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JEWISH AGENCY TURNS DOWN MacDONALD'S PLEA FOR COOPERATION

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Palestine, rejecting Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald's appeal in Commons yesterday for cooperation with the Government in effecting its new Palestine policy, today refused to take responsibility for the "inevitable consequences" of the ban on immigration.

In reply to the Colonial Secretary's appeal, voiced during the debate on MacDonald's decree suspending immigration for six months, the Agency issued the following statement:

"The Colonial Secretary appealed to the Jews to cooperate with the policy of the White Paper. He bases the appeal on gratitude due for the actions of former British governments and former colonial secretaries, whose work he is attempting to undo. That gratitude is felt and will continue to be felt. It goes out today to the British nation and to those in Parliament who oppose these attempts. Jews are aware that even among those who have not yet expressed opposition many feel serious, growing misgivings with regard to the White Paper policy.

"The Jewish Agency for 20 years made loyal cooperation with the mandatory power the basis of its work and looks forward to the time when it will be enabled to resume full cooperation. But they state once more that the policy of the White Paper is devoid of moral and legal basis and is calculated to destroy the last and holiest possession of the Jewish people -- the national home. They cannot be expected to help implement the White Paper and refuse to be made in any way responsible for the inevitable consequences of the Government's new immigration policy."

President Jacob Rosenheim of the World Agudath Israel, religious non-Zionist organization, declared at an Advisory Council session last night that the Agudah deeply resented the Colonial Office decision to suspend Jewish immigration to Palestine. He said the decision proved that the White Paper could not be carried out and was a "death blow to prospective legal immigrants, placing a premium on illegal immigration." The Jewish people, Dr. Rosenheim asserted, were aware of the international difficulties facing Britain but would be denying their birthright and their religious mission if they did not unitedly resist the decree.

Commenting on yesterday's debate, The Times reiterated its advocacy of a federal solution of the Palestine problem, with autonomous Jewish and Arab provinces, each vested with the right to control immigration. The Times said such a plan might be a "prelude to eventual federation of the peoples of Syria and Palestine into a larger unit" in which there would be room for both Arab and non-Arab states.

The Daily Telegraph and Morning Post termed the debate "useless and even dangerous because even an assault upon the Government's policy gives encouragement to elements, both Jewish and Arab which threaten opposition by force to any policy that may be finally chosen."

Jewish Policeman Wounded in Explosion

JERUSALEM, July 21. (JTA) -- A Jewish policeman, Abraham Selinger, was seriously wounded near Yagur today when he stepped on a landmine while patrolling a section of railway track.

MASS EXODUS FROM PROTECTORATE SEEN AS OFFICIAL EMIGRATION BUREAU IS SET UP

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- A Jewish exodus from the "protectorate" of Bohemia-Moravia is expected shortly as a result of the opening next Monday of an official emigration bureau in Prague under the direction of the Gestapo. Establishment of the bureau indicates a complete change in the Gestapo's emigration policy in the "protectorate," where hitherto 10,000 persons had unsuccessfully applied for emigration permits.

Simultaneously with opening of the Gestapo office a Jewish emigration bureau will be started to cooperate with the former. Given official recognition, the Jewish office will include a special department of the Palestine Emigration Office and the Prague Jewish Community's emigration bureau. The Jewish emigration bureau will be entrusted with tasks similar to those of the newly organized Reichsvereinigung in Berlin, namely: (1) Organizing Jewish emigration from the "protectorate" involving negotiations with foreign governments; (2) taking over private Jewish schools and establishing a Jewish community school system in view of the fact that Jews are no longer admitted to German and Czech schools; (3) supervise welfare work for all needy Jews throughout the "protectorate."

A branch of the Jewish emigration office will be established at Bruenn for Moravian Jews. The emigration office will work along the lines of that established in Vienna. The Gestapo has ordered Dr. Franz Weidmann to go to Vienna to study organization of the office there.

Meanwhile, a general meeting of the Zionist district committee heard a report by the Palestine Office stating that 1,100 Jews would emigrate to Palestine within the next few weeks. The Jewish community at Nachod has been forced to turn over its synagogue to the municipality, which will transform it into a municipal funeral parlor. A Pilsen barbers' organization has decided to reserve special chairs and instruments in barber shops for Jewish customers.

