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ROOSEVELT PROMISES TO EXTEND REFUGEES' TEMPORARY VISAS; MOVED BY LANGER SUICIDE

CHICAGO, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Moved by the suicide plunge from a hotel window of a Czech refugee woman and her two children, President Roosevelt has promised to extend the temporary visas of refugees in the United States until they can find permanent homes in this country or elsewhere, according to Representative Adolph J. Sabath, who saw the President last Saturday.

The senior member of the House and chairman of its Rules Committee, in a letter to the Jewish Daily Courier, said that the President had expressed himself as deeply moved by the suicide of Mrs. Adela Langer with her two children and had promised to do everything within the limits of existing laws to prevent the recurrence of such tragedies.

Mr. Sabath's letter, as translated from the Yiddish version published by the local newspaper, follows:

"Last Saturday morning, at a conference which I had with the President, before I had a chance to speak to him about the unfortunate suicide of Mrs. Langer with her two children, the President, deeply moved, expressed his sympathy and regret over the tragic occurrence. The President told me that he would do all in his power, and, of course, within the limits of the law, to help those unfortunate people who are in a similar situation. He severely criticized the conditions responsible for such tragedies.

"He spared me the necessity of asking him that all those refugees who are now in this country on temporary visas should be permitted to remain in the United States until a way is found to enable them to remain permanently on a legal basis or until such time as preparations are made in other countries where they may settle.

"I regret very much that the news of the Langer tragedy reached me only a few hours before Congress adjourned and before I had a chance to introduce a resolution enabling all those with temporary visas to remain in the country until new arrangements are made for them. In the meantime, I have made an urgent request that the temporary visas of the unfortunates should be extended so that they may remain here."

295 REFUGEES IN LIFEBOATS CAPTURED OFF PALESTINE COAST

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Five small lifeboats bearing 295 Jewish refugees were picked up off Haifa today by the British Coast Guard. The refugees, clad only in bathing suits, included 60 women and 26 children. They were apparently from one of the many small freighters plying the Mediterranean in search of a haven for their passengers.

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A Jewish supernumerary guarding the entrance to the police dock at Haifa was arrested and replaced by an Arab. The action followed the sinking of a police launch off Nathania yesterday after explosion of a time bomb. A British police sergeant was killed in the blast. The survivors, including two Jewish policemen, escaped in a lifeboat. The launch had been patrolling the Palestine coast between Jaffa and Haifa in search of illegal immigrants and was a mile off shore at the time of the explosion.

The Haifa Assize Court yesterday sentenced to a year's imprisonment Mustafa Talay, Turkish captain of the steamship Los Parlos, captured off Nathania last month while trying to land 370 Jewish refugees. Thirteen of the ship's crew were sentenced to terms of three months each and the ship was confiscated.

Six Revisionists were administratively sentenced to terms in the Government concentration camp at Sarafend. At the same time, 52 Arab prisoners were released from the Sarafend camp.

The death toll in the land mine explosion near Ekron reached four last night when Chanon Brot, 24, one of the two wounded ghaffirs, succumbed to his injuries.

British Organ Warns Zionists Not to 'Sabotage' Government Policy

LONDON, Aug. 10. (JTA) — Great Britain and the East, periodical which frequently mirrors the views of the Colonial Office, warned editorially today that Zionist attempts "to sabotage and reverse the Government policy" on Palestine were doomed to failure. Commenting on the forthcoming World Zionist Congress at Geneva, the magazine declared that the problem to be faced by the Congress was that the Jews were confronted with the possibility that after a lapse of five years immigration to Palestine "may cease altogether."

Declaring that it was certain that the British decision, as embodied in the White Paper, would be vehemently assailed at the Congress, the editorial continued: "What the dispassionate person will look for is some sign of constructive statesmanship; some sign, that is, that the Zionists will not confine themselves to kicking against pricks but will examine means and ways of cooperating with the mandatory power and especially with the million Palestinian Arabs among whom the Jews have to live. Attempts by the Zionists to sabotage and reverse the Government policy are patently bound to fail."

"The upbuilding process of the national home is nearly at an end; it is keeping up the home to which the wiser Zionists, once they have survived the disappointment arising from the new Government policy, will address their thoughts. Solidity of the nation easily precedes in importance any futile denunciation of the mandatory power."

