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# CONGRESS URGED TO AID 93.000 REICH JEWS GAIN PALESTINE ENTRY; SILVER HITS NON-COOPERATION

GENEVA, Aug. 20.(JTA) — German Jewry addressed an appeal to the World Zionist Congress today to make possible entry of 95.000 specially trained Reich Jews to Palestine. The appeal, read by the leader of the German delegation to the Congress was apparently prepared in Berlin with the knowledge of the Nazi authorities. It emphasized that German Jewry, in its distress did not want philanthropy but expected "national assistance" so that the doors of Palestine might be opened to them.

"We address this appeal to the Congress " the German Zionist said. "in the hope that its voice will reach the ears of that power in whose hands rest not only the fate of Palestine but also our fate."

A dynamic address was delivered during the general debate last night by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland who inveighed against illegal immigration to Palestine and non-cooperation with the British Government. The speech made a tremendous impression and is considered the most powerful yet delivered at the Congress. It was noted however, that the Laborite faction which constitutes 45 per cent of the Congress, constituted by abstained from applauding.

Dr. Silver prophesied that new proposals on Palestine would be forthcoming before the September session of the League of Nations Council. With the Mandates Commission's report in the possession of the entire world he said "it is inconceivable that Britain will go to the League and ask for final approval of the White Paper."

Declaring that Dr. Chaim Weizmann Zionist president may have erred in the past in being too yielding and trusting toward Britain Rabbi Silver asserted that the White Paper was unrelated to these shortcomings and to any past interpretations of the mandate by the League and by the British Government.

"It is not Weizmann standing today as a discredited leader but MacDonald (Malcolm MacDonald British Colonial Secretary) who stands branded by the Mandates Commission as a destroyer of covenants, a violator of pledges, accused of acting wilfully and illegally in a matter of life or death to an entire nation, " Dr. Silver said.

Describing the British Government's comments on the Mandates Commission report as "culpably disingenuous contorting truth and logic," Dr. Silver declared it was inconceivable that Britain would cling indefinitely to a policy which was not endorsed heartily by the Government party rejected by important sections of British public opinion and almost unanimously by the rest of the world.

He warned against any desperate action which would bring the Palestine Jewish community in conflict with the Government. "The hour has not yet come for a final decision " he said. "We are not yet confronted with that finality which might justify unindicated forms of defiance."

## Laborites Seen Veering to Extremist View

The Laborite attitude toward Dr. Silver's address is taken to indicate that the extremist views of David Ben Gurion, Palestine labor leader and Zionist Executive chairman with regard to fighting the new British policy are gaining more adherents among the Laborites many of whom during the first days of the Congress backed the views of Moshe Shertok political secretary of the Jewish Agency who is advocating milder tactics.

Another speaker to come out against the Ben Gurion viewpoint was Prof. Selig Brodetsky. British member of the Zionist Executive, who urged moderation and warned against "harmful slogans." He praised American Jewry for its assistance in fighting the new British policy on Palestine and predicted that America would in the near future play an even more important role in the mobilization of forces for the fight against the White Paper.

On the question of non-cooperation Prof. Brodetsky advised the Congress to set up a committee to study the advantages and disadvantages of such a policy toward the British Government. He agreed however that in the matters of immigration and of introducing constitutional reform in Palestine the Jews had no other course but non-cooperation.

Declaring he believed the White Paper docmed to failure because it could never be carried out in a country where the Jews constituted 99 per cent of the economic forces Prof. Brodetsky advised that instead of extreme measures the White Paper should be combated by economic strengthening of the Palestine Jewish Community. He also advocated a concentrated campaign to widen the ranks of Britons who are opposed to the White Paper as a breach of faith

The American Laborite delegation announced it would support the  $\mbox{\it Ben}$  Gurion plan for resistance to the White Paper

# 3 Tendencies Revealed at Laborite Parley

While religious delegates attended Sabbath services in the Old Synagogue laborites conferred all day yesterday debating Friday's address by Ben Gurion which urged what may be considered as extreme action to combat the British policy. The debate revealed three tendencies among the laborites: (1) those sharing Ben Gurion's views (2) a group led by Shertck which favored a milder course and (3) those led by Eliezer Kaplan who supported the moderate views expressed by Ur Weizmann.

