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### INDUSTRIES FOUNDED BY REFUGEES IN 4 NATIONS GAVE JOBS TO 38,000 NATIVES, SURVEY REVEALS

GENEVA, Aug. 13. (JTA). -- New industries established by refugees in four nations have given employment to approximately 38,000 persons, it was revealed today in a report submitted to a session of the administrative committee of the World Jewish Congress. The report, embodying the results of a detailed investigation, effectively refutes the contention that refugees are a liability to countries which admit them.

The report disclosed that 15,000 English workers have been removed from the ranks of the unemployed in enterprises established by refugees in Great Britain. Similarly, France has seen 10,000 unemployed obtain jobs in undertakings founded by exiles; Holland, another 10,000 and Belgium 5,000. Smaller nations, such as the Scandinavian and the Baltic states have had similar experiences.

In the majority of cases, the enterprises established by the refugees are of a type never before developed in the respective countries. France, for example, now has a number of companies producing textile articles for export, fur, glassware, artificial flowers and fruit juices. Raw materials from French colonies are used in the production of the goods. Belgian records show that 105 large industrial firms have been established by the refugees. For the most part they are in the metallurgical, chemical and electrical fields. Three hundred enterprises were founded by refugees in Holland.

The committee also heard reports on the present position of Jews in the various European countries of persecution. Discussion of these reports was held in camera. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who presided at the session, reported on his negotiations with various central Jewish organizations interested in relief and emigration work in connection with a plan to convocate a world conference to deal with refugee emigration problems.

A detailed report was submitted to the committee on the immigration possibilities in various countries one year after organization of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee. The report established that approximately 71,000 refugees were admitted in 1938 to countries in many parts of the world, including 34,000 to the United States.

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Parley on Refugee Problems Slated For Warsaw.

WARSAW, Aug. 13. (JTA) --- Representatives of the larger Jewish communities in Poland will hold a conference here shortly on the refugee problem, with the liquidation of the Zbonszyn camp, which still houses 1,000 of an original 5,000 refugees, among the principal topics to be discussed.

Another 4,000 refugees are expected to arrive in the near future when deportees who were allowed to return to Germany under the German-Polish agreement permitting them to liquidate their possessions are scheduled to come back to Poland. They had been given until July 31 to settle their affairs in Germany.

A priest, Father John Buckingham, who is a member of an American Christian delegation touring Europe to help refugees, has arrived here. Addressing a crowd of refugees at the offices of the Jewish Refugee Committee, he distributed money and promised to arrange for emigration of a group of young exiles from Poland to the United States.

A broken heart brought on by her terrible experiences before leaving Germany was held responsible today for the death of a Jewish refugee woman, a Mrs. Reisfeld. When given notice to leave Germany recently, Mrs. Reisfeld was ordered by the Gestapo to go to the Dachau concentration camp "to fetch her husband," who had been interned last year following confiscation of his property.

Arriving joyously at Dachau in expectation of her husband's release, she was told to wait and Mr. Reisfeld would appear immediately. Shortly thereafter a box containing her husband's ashes was brought in and handed to her. At the funeral here yesterday, the box of ashes was carried by the Reisfeld children behind the coffin and buried in the same grave.

Turkey Orders New Refugee Boats To Leave.

LONDON, Aug. 13. (JTA) --- While 500 Jewish refugees aboard the steamer Parita continued to defy orders of the Turkish authorities to clear the Smyrna port, two more tramp steamers laden with exhausted Jewish refugees from Czecho-Slovakia today anchored in Fenike, a small South Anatolian port on the Mediterranean, according to reports reaching here. Turkish authorities refused to allow the refugees to land and ordered their immediate departure. It was stated that three other ships were cruising in the Eastern Mediterranean, unable to land their refugee passengers.

Brochure By Simpson Traces Growth of Refugee Problem.

LONDON, Aug. 13. (JTA) --- The enormous growth of the refugee problem since the international crisis of last September is described in a brochure, "Refugees," published today by the Royal Institute of International Affairs. The brochure was prepared by Sir John Hope Simpson, director of the Institute's refugee survey.

ZIONIST CONGRESS TO AIR PLANS FOR LARGE MERCHANT MARINE IN MEDITERRANEAN

GENEVA, Aug. 13. (JTA) --- Plans to develop a large Jewish merchant marine in the Mediterranean with the Palestine Jewish port of Tel Aviv as a base will be taken up in Geneva during the Zionist Congress at a special conference called by the Palestine Maritime League, it was announced today.