Reports from Prague said that Jews in the city of Olmuetz had been forcibly removed from a public bath and paraded through the streets in their bathing suits by German and Czech anti-Semites. Many Jews throughout the "protectorate" have been arrested for visiting public parks and bathing resorts. A bomb exploded prematurely near the prayer house of the Jewish Cemetery at Kromeritz, killing the thrower.

It was reliably learned here that the German Office for Racial Policy, which is attached to the Reichs Interior Ministry, is recommending emigration of Christian half-Jews as well as other "non-Aryans."

At the same time, Julius Streicher's weekly Der Stuermer is demanding a solution of the "mongrel problem" similar to that of the Jewish problem, declaring that "half-Jews" constitute the "Jewish reserve" in Germany.

Nazis Blame Britain in Youth's Suicide

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- The German News Agency D.N.B. released a report today in which it blamed "British harshness" for the suicide of a Jewish youth near Munich. The agency said the youth hanged himself because he was unable to get a British visa permitting him to join his mother in South Africa.

100,000 Left Austria in 6 Months

VIENNA, July 21. (Havas) -- During the past six months 99,672 Jews left Austria under the auspices of the Central Office for Jewish Emigration, it was announced today. This figure does not include an estimated 30,000 Jews who emigrated without having recourse to the office and a number of half-Jews and converted Jews. It was estimated that about 150,000 left the country since Reich annexation, if all these groups are included in one figure.

Of the 99,762 who departed during the half year under supervision of the Central Office, 20,677 headed for North America, 6,321 for South America, 2,402 for Central America and 6,194 for Australia.

Nazi authorities were intensifying efforts to prevent residence of Jews and "Aryans" in the same houses. As a result, Vienna during recent weeks has witnessed a veritable internal migration of Jews leaving houses where "Aryans" live for those occupied by their coreligionists.

ROOSEVELT VOICES HOPE FOR 'SPEEDY ALLEVIATION' OF REFUGEES' PLIGHT

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- A message from President Roosevelt expressing "earnest hope" for "constructive preparation for a speedy alleviation of the terrible plight of those peoples whom we have been striving to assist" was read last night at a dinner closing the two day session of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee. Speakers at the dinner included Chairman Lord Winterton, American Vice-Chairman Myron C. Taylor and Home Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare of Britain.

Mr. Taylor declared that solution of the refugee problem could not be provided by any one nation, but must be the responsibility of the community of nations. He asserted that President Roosevelt had authorized him to express the earnest hope that the committee could work out a constructive solution to the terrible plight of the refugees.

"Thousands of persons innocent of any crime are being subjected to the severest hardships because of racial origin, religious belief, or political opinion," he said. "The President of my country hopes the 32 governments which have worked together thus far to change the exodus into an orderly emigration from Germany will redouble their efforts to arrive at a solution of the refugee question, which has become one of the great problems facing the world."

Earlier in the meeting, Mr. Taylor called for a reorganization of the committee's London office. He said the United States Government was prepared to defray its share of the cost of such reorganization.

NEW YORK PAPERS URGE PASSAGE OF WAGNER-ROGERS BILL

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- Three metropolitan newspapers, the Herald-Tribune, the Daily News and the Daily Mirror, published editorial comment today on the refugee situation, all three agreeing on the urgency of Congress passing the Wagner-Rogers bill, for admission of 20,000 children from Germany in two years, in unamended form.

Praising the work of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, which has just concluded a plenary session in London, the Tribune declared Americans could not afford to talk "too loudly" about the "savagery" of nations responsible for the refugee situation "as long as so simple and innocuous a measure as the Wagner bill. . . still languishes in the Senate, which in the course of weeks has done nothing with it save attach a brutally crippling amendment."

Expressing the hope that President Roosevelt's conference with the Evian committee's directorate in September may coordinate and speed up the refugee work, the News cited the Wagner-Rogers bill as "one swift, concrete and constructive piece of refugee relief work" and urged its passage as "the most important and most urgent piece of legislation before this session of Congress."

The Mirror listed six ways in which the United States, if it "wished to hear the pitiful call of distress from the persecuted in Europe," could help the refugees. These included the Wagner-Rogers bill, mortgaging future quotas, utilizing unused quotas of past years, applying the total annual quota to refugees no matter from what country, admitting special groups that would not compete with the native labor market and amending the 1924 Immigration Act to enlarge present quotas. The Mirror pointed out that Congress had set a precedent for special refugee cases when it made special allowances for "White" Russians after the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917.