Dr. Solomon Goldman president of the Zionist Organization of America, speaking at the Friday plenary session, denounced violence in Palestine as contrary to Jewish religion and ethics. He made a strong plea for abendomment of party strife in Palestine and urged broadening of the Zionist Executive to make it more representative of all elements in the Zionist movement. Discussing Holy Land problems Dr. Goldman

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drew attention to the decreasing number of Jewish births and urged measures to check the decline in the birthrate.

The Rev. Maurice L. Perlzweig of England urged a radical reorganization of the machinery of the Zionist organization to equip it for the struggle against the new British policy. He said the report of the Mandates Commission. a majority of which had found the White Paper in violation of the mandate had delivered a "shattering blow" against the British policy. "The moment the decisin of the Mandates Commission was published, our political situation in England materially improved," he declared.

#### Moves to Set up Washington Executive Launched at Geneva

GENEVA Aug. 20.(JTA) Moves to establish branches of the World Zionist Executive and Jewish Agency Executive in the United States were under way today. The American delegation backed by representatives from other countries contended that establishment of a division of the Zionist Executive in Washington would be an advantage in combating Britain's Palestine policy and in the event war involving Britain broke out.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver in a speech to the Congress Saturday night urged that a branch of the Agency Executive be set up in the United States on the ground that such a division would prevent the complete disruption of Palestine upbuilding work in the event of a European war Branches of the two Executives now exist in London and Jerusalem.

#### Weizmann May Visit U.S. to Aid Zionist Loan

GENEVA Aug 20 (JTA) . Zionist leaders today discussed the possibility of Dr. Chaim Weizmann visiting the United States soon after the current Zionist Congress with important missions including the raising of \$2 500 000 toward the \$5.000 000 loan proclaimed by the Keren Hayesod (Palesbine Foundation Fund).

Simultaneously members of the Zionist Executive discussed a project to be submitted to the Congress for approval calling for increasing the Jewish Agency's budget from last year's figure of \$2.500 000 to \$5.000 000 in the coming year.

In this connection the Executive intends to submit to the Congress two budgets, namely a minimum budget of L 700 000 and a maximum budget of L 1 000 000. This budget when approved by the Congress will have no connection with the \$ 5 000 000 loan which the Keren Hayesod intends to raise repayable within 20 years and bearing a four per cent dividend. With half of the loan expected to be raised in the United States, the Keren Hayesod will seek to raise the balance in Europe and South Africa.

## Palestine Delegation Loses 10 Votes

GENEVA Aug 20 (JTA) The Congress Court announced today that it has annulled ten mandates of the Palestine delegation reducing it to 154 members. The decision following an investigation by the Court into charges of falsification during the Palestine elections to the Congress was greeted with pandemonium.

## Council May Ask Special Body to Study White Paper

GENEVA Aug. 20 (JTA) — The interest of most delegates here is centered not so much on the outcome of the Congress as on the League Council session early next month at which the fate of Britain's Palestine policy is expected to be decided.

Few believe that the Council which has the final word on the Palestine mandate, will accept the British White Paper in the form offered by London after the Mandates Commission has rejected it. The possibility is not excluded however, that the Council, while taking no immediate decision will refer it to a commission to study the question of whether the mandate can be flexibly interpeted in such a way as tomake the White Paper acceptable to the League. It is to win this point that Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald is coming to Geneva

The Jewish side however is not remaining silent and, having the decision of the Mandates Commission to support it is already preparing quietly for a battle at the League session. For obvius reasons few of the Congress participants are aware of the details of these preparations and Dr. Weizmann talking to this correspondent remarked that "it would be much wiser to say nothing about it publicly." Whatever Dr. Weizmann has to say will be said quietly to diplomats of countries which are represented in the League Council.