The plans call for replacement to a certain extent of the Italian ships which have been carrying passengers and cargo to Palestine on a large scale and which are now being boycotted by Jews. The conference will be devoted not only to maritime problems but to questions of Jewish aviation, the announcement states.

With Jewish passengers boycotting Italian steamers and with Jewish citrus exporters alone paying more than \$5,000,000 to foreign companies this year for shipping fruit abroad, leaders of the Palestine Maritime League, which is supported financially and morally by the Jewish Agency for Palestine, feel that there are great possibilities for establishment of an efficient Jewish merchant marine of adequate size. It is estimated that since the World War the Jewish community has spent \$130,000,000 for transportation of passengers and goods from and to Palestine, most of which traffic was carried by Italian lines. In recent months alone Palestine Jews spent \$15,000,000 for sea transportation.

The Jewish leaders sponsoring the establishment of a mercantile marine therefore feel certain of its financial success. The possibility of a world war which would isolate Palestine and produce a food shortage there is also being taken into consideration by those organizing the conference. During last September's war scare the Jewish community of Palestine found itself confronted with a grave problem of assuring an adequate supply of food and raw materials. In time of peace ships of 27 nations call at Palestine ports, but in wartime, leaders of the maritime league believe, this would not be the case and there exists a danger that in time of crisis Palestine might not even have a small commercial fleet to serve the community's most essential requirements.

With these thoughts in mind, the league was founded during the last Zionist Congress in 1937 and will bring forward at the forthcoming Congress recommendations for expansion of Jewish navigation and aviation in Palestine. The league already counts 14,000 members in Palestine. It has a small fleet of merchant ships and a nautical school in Haifa with courses in navigation, mechanics, ship building and wireless telegraphy. Head of the navigation department is a former British naval captain and Jewish cadets are now undergoing training on British and Jewish steamers, the statement declares. The league has also has developed coastal shipping in Palestine. It is taking a census of Jewish seamen in various countries. It is training Jewish aviators in Poland and groups of Jewish fishermen at Gdynia, near Danzig, the statement says.

#### Weizmann Speech To Sound Keynote For Fight On White Paper

GENEVA, Aug. 13. (JTA)—Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, arrived here yesterday and tonight was putting the finishing touches on his address which will open the 21st biennial World Zionist Congress next Wednesday night.

The speech, which will sound the keynote for a fight against Britain's Palestine policy, contains severe criticism of the British White Paper and an appeal to the civilized world to aid in ameliorating the plight of Jewish refugees by urging Britain to permit extensive immigration to the Holy Land.

With Jewish immigration developing into an international problem, a pre-Congress conference of the Mapai, Palestine Zionist labor party, yesterday discussed, behind closed doors, the question of Jewish migration, demanding that Palestine be given priority in schemes for refugee settlement, although not opposing immigration to other countries.

\* Speakers urged the obviating of wasted effort over fantastic territorial schemes and also condemned forced evacuation from European countries. The attitude was taken that if immigration possibilities arose in other countries than Palestine, the work should be entrusted to existing emigration bodies, without creation of new organizations. At the same time, it was stated, laborite Zionists in all countries should take an interest in realistic emigration possibilities.

Another pre-Congress conference was opened last night by the Women's International Zionist Organization, attended by 120 delegates from the United States, Canada, India, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, as well as European countries. The meeting was held in the Geneva Opera House. Branding Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald of Britain as "a modern Pharaoh," speakers spared no words in denunciation of British policy on Palestine. Principal speakers, including Mrs. Israel Sieff and Hadassah Samuel, declared the effect of the White Paper was to place the Jews "atop a volcano spitting fire." Women throughout the world were called upon to combat British efforts "to convert Palestine into a new ghetto" and it was urged that the Jewish reply to Britain should be the sending of more capital and more immigrants to the Holy Land.

#### Warns White Paper Will Be Used As Evidence Of Empire's Breakdown

LONDON, Aug. 13. (JTA).— Emphasizing common Jewish and British interests in the Near East, Palestine, organ of the British Palestine Committee, today warned Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald that the White Paper policy will be used as evidence of the breakdown of the Empire and British readiness to betray civilization. "But Jewish leaders," the periodical added, "have too robust a faith in Britain and feel their destiny linked with ours. Nothing would content the enemies of Britain and the Jews more than a deep cleavage between them. The Jews, despite MacDonald, will refuse to fall into this trap. They will resist the policy of the White Paper and fight for the national home. They will surmount obstacles and cooperate with the British people."

