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FIGHT TO REOPEN WHITE PAPER ISSUE SEEN BREWING IN COMMONS

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- A strong fight to secure re-opening of the Palestine issue and reconsideration of the new White Paper policy by the House of Commons is predicted in Parliamentary circles.

Members of Parliament have been pressing Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald to secure publication of the League of Nations Mandates Commission's observations on the White Paper before Parliament adjourns on July 28 and to give Commons an opportunity to discuss the question further before the Government goes to the League Council for ratification of its new Palestine policy.

Opponents of the new policy state that if the report of the Mandates Commission holds that the White Paper is not consistent with the Mandate, the Government may not be able to retain the slim majority which approved the White Paper after a two day debate in May. Many Government supporters voted in favor of the new policy then, they assert, under the Government's assurances that the White Paper conformed to the Mandate. Should the Mandates Commission go on record as stating that the new policy is not in accordance with the Mandate, they declare, it will have a strong effect on these M.P.'s.

According to reports from Geneva, however, the Mandates Commission is reported to have taken the view that approval of the White Paper was beyond their competence and the question would have to be passed on by a higher organ of the League -- the Council itself. This is taken here to mean that the Commission actually considers the White Paper to be incompatible with the Mandate, and according to some quarters, was unable to formulate this decision owing to the opposition of the British and French members of the Commission.

Should the Commission's report to the Council sidestep a definite declaration on the compatibility of the new policy, the British Government will not have to ask the Council at its next session in September to amend the mandate to conform with the policy, but will only have to ask approval of the policy. Under present conditions, such approval by the League Council is considered practically a foregone conclusion.

Chief opposition to amendment of the mandate is not expected from the Council but from the House of Commons. Zionist circles here had anticipated that had the Mandates Commission rejected the White Paper, the Government would have had to seek approval of Parliament before going to Geneva to ask the League Council to modify the mandate. Failure of the

Mandates Commission to take the expected stand, it is now feared, may give the Government the excuse it is seeking to avoid further debate on Palestine in Parliament, since the major question of formal modification of the mandate would not be involved.

Government spokesmen have in recent weeks parried requests by Opposition members for assurances that the House would have the opportunity to discuss Palestine before the Government goes to the League Council with its new policy. They have, since publication of the White Paper, denied strenuously that the new policy did not conform to the mandate and in the absence of an authoritative ruling to the contrary, would maintain that since there is no question of modification of the mandate, there is no reason for devoting more of the already fully occupied time of Parliament with another debate on a subject already debated fully.

The Government has also rejected all requests that it postpone implementation of the new policy until after the Mandates Commission and the Council have passed on its validity.

MacDonald Gets Plan For Negev Refugee Settlement

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- A plan to settle Jewish refugees in the Negev region of southern Palestine has been submitted to Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald by a non-partisan delegation headed by Sir Frank Sanderson, Conservative M.P., it was announced today by the Colonial Office.

Sir Frank expressed the opinion that Jewish colonists could restore to the Negev the prosperity it knew during the Roman Empire and emphasized its potential and strategic value to the British Empire. He outlined the following three-point plan for development of the underpopulated district:

- 1) Partition of the Negev as an autonomous region, completely separated from Palestine;
- 2) immediate measures to establish Jewish refugees there;
- 3) immediate measures for construction of rail and highway communications of imperial, strategic and commercial importance, including construction of a harbor at Rafa, with Jewish refugees supplying the labor for these works.

Sir Frank stressed that the region, exclusive of the Beersheba district, is populated only by about 5,000 Bedouins. Mr. MacDonald said that, in principle, he favored investigation of the Negev's potentialities for colonization, and promised that he would examine the plan with the British High Commissioner in Palestine.

Mr. MacDonald assured Commons today that the Palestine mandate would not be relinquished by Great Britain unless the Government and the League of Nations are satisfied that security has been properly provided. Replying to a question by Vyvyan Adams, Conservative, on the recent destruction by Arab terrorists of a holy sepulchre in Irbibias, Mr. MacDonald said the Palestine Government was endeavoring to protect holy places from attacks from any quarter.

The Colonial Secretary denied emphatically that the British Government was sympathetic toward illegal immigration to Palestine. Referring to rumors arising from the recent trial of immigrant smugglers in Jerusalem, Mr. MacDonald said the Government was using its best endeavors to prevent the illegal traffic and was deducting the number of illegal immigrants landed in Palestine from the regular immigration quotas.