#### Police Disperse Nazi Demonstrators

GENEVA AUG 20 (JTA) A Swiss Nazi youth leader was under arrest today on chargest of organizing a demonstration in front of the building where the Zicnist Congress is in session. The demonstrators were dispersed by the police

### Irish Paper Assails British Policy

DUBLIN Aug 20 (JTA) The Irish Times today described Britain's new Palestine policy as "a gross breach of faith with the Jews" and declared that "even if the judgment of the Mandates Commission is reversed by the League of Nations Council the Jewish case will have gained strong advocacy."

"The new plan is so scandalous a betrayal of the Jews that it has aroused not only their anger but the anger of all decent men in every country." an article asserted.

Declaring that Britain would not give up the mandate since she could not relax her hold in the eastern Mediterranean the Timos concluded "Britain has to choose between expediency and honor"

## Christian Group Asks Baldwin Aid on White Paper

NEW YORK Aug 20 (JTA) The American Christian Emergency Council for Palestine has presented to Earl Baldwin. Former British Prime Minister a memorandum urging that he transmit to the British Government the view of "enlightened Christian America" that the Palestine mandate be upheld.

The memorandum signed by Dr. Guy Emery Shipler chairman of the council Charles Edward Russell and Dr. Justin H. Mcore expresses "consternation" over Britain's new Palestine policy which it terms "a virtual denial of the solemn pledges given by various

British governments to the Jewish people and to the world." It was accompanied by a facsimile letter in which Lord Baldwin, when Prime Minister in 1956, promised that the Government would fulfill its mandatory obligations.

#### 2 GHAFFIRS BRITISH OFFICER SLAIN IN NEW PALESTINE VIOLENCE

JERUSALEM Aug 20 (JTA) -- Two Jewish supernumeraries were killed and two others wounded today when a tractor which they were operating in the fields near Haifa struck a terrorist-planted land mine. The victims were Daniel Papo and Arieh Givati.

A Jewish physician. Dr. Napthali Tauber was shot and seriously wounded by two Arabs while waiting for a bus in the Beit Vegan suburb of Jerusalem.

A British lieutenant was killed and three privates were wounded Friday night in a battle with two Arab terrorist bands trapped by a cordon northwest of Tiberias. Six Arabs were killed in the engagement

Night patrol squads of Jewish supernumeraries operating in the Southern District and the Sharen Valley have been suspended it was learned today because of Arab accusations that Jews were dynamiting Arab houses in the districts. The motorized patrol which soperated between the hours of seven p.m. and five a.m. was considered among the most efficient defensive units against terrorism and relieved the British police.

#### 800 REFUGEES IN 3 BOATS SEIZED OFF PALESTINE COAST

HAIFA Aug. 20 (JTA) Three vessels carrying 800 Jewish refugees were sighted yesterday morning off Nathania and taken into custody by Government forces. The vessels were a motor launch schooner and sailboat. The launch was beached by its crew and the other craft were escorted to Haifa.

The refugees comprised survivors of the Panamanian steamship Rim which was destroyed by fire last month off the Italian island of Rhodes in addition to other Jews expelled from Rhodes all of whom embarked at the island on the Greek steamer Aghios Incholaus and were transferred to the smaller craft 30 miles off Palestine's coast. Those taken to Haifa included 80 children under 13 and 50 women.

#### All Nathania Greets 340 Exiles

NATHANIA Aug 19 (JTA) The entire population of this Jewish colony flocked to the beach today to greet 540 refugees including 96 women and 14 children who landed from a motor launch to which they had been transferred from the Greek steamship Aghios Incholaus 30 miles out at sea. Mayor Oved Ben Ami acclaimed the arrival as the first immigration ship in Nathania harbor. Colonists sang the "Hatikvah." Zionist anthem.

The refugees, who had been on the high seas for six days were exhausted but otherwise in fair physical condition and were overjoyed at reaching Palestine's shores. The settlers fed and feted them and British police and troops joined in treating them with kindness. Later they were removed to Sarafend concentration camp.

