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MANDATES COMMISSION MAJORITY CONDEMNED WHITE PAPER, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, July 7. (JTA) -- Vice-Chairman Wilhelm Rappard of the Permanent Mandates Commission accused Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald, during his recent defense of the new British policy on Palestine, of "turning the mandate upside down," it was revealed here today.

Writing in the Daily Herald, A.L. Easterman reported that Prof. Rappard's stand had the support of the Dutch, Belgian, Norwegian and Portuguese representatives, all of whom condemned the British policy. Only Sir Morris Hankey, of Great Britain, and A. Giraud, of France, defended the White Paper by which Britain would set up an independent Palestine state with the Jews fixed as a one-third minority.

According to Mr. Easterman, Prof. Rappard, the Swiss representative on the Mandates Commission, took Mr. MacDonald severely to task for failing to create a Jewish majority in Palestine. He assertedly declared that to stop Jewish immigration after five years and make continued entry subject to Arab consent would be a unilateral denunciation of the mandate.

The Norwegian representative, Miss Dannewig, reportedly termed the British policy a betrayal of the Jewish people, declaring the whole world knew that Britain had promised the Jews a national home. To suggest that the Jews be fixed as a one-third minority, she said, should be considered an act of treachery and an insult to the Commission's intelligence.

Mr. Easterman concluded that the majority members had decided to stand by the mandate "as authoritatively interpreted by the British Government in Churchill's White Paper." (The Churchill White Paper issued by the then Colonial Secretary Winston Churchill in 1922, gave a precise interpretation of the Balfour Declaration, stressing that Britain did not contemplate creation of a wholly Jewish Palestine, that the Jews were in Palestine as "of right rather than of sufferance," and that Jewish immigration be regulated by the principle of economic capacity of the country).

Defending Britain's Palestine policy as consistent with its policy in Europe, Mr. MacDonald asserted last night that the British Government could not continue to facilitate Jewish immigration to the Holy Land indefinitely unless it accepted the principle of rule by physical force. He spoke at the annual dinner of the Royal Central Asian Society.

"In Europe," the Colonial Secretary said, "Great Britain stands for the principle that changes between and among peoples should not be made by physical force. How then,

can they stand for the very opposite of that policy in Palestine?" He expressed certainty that if the "forces of moderation and reasoning are allowed to prevail, the logic of fact will bring agreement between Arabs and Jews."

8,629 JEWS QUIT REICH IN FIRST QUARTER OF 1939

BERLIN, July 7. (Havas)-- It was revealed here today that 9,629 Germans, 8,629 of them Jews, left Germany in the first three months of 1939 to settle in America or Asia. The number of Jews who left the country had quadrupled in comparison with the same period last year.

Berlin and Vienna recorded the greatest Jewish exodus with 2,559 and 864, respectively. Most Jewish emigrants seeking to settle in the Western Hemisphere did not head for the United States as in previous years but for South American countries.

LIST NOTED ACTORS OUSTED FROM HUNGARIAN STAGE

BUDAPEST, July 7. (JTA) -- A list of prominent singers and actors, dismissed from the State Opera House and the State Theatre under the Hungarian anti-Jewish law, has just been published here.

The list includes Conductor Anton Fleischer, a member of the Opera House Orchestra for 24 years; the famous Mozart singer, Gitta Halsz, a member for 21 years; Gabrielle Relle, 15 years; Flora Barsony, niece of former Justice Minister Wilhelm Vazsonyi and a member 28 years. Other dismissed Opera House stars are Andor Lendvay, the baritone, David Ney and Edith Diosi.

Dismissed State Theatre actors include the following: Julius Gal, honorary lifetime member and professor at the State Academy of Dramatic Art, an actor 57 years and a member of the State Theatre for 39 years; the prominent Shakespearean actor, Julius Burtos, and Tibor Rubny. In addition, almost all Jewish members of the chorus of both organizations have been dismissed.

LONDON DAILY LAUDS LORD DUFFERIN FOR WARNING ON EFFECTS OF ENTRY RISE

LONDON, July 7. (JTA) -- The Daily Express today complimented Colonial Undersecretary Lord Dufferin and Ava as a "true friend of the Jews" for his warning in the House of Lords that a considerable increase in Jewish immigration to England would provoke anti-Semitism.

"Organizations striving to flood Britain with Jewish refugees should listen to this warning and act upon it," the Express said. "For there is real anxiety lest the tradition of tolerance and kindness in Britain should suffer in consequence of an influx from the continent."

THOUSANDS WHO FLED MEMEL FACE RETURN TO REICH

KAUNAS, July 7. (JTA) -- Thousands of refugees from Memel face return to Germany as a result of conferences going on here between German and Lithuanian Government representatives over citizenship of the persons who fled the district when it was taken over by the Reich.

