAL COUNCIL CONDEMNES BRITISH POLICY, HITS "ISMS" AS "DOUBLE-EDGED" ENEMY

HAINES FALLS, N.Y., June 28. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America, closing its three-day annual convention at Andron's Mountain House, today adopted resolutions opposing Britain's Palestine policy and condemning Fascism and Communism as "the double-edged" enemy of the Jews. More than 100 Orthodox rabbis attending the convention also adopted a resolution paying tribute to the organization's president, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein of New York, on the completion of 25 years in the ministry.

Rabbi Goldstein, in his presidential message, denounced the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin for calling Jews Communistic and asserted that the Jews were super-patriotic, with a love for America that "is tantamount to a religion."

ZIONISTS END PARLEY WITH SESSION AT FAIR'S PALESTINE PAVILION

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- The 42nd annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America closed today with a session at the Jewish Palestine Pavilion of the New York World's Fair attended by about 1,000 persons. Speakers included Dr. Israel Goldstein, Dr. Solomon Goldman, Rabbi Sonderling and Bernard A. Rosenblatt.

Mr. Rosenblatt, former New York magistrate and now a resident of Palestine, likened British restrictions on the Jewish homeland to pre-Revolution repressive measures against the American colonies. He said the Jews would reply to the charge of illegal immigration by repudiating the restrictions as the American colonists had repudiated the British tax and other measures.

SOVIET WOULD ADMIT REFUGEES ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS

LONDON, June 28. (JTA) -- The House of Commons was informed today that the Soviet Government is prepared to accept refugees for settlement in the autonomous Jewish territory of Biro-Bidjan, but only on an individual basis with each case being considered "on its own merits."

Asked by S.S. Hammersly, Conservative, for information on the state of development of Biro-Bidjan and if the Prime Minister would cooperate with the Soviet authorities with a view of finding in the territory "some amelioration of the pressing Jewish refugee problem," the Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs replied in writing as follows: "As I stated on December 19, in the absence of British consular officers in the region concerned, Lord Halifax, the Foreign

Secretary, has no detailed reports on the development of the autonomous Jewish province, Biro-Bidjan. In answer to enquiries which were made at the beginning of this year by His Majesty's Embassy in Moscow, the Soviet Government stated they were prepared to accept refugees but each case must be considered individually and on its own merits."

REICH DRAFTS JEWS FOR WORK ON FORTIFICATIONS

PARIS, June 28. (JTA) -- A Berlin dispatch to the Havas News Agency said today that even Jews, intellectuals and dispossessed merchants were being impressed into the vast labor corps working on fortifications along the French and Polish frontiers of Germany.

FRENCH WRITER PUT ON TRIAL FOR JUSTIFYING MURDER OF REICH DIPLOMAT

PARIS, June 28. (JTA) -- Trial of Henri Jeanson, well-known writer, opened here today on charges of inciting to provocative acts arising from a magazine article in which he justified the assassination last November of a German Embassy official here by Herschel Grynszpan 17-year-old Polish Jew. Jeanson said the act was justified because of Germany's torture of the Jews. A verdict is expected to be handed down next week.

LaGUARDIA GETS FIRST COPY OF ANTI-RACE HATRED PAPER FROM GENE TUNNEY

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- The first of 200,000 copies of The Voice, newspaper of the Committee of Catholics to Fight Anti-Semitism, was presented to Mayor LaGuardia at the World's Fair City Hall today by Gene Tunney, retired heavyweight boxing champion and member of the committee. Mr. Tunney termed anti-Semitism "a flame out of hell" whose "unholy and devastating powers apparently were conceived in hell."

Distribution of the paper in the metropolitan area began immediately. The eight-page tabloid features in its first issue an article under the banner headline: "Bishops Condemn Anti-Semitism." The paper also contains condemnations of race hatred by many individual Catholics.

WAGNER CONFIDENT REFUGEE CHILDREN'S BILL WILL PASS

WASHINGTON, June 28. (JTA) -- Senator Wagner today expressed confidence that his refugee children's bill would be brought to the Senate floor shortly. He said he would not object to extending the bill to admit children from other countries than Germany if necessary to get the bill through. He was confident of a majority of two in the Senate Immigration Committee. Senator Smathers of New Jersey has assumed leadership of the bill's supporters in the committee.

DAVIDSON, HEBREW SCHOLAR, DEAD AT 69

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Davidson, Professor of Medieval Hebrew Literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary, died at his country home in Great Neck, L.I., yesterday after a brief illness. He was 69 years old. The Zionist convention at the Hotel Commodore last night sent a telegram of condolence to Mrs. Davidson, paying tribute to "his monumental, scholarly works to restore and preserve the precious literary treasures of our people."