HALIFAX MAKING INQUIRIES ON REFUGEES ON REICH-POLISH FRONTIER

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- The House of Commons was informed by Foreign Undersecretary Richard A. Butler today that Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax is making inquiries with regard to the position of an estimated 4,000 Polish Jews who have been deported from Germany and are now wandering in "no-man's-land" areas between the German and Polish frontiers. The statement was in reply to a question as to whether the British Government would approach Warsaw with a view to entry of the refugees to Poland.

Freeland League Official Impressed By Refugee Possibilities in East Kimberley

PERTH, Australia, July 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Isaac N. Steinberg, honorary secretary of the Freeland League for Jewish Territorial Colonization, has returned here from a tour of East Kimberley greatly impressed by the possibilities of settlement of Jewish refugees. Kimberley is not a wilderness but a dormant land where many thousands could work and be happy, he said.

Noted Savant Forced to Leave Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, July 5. (JTA) -- The authorities have declined to extend the residential permit of Prof. Arthur Liebert, famous philosopher and president of the International Kant Society, who had obtained the chair of philosophy at Belgrade University for three years. He is leaving for England.

BRITAIN TIGHTENS LAW ON MARKING OF FOREIGN PRODUCTS

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- The House of Commons today unanimously granted permission for introduction of a bill amending the Merchandise Marks Act to require that goods produced in Germany, Italy and Japan be conspicuously marked with the country of origin instead of the present label of "foreign."

PRAGUE LEADER VISITS LONDON, PARIS ON MISSION FOR JEWISH WELFARE BODIES

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Emil Kafka, president of the Prague Jewish Community, will visit London and Paris to consult with Jewish leaders on ways of helping Jewish welfare institutions in the "protectorate," it was reported today from Prague. Meanwhile, it was learned, the Gestapo has permitted opening of a Jewish Community kitchen in Prague. The kitchen will supply 500 dinners daily.

LITHUANIAN JEWS SEEK LIGHT ON ECONOMIC POSITION

KAUNAS, July 5. (JTA) -- A delegation of Jewish leaders today called upon Premier General Jonas Cernius and other ministers to discuss the Jewish economic situation in the light of the Government's new economic policy. Political and juridical Jewish problems were also discussed.

The Government publishing house, Spaudos Fondas, announced today its decision to publish a Lithuanian edition of the works of Sholem Aleichem, famed Jewish humorist who died in New York in 1916. Several Lithuanian Jewish writers have been approached with regard to translation.

ADULT EDUCATION PROJECTS IN SYNAGOGUES RISE, RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY TOLD

ASBURY PARK, N.J., July 5. (JTA) -- Increase in adult Jewish education projects in synagogues throughout the country was reported to the 39th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America today by Rabbi Leon S. Lang of Newark. Rabbi Lang said a survey of 109 congregations showed that 25,000 men and women were enrolled in 265 projects. He urged compilation of more textbooks for Bible, Hebrew studies, Jewish history and Jewish education of children.

In an address to the convention yesterday, Rabbi Solomon Goldman of Chicago asserted that anti-Semitism was not a "major evil" in this country but was being exploited by all organizations. Criticizing weaknesses of the rabbinate and some synagogue practices, he said that only synagogues rooted in all of the Jewish past, resisting the "superfacilities and vulgarities" of environment could preserve and nourish American Judaism. He declared that the strength of Palestine also lay in the strength of the American synagogue.

The report of the Assembly Committee on Refugee Rabbis, read by Rabbi Herbert Parzen of Freeport, L.I., revealed that an office for the affairs of refugee rabbis has been established under Rabbi Alexander Burnstein and that special classes in English and in American institutions have been initiated at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

24 MILAN JEWS GET JAIL TERMS FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER RACE

ROME, July 5. (JTA) -- Jail terms and fines have been meted out to 24 Jews in Milan for failure to register as members of the Jewish race within the time limit prescribed in the Italian racial laws, it was learned here today. The sentences range from eight to 20 days, with the fines from 150 to 200 lire. Similar penalties have been imposed recently on scores of Jews in Trieste.