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It is reported authoritatively that refugees who were formerly German citizens will be regarded as German subjects, although they had opted for Lithuanian citizenship, will be given German passports and forced to return to Germany.

This plan is reportedly favored by the Germans because the refugees, as German subjects, would lose the right to compensation for property confiscated in Memel which amounts to many millions of lit.

PALESTINE COURT REDUCES REFUGEE SMUGGLER'S SENTENCE

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- The Court of Appeals today reduced to four months the six-month prison term meted out by a lower court last month to Max Seligman, Tel Aviv lawyer who had been found guilty of conspiracy to smuggle Jews into Palestine. The three-man court unanimously rejected his appeal for reversal of his conviction.

DUTCH JEW AWARDED NAZI MEDAL AT FETE BY REICH AMBASSADOR

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands, July 7. (JTA) -- An official in the Dutch Economics Ministry who is reportedly a Jew was today the recipient of a high German decoration, awarded in the name of Chancellor Adolf Hitler by Reichs Economics Minister Walter Funk at a luncheon given by the German Ambassador. The official, who was given the Cross of Merit of the Order of the German Eagle, is Dr. H.M. Hirschfeld, general director of the trade and industry department in the State Department of Economics.

BALTIMORE SCHOOL BOARD HOLDS "BRANDING" OF YOUTH NOT WORK OF ORGANIZED GROUP

BALTIMORE, July 7. (JTA) -- The school board today closed its investigation of the alleged branding of a Jewish youth with a report that there was no evidence of "organized activity, either within the school or outside, directed against any racial or religious group."

A subcommittee's findings on charges by Melvin Bridge, 14, that classmates at Gwynn's Falls Junior High School had scratched an "H" (for Hebrew) on his neck were adopted by the board. The report said that a group of boys had inked swastikas on "several other boys of different religious and racial groups" but that there was no evidence either by the boys or Bridge that the mark on his neck was made at the time. The board approved suspension of 18 boys who participated in a fight following the alleged branding but said they might take provisional examinations next fall for promotion.

FUNDS SOUGHT TO MAKE CHRISTIAN SHRINE OF MT. OF OLIVES, MENACED BY GROWING JERUSALEM

LONDON, July 7. (JTA) -- Historic Mount of Olives may be swallowed up by swiftly expanding Jerusalem unless funds are raised to preserve it as a Christian shrine, Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald told the press today.

Declaring Jerusalem was six times larger today than it was in the time of Christ, Mr. MacDonald said the city's "tentacles" threatened to seize the famous hill. He said the city's government has tried to prevent construction on the site but cannot stave it off indefinitely because the land belongs to private owners.

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"The great hope of the authorities in Jerusalem, and indeed it will be the hope of Christians everywhere," Mr. MacDonald declared, "is that a trust may be formed similar to the National Trust in England, which will purchase this sacred place. Once inviolate, the Mount could be replanted with olive trees and remain a place of pilgrimage, memories and beauty always."

DR. GOLDMAN SAILS FOR 3-WEEK STAY IN PALESTINE PRIOR TO ZIONIST CONGRESS

NEW YORK, July 7. (JTA) -- President Solomon Goldman of the Zionist Organization of America was to sail Saturday on the Cunard White Star liner-Georgic for a three-week stay in Palestine prior to attending the World Zionist Congress in Geneva next month.

The purpose of his visit to Palestine, Dr. Goldman stated, was "to learn the mind and heart of the nearly half-million Jews in the Yishuv who are ultimately the deciding voice in the problems confronting the Zionist movement as a result of the new British policy in Palestine. In going to that country of which the Rabbis said 'that it makes wise', I hope that I may gather in some of that wisdom and bring it with me to Geneva, where in consultation with all of the Zionist leaders, we shall seek the way before our people in this critical moment in Jewish history."

In the absence of Dr. Goldman from this country, Dr. Stephen S. Wise will serve as acting president of the Zionist organization.

HEALTH COMMITTEE FORMED IN SHANGHAI FOR 12,000 REFUGEES THERE

SHANGHAI, July 7. (JTA) -- Need of an organized health service for the approximately 12,000 refugees in Shanghai has prompted formation of a European Emigrants Associated Hospital Committee. The refugee population here is expected to increase to 20,000 by the end of the year. The committee's honorary secretary, J.M. Alkow, will leave for the United States to raise funds.

FILDERMAN, REELECTED HEAD OF JEWISH GROUP, GETS WIRES FROM CAROL, DRAGOMIR

BUCHAREST, July 7. (JTA) -- King Carol today wired his thanks to Dr. William Filderman for a message of loyalty sent to him on the occasion of Dr. Filderman's reelection as president of the Union of Jewish Communities. A congratulatory message was wired to Dr. Filderman by Prof. Silviu Dragomir, Minister for Minorities.

Senator Dr. Jakob Niemirower, chief rabbi of Rumania, has been elected a member of the Senate's committee for national education and religious affairs.