Non-Cooperation Urged at Mizrahi Conference

GENEVA, Aug. 10. (JTA) — Non-cooperation with the British Government in retaliation for its decree halting Jewish immigration into Palestine for six months beginning Oct. 1 was urged last night by Rabbi Meir Berlin, of Palestine, honorary president of the Mizrahi Organization, opening the religious Zionist organization's world conference. The conference is being attended by more than 100 delegates, including 18 from the United States and 30 from Palestine.

Rabbi Berlin urged world Jewry to mobilize to fight against curtailment of Jewish rights in Palestine. He appealed for the providing of more capital for industrial develop-

ment, continuation of immigration despite restrictions and the sinking of Zionist party differences in favor of a united front against Britain's Palestine policy.

Rabbi Wolf Gold, president of Mizrachi, reporting on the activities of the organization's executive committee, stated that Mizrachi had 150 branches in the United States and Canada, operating from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The executive committee's report highly praised the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee for its aid to Mizrachi prospective Palestine settlers in Poland and elsewhere.

Three hundred rabbis and clerical employes from Germany are being supported by Mizrachi, according to a report made at an in camera session today by Prof. Hermann Pick, of the Jerusalem executive committee. Rabbi Gold announced receipt of a £6,000 donation to be used in establishing an agricultural college in Palestine.

A world conference of the Confederation of General Zionists will open here Monday afternoon under the chairmanship of the Rev. J.K. Goldbloom of England. Speakers will include Prof. Selig Brodetsky, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and the Rev. M.L. Perlzweig, representatives of the party in the political department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

In view of the political emergency confronting the Zionist movement, the meeting will devote considerable attention to questions concerning the composition and structure of the new Zionist Executive to be elected by the Congress. It is felt that the importance of London in Zionist political and diplomatic work is not yet sufficiently recognized in the councils of the movement. A determined effort, therefore, will be made to create a London executive which will be extended to include, if possible, one American and one Palestinian. This executive will be responsible for political functions which the movement will be called upon to assume in London and for organization of the movement particularly in western European countries.

U.S. Zionists to Present \$250,000 Check to Ussishkin

LONDON, Aug. 10. (JTA) - A check for \$250,000 will be presented at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress to Menachem M. Ussishkin, world president of the Jewish National Fund, by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American J.N.F., it was announced here today. The presentation will be made in the name of friends of the American J.N.F. as a token of their confidence in the future development of Palestine and their determination to shoulder in the future an ever greater share in the burden of building the Jewish National Home.

VAN ZEELAND ACCEPTS PRESIDENCY OF COORDINATING FOUNDATION

LONDON, Aug. 10. (JTA) - It was announced officially today that ex-Premier Paul van Zeeland of Belgium has accepted the presidency of the Coordinating Foundation, group recently formed to facilitate emigration of refugees from Germany.

The Foundation issued the following communique: "As anticipated in the announcement made at the meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees on July 20, a corporation has been formed under the title, 'The Coordinating Foundation.' The Council of Management of the Foundation has invited Paul van Zeeland to become executive president of the Foundation, and this invitation has been accepted. The temporary offices of the Foundation are at 82 King William Street, London."

600 REFUGEES, BARRED FROM RHODES, ARRIVE AT SMYRNA

LONDON, Aug. 10. (JTA) Dispatches from Smyrna reported today that 600 impoverished Jewish refugees had arrived here on the Panama steamer Parita after having been refused permission to land at Rhodes.

ITALIAN FASCISTS GAVE FIRST PLACE TO RACE DOCTRINES IN PAST YEAR

ROME, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Racial doctrines occupied first place among the subjects dealt with by the Italian Ministry of Propaganda during the current year, it is revealed in the report of Achille Starace, secretary of the Fascist Party, to Premier Benito Mussolini about the activities of the National Institute of Fascist Culture.

Of a total of 20,000 lectures, meetings and discussions organized by the institute, 2,100 were devoted to the question of racial policies, compared with 1,800 devoted to the Spanish civil war, 1,800 to Fascist culture, 900 to problems of war and 800 to the party and people. The report stresses that the institute is a center of information on racial problems, having collected 6,600 Italian and foreign books on racialism.