LaGUARDIA DENIES POLICE FAVORITISM TOWARD COUGHLINITES

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- Mayor LaGuardia made public today a denial of charges voiced in the current issue of The Nation (reported in JTA NEWS JULY 21) that New York policemen have displayed a "fraternal attitude" toward followers of "radio priest" Charles E. Coughlin and have been partial in disturbances in which they were involved.

"That absolutely isn't so," he declared. "The situation has been under proper observance. There seems to be a trend just now on the part of some people shouting their loudest for freedom of speech to obtain suppression at this time. Naturally, inciting to riot and creating racial and religious hatreds does not come within the guarantees of free speech."

Reiterating views expressed in a letter to the Jewish National Workers' Alliance earlier this month (JTA NEWS JULY 11) on the difficulties of handling the Coughlinite situation without trespassing on civil rights, the Mayor declared the police had rendered "excellent service and have exercised the proper kind of restraint." He said arrests had been made "where they should have been made" and promised continued maintenance of "law and order."

A committee appointed by Police Commissioner Valentine is investigating police handling of the problem. Headed by former Deputy Police Commissioner Byrnes MacDonald, a member of the Mayor's secretariat, the committee was named after receipt of many complaints of police partiality in disturbances arising from sale of Coughlin's "Social Justice" and Christian Front rallies.

\$100,000 ART COLLECTION DONATED TO AID REFUGEES

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. July 21. (JTA) -- An art collection valued at \$100,000 has been given to the Austrian German Jewish Refugee Association to help refugees from Germany, it was learned today. The gift was made by Sigmund Ojserkis, a native of Vienna, who until two years ago was president of the Boardwalk National Bank here.

B'NAI B'RITH STAND ON ALIEN "ISMS" LAUDED IN HEARST NEWSPAPERS

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- An editorial praising B'nai B'rith's stand on alien "isms" has been published in Hearst newspapers throughout the country. The editorial quotes an address made at a Detroit B'nai B'rith convention by President Henry Monsky, in which he said: "No Jew true to his faith, to his traditions and to his history will ever subscribe to any program calculated to create friction or division between the various groups of our great American citizenship. B'nai B'rith, as most other major national Jewish organizations, has repeatedly declared against, condemned and carried on the fight against and opposition to all political ideologies such as Communism, Fascism and Nazism, any statements made to the contrary notwithstanding." The N.Y. Journal-American declared that "no more vigorous pronouncement" against the alien "isms" has been made by an official Jewish body.

NEW NOVEL ON JEWISH LIFE UNDER NAZI TERROR WINS CRITICAL ACCLAIM

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- A novel based on Jewish life under the Nazi terror and an essay on the "pathology of anti-Semitism" were published here today. The novel, "Mr. Emmanuel," is by Louis Golding, the British Jewish author, and is published by Viking. "Wide and well-deserved popularity" is predicted for the book in a review by Charles Poore in the New York Times today. The essay, "A Christian Looks at the Jewish Question," is by Jacques Maritain, a well-known Catholic philosopher. It is published by Longmans, Green.

AGENDA OF WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ANNOUNCED IN LONDON

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- Zionist headquarters today announced the agenda of the twenty-first biennial World Zionist Congress, which convenes in Geneva on August 16 and whose principal task will be to define the Zionist attitude toward the British Government's new Palestine policy.

The Congress will be opened in the evening with an address by President Chaim Weizmann, who will report on the world Jewish position. On the following day, a praesidium will be elected. A general debate will then be started and will continue until August 20. There will be no plenary sessions from August 21 to 25, during which time committees are scheduled to meet, with the heads of executive departments delivering reports to their respective commissions. On the final days of the session, which is scheduled to adjourn on August 28, commission reports will be presented to the plenum and elections will be held.

A two-day meeting of the Council of the Jewish Agency for Palestine will be opened on August 30 with an address by Dr. Weizmann.

NOTED DUTCH JEWISH SCULPTOR, Da COSTA, DIES AT 76

AMSTERDAM, July 21. (JTA) -- Josef Mendes da Costa, renowned Dutch Jewish sculptor, died here today at the age of 76. He was an officer in the Order of Orange and Nassau. Da Costa, who was born in Amsterdam, was best known for his architectural sculptures adorning public buildings here and elsewhere in Holland.

LEADER OF TURKISH JEWRY, HENRI REISNER, DEAD

ISTANBUL, July 21. (JTA) -- The death was announced here today of Henri Reisner, for many years president of the Istanbul Jewish Community and the head of a number of important Jewish institutions.