#### Reports 15,000 Jews Smuggled Into Palestine As New Army Of Israel

LONDON, Aug. 13. (JTA).— Fifteen thousand Jewish refugees, part of a "new army of Israel organized in central Europe," have been smuggled into Palestine in recent months, it was asserted today by Lord Forbes in an article in the Sunday Express. Lord Forbes said the Jews were being transported, by way of the Rumanian Black Sea port of Constanza, in frail ships hired for about \$100,000 each. He declared they came from Poland, Germany, Rumania and Bulgaria and were an "unusual, sad looking lot, all under 30, and" clean and athletic in appearance."

"These young Jews," Lord Forbes asserted, "were collected and selected by an organization in Warsaw to break up the British White Paper policy in Palestine and to reconquer the Holy Land for the Jews. They will fight both Arab and British policemen. They are the new army of Israel organized in central Europe. The money for these enterprises is subscribed principally in England and America. The Germans are said to help the project because every new Jew in Palestine means more trouble for Britain with the Arabs."

#### Jews Reported In Raid In Arab Village

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA).— It was officially announced today that 20 armed men, reportedly Jews, entered the Arab village of Pina near Rehoboth and dynamited a house and water-pumping station. Two Jewish girls and a man were wounded today when a bomb exploded near the Bikur Cholim Hospital in the center of Jerusalem.



#### 5 SYNAGOGUES SACKED, MANY JEWS WOUNDED IN BRATISLAVA EXCESSES

LONDON, Aug.13.(JTA)-- Many Jews were beaten in Bratislava and left bleeding on the pavements when anti-Semitic crowds sacked three synagogues, according to press reports here today. Windows and doors of the principal synagogue were smashed and the interior was demolished. The basement was flooded from broken water mains. Objects of worship were piled in the street and burned. The reason for the outbreak was given officially as "ill treatment of Aryans by Jews some days previously."

#### "TRAPPIST VOWS OF SILENCE" FOR COUGHLIN URGED BY "THE NATION"

NEW YORK, Aug.13.(JTA).-- The Nation, liberal weekly, urges editorially in its current issue, that "radio priest" Charles E. Coughlin be "encouraged to take the Trappist vows of silence" in the interests of both America and the Church. Referring to a recent broadcast in which Coughlin disavowed responsibility for the Christian Front, openly anti-Jewish organization composed of Coughlin adherents, and in which he reiterated denials of anti-Semitism and insinuated that The Nation was a Communist periodical, the editorial declared:

"Father Coughlin has now clearly reached a stage where truth has no objective meaning for him but is simply what he chooses to believe. One of these beliefs is that he and his Front have a monopoly of Christianity and that all who oppose them are communist, anti-Christian heretics. This is dangerous doctrine in America, where the majority of Christians do not choose to accept either political or religious instructions from a demagogic priest. They would be still less inclined to accept them were they to see a recent appeal for funds in Social Justice (Coughlin organ) in which the 'persecutions' of Coughlin were compared with the sufferings of Jesus, a piece of blasphemy ominously reminiscent of the more messianic utterances of Hitler. Our advice to Coughlin's superiors is not likely to be taken, but we suggest that it would be for the good of both America and the church if he were encouraged to take the Trappist vows of silence forthwith."

#### REFUGEES SPUR DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE HERE, U.S. CHEMISTRY BUREAU AIDE HOLDS

NEW YORK, Aug.13.(JTA).-- Refugees from Nazi persecution have made notable contributions to scientific development in the United States, the American Chemical Society has been informed in a report by Dr. Charles A. Browne of the United States Bureau of Chemistry and Soils.

The report, prepared for submission at the Society's ninety-eighth meeting in Boston next month, draws a parallel between the modern flight of refugee scientists to this country and that which occurred in the nineteenth century.

"The influence of political disturbances on the exodus of chemists from Europe to the United States," Dr. Browne writes, "constitutes an important chapter in the history of chemistry in America. The list of European chemists who have been thus expatriated is a long one and the stories of their adventurous careers are filled with romantic interest. The name of Priestley is the most famous one upon the list of chemists who came to America to escape persecution. The disturbances in Germany following the troubles of 1848 brought a large number of German chemists to America whose contributions had much to do with the advancement of chemistry in the United States before the Civil War. A modern parallel of this movement is found in the exodus of chemists and other scientists from Germany to the United States as a result of the recent persecutions by the national socialistic government."