DR. MANNHEIMER, PARTNER IN MENDELSSOHN BANKING FIRM, DEAD

PARIS, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Fritz Mannheimer, a partner in the banking firm of Mendelssohn & Co., died today at the age of 49. He founded and for a long time headed the bank's Amsterdam branch. He was a "Grand Officier" of the French Legion of Honor.

DIFFICULTIES IN ADAPTATION OUTLINED AT REFUGEE MEETING

NEW YORK, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Difficulties in adaptation of refugees to American life were analyzed by Margaret T. Edelman, former managing editor of the C.V.-Zeitung, defunct Berlin Jewish newspaper, addressing a meeting of German Jewish refugees at the Central Synagogue. She pointed out that America was a "young nation," while both Germans and Jews were "old peoples," and that the United States not a nationalistic state like European countries.

ARGENTINE DELEGATES ARRIVE FOR POLISH JEWS' CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The first group of delegates to the third biennial conference of the World Federation of Polish Jews Abroad, which will be held at Hotel Astor from Sept. 18 to 25, has arrived from Argentine on the S.S. Brazil. The delegates, who will make a study of Jewish conditions in the United States prior to the Conference, are Wolfe Orzech, general secretary of the United Federations of Polish Jews in South America; Moses Weintraub, treasurer of the organization, and Mrs. Leah Weintraub, chairman of the Women's Division.

CITRUS CONTROL BOARD PLANNED FOR PALESTINE

LONDON, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- An economic adviser of the Palestine Government recently engaged in informal discussions with citrus producers, it was learned today, with regard to proposed establishment of a citrus control board having statutory powers and functions. Satisfactory progress was said to have been made and the hope was voiced that detailed proposals for a more orderly handling of citrus shipments would be formulated before the end of the present export season.

EX-HEAD OF AGUDAH IN REICH REACHES WARSAW EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE

WARSAW, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Rabbi Abraham Isaac Klein, formerly of Nuremberg and president of the Agudath Israel in Germany, has arrived here from Riga to which he fled when expelled from the Reich. Rabbi Klein will go on to Palestine, where he plans to settle permanently.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS CONGRATULATE HERTZOG ON 15 YEARS IN OFFICE

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The South African Board of Jewish Deputies has sent a message to Prime Minister James B.M. Hertzog congratulating him on the completion of 15 years in office and expressing the hope that "the ideals of national unity, justice and fair dealing for all will be always the guiding stars of the South African nation."

ILSE WARBURG IN SOUTH AFRICA TO AID ALIYAH CAMPAIGN

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Mrs. Ilse Warburg, of Palestine, daughter-in-law of the late Prof. Otto Warburg, has arrived here to lead a fund-raising campaign in South Africa in behalf of the Children's Aliyah.

REPORT OIL BORING BEGUN IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Hebrew daily Haboker reports that two labor camps have been erected to start oil boring in the area South of the Dead Sea.

JAFFA PORT DECLINES AS TEL AVIV HARBOR GROWS

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Many employees of the Jaffa port have been dismissed by the authorities as a result of the decline of the port's traffic. Of the two cranes installed in the port, one was recently transferred to Tel Aviv and the other to Haifa. Similarly the big warehouses of the Jaffa port which were empty the greater part of the year were removed to Tel Aviv. Jaffa is being gradually transformed into a purely Winter port for the export of oranges.

On the other hand the port of Tel Aviv is growing uninterruptedly. A new unloading dock is now being built in the Tel Aviv port.

REICH REPORTED NEGOTIATING HUGE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH AFRICA

LONDON, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- "Considerable concern has been caused in the City by reports that Germany and South Africa are to negotiate a new payments agreement involving German purchases in the Union of £10,000,000 (about \$50,000,000) with a corresponding increase in South African purchases," the Financial News said today.

"Germany already is the biggest buyer of South African wool and increase in trade to this figure would give the Reich a monopoly of South African wool exports," the newspaper added. "City circles are particularly concerned about the political dangers of this German incursion into an essentially British market, especially in view of South Africa's strong pro-German minorities, her geographical proximity to former German colonies and her vital position on Empire trade routes."