BRITISH ZIONISTS PASS UP CONGRESS ELECTIONS OVER WHITE PAPER CRISIS

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- Zionist parties in Great Britain have agreed on a single slate of delegates to the forthcoming 21st biennial World Zionist Congress in Geneva, it was announced today, deciding against holding of elections "in view of the grave crisis confronting the Zionist movement and the determination of all sections of the movement to combat the policy of the White Paper." The Zionist Federation has been allotted eight of the 15 mandates, the Mizrahi Organization three, the Poale-Zion three and the Jewish State Party one. The single slate is headed by Simon Marks, Federation vice-president, Barnett Janner, former M.P. from Whitechapel, and the Marchioness of Reading.

BUENOS AIRES, July 5. (JTA) -- Zionist parties for the first time in the history of the Zionist movement in the Argentine will hold no elections for the World Zionist Congress in Geneva next month, it was announced here today. The decision, it was stated, was prompted by the fact that the decree banning connections between local alien groups and foreign countries is lacking in clarity, leaving opportunity for arbitrary police action in the event the elections are held. As a result a single slate will be named to the Congress, comprising three Zionist Federation and two Poale-Zionist delegates, or the same division as for the last Congress.

WARSAW, July 5. (JTA) -- The Council of General Zionists Group "A" has adopted resolutions demanding that the Zionist Congress proclaim Zionism's aim for a Jewish state in Palestine. It voiced non-cooperation with Britain's Palestine policy, but declared that it would cooperate with British democracy. The council elected Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Dr. Isaac Gruenbaum, Prof. Selig Brodetsky and Dr. Nahum Goldmann as delegates to the Congress.

BRITAIN URGED BY LYTTON TO SET UP EXPERTS' BODY ON REFUGEES

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- Declaring that Britain has done relatively less to solve the refugee problem in Europe than small countries such as Holland and Belgium, the Earl of Lytton proposed today in the House of Lords that a committee of experts be set up under a cabinet minister to study ways of caring for refugees in conjunction with other governments and with the League of Nations. He was seconded by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who declared that more refugees should be admitted to the British Empire and that they should be permitted to settle within it permanently, instead of on a temporary basis as is now allowed.

Daily News Urges Passage of Wagner-Rogers Bill; Terms Substitutes "Shoddy"

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- The New York Daily News today reiterated its demand that the Wagner-Rogers bill for admission to this country of 20,000 refugee children from Germany be passed by Congress before adjournment. It termed substitutes offered by the Senate Immigration Committee "shoddy."

AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS URGES INTERFAITH COOPERATION, CONDEMNES ALL DICTATORSHIPS

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- The American Youth Congress was on record today with resolutions condemning dictatorships of all kinds, appealing for interfaith cooperation and urging enactment of laws to prevent religious and racial discrimination.

The resolution on dictatorships voiced opposition to "all forms of dictatorships, whether they be Communist, Fascist, Nazi or any other type," but backed full freedom of speech to all persons "regardless of race, creed, religion or political label, whether Republican, Democratic, Socialist, Communist, Fascist or any other."

A report of the Panel on Interfaith and Interracial Understanding, accepted by the plenary session last night, expressed belief "that we have a religious basis for united action in our common Christian-Jewish heritage," and urged Catholic youths "to work side by side with youth of all races and religions." The Congress endorsed the Wagner-Rogers bill for admission of 20,000 refugee children from Germany.

FILM COMPANY CRITICIZED FOR DROPPING "IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE"

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- Sharp criticism of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for abandoning production of "It Can't Happen Here," projected film version of the Sinclair Lewis novel, was voiced today in a letter to Louis B. Mayer, president of MGM, by President Henry Pratt Fairchild of the Film Audiences for Democracy. Abandonment of the anti-Fascist film in the middle of production, Prof. Fairchild said, "was doubly surprising as you are not only a leading personality in our country, but also a Jew." He urged the company, in the event it did not feel justified in re-opening production, to sell the film rights to another firm, and cited the financial success of such anti-Fascist films as "Confessions of a Nazi Spy" (Warner Bros.) in refutation of the MGM contention that the public was not interested in "propaganda" films.

N.Z.O. FIGRE PLANS PILGRIMAGE TO GRAVE OF JACOB DE HAAS

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- The New Zionist Organization announced today plans for a pilgrimage next Sunday to the grave in Cypress Hills, L.I., of Jacob de Haas, pioneer Zionist and author who collaborated with Dr. Theodor Herzl, father of political Zionism. The pilgrimage was organized in connection with the yearzeit of Dr. Herzl formerly annually observed in Vienna but prohibited by the Nazi authorities this year.