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#### WASHINGTON'S VISIT TO TOURO SYNAGOGUE REENACTED IN NEWPORT TERCENTENARY FETE

NEWPORT R. I. Aug. 20 (JTA) - Colorful ceremonies on the steps of the ancient Touro Synagogue were held here in connection with the 300th anniversary of the founding of Newport and establishment of religious and civil liberty on the American continent.

Speakers included Governor William H. Vanderbilt of Rhode Island, Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts and lineal descendants of George Washington and Moses Frixas. The ceremonies were featured by reading of an exchange of messages between Washington, who visited the Hebrew Congregation of Newport in 1790 and Seixas leader of the Congregation. W. Selden Washington great-grandnephew of the first president impersonated Washington while Elward Jonas Phillips a direct descendant played the role of Seixas

The following message from President Roosevelt was read at the celebration "It gives me great pleasure to send hearty greetings to all who take part in the celebration at Tourc synagogue in connection with the observance of the Newport Tercentenary. I toust that all who participate will be inspired with new zeal and new enthusiasm to exempl y in modern terms the highest ideals of the ancient teachings of Israel."

Other scheduled participants in the ceremonies which were broadcast over the Red network of the National Broadcasting Company included Franklin Bache Huntington descendant of Benjamin Franklin; Lieut Gov Horace T Cahill of Massachusetts; John M. Schifft banker and grandson of the philanthropist; Dr. James P Adams vice president of Brown University; Isador J. Worth national commander of the Jewish War Veterans and Mortimer A. Sullivan Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court Dr. David de Sola Folipresident of the Synagogue Council of America offered the closing prayer

#### SO AFRICAN LEGISLATOR SEES JEWISH QUESTION "MATTER OF ECONOMICS"

JOHANNESBURG Aug 20 (JTA) Eric Louw anti Semitic Member of Parliament told a City Hall rally of 1 500 persons here that the Jewish question was neither racial nor religious but purely "a matter of economics" Louw charged that Jews were gaining control of South Africa and dominated the professions and trades. The Rand D ly Mail commenting on the speech in an editorial captioned "Berlin Will Like It " declared it should have been delivered in the German capital where Louw "would have won tumulturus applause as an example of Germanism"

### BELGIAN NEWSPAPERS LAUNCH DRIVE ON ANTI SEMITISM

BRUSSELS Aug 20 (JTA) The important Ghent newspaper La Flandre Liberale today led several publications in attacks on anti-Semitism in reply to the Lexist organ Le Pays Reel which has been publishing daily anti Jewish articles La Flandre carried an article by Paul Henen honorary president of the Belgian Press Association strongly condemning racial agitation

Le Pays Reel countered with a broadside against La Flandre asserting and its Brussels correspondent. Henri Fast who is also editor-in chief of L'Independence Belge was one of the Jewish race "and allows his racial origin to influence his politics." The Rexist paper announced it would publish a special anti Jewish number on Aug. 25.

#### LATE GENEVA NEWS

#### U. S. Group Favors Illegal Entry

GENEVA, Aug. 20. (JTA) — An overwhelming majority of the American delegation to the Zionist Congress is in sympathy with leaders advocating illegal immigration to Palestine as a method of fighting the White Paper it became clear today during a four-hour discussion at a meeting of the group. The discussion was the result of Paobi Abba Hillel Silver's address during the general debate last night in which he passionately condemned illegal immigration as a menace to the Palestine Jewish Community.

Dr. Silver's talk today drew a bitter attack from Berl Katznelson edita of the Palestine Laborite newspaper Davar in which he charged the Americans were praching defeatism and warned the delegation to dissociate itself from Dr. Silver's statement.

Katznelson called upon Zionists to combat the White Paper with all methods short of terror. Condemning terrorism he declared that those Jewish elements in Filestine who were advocating it were actually "following in the footsteps of the Mnfti," The editor declared he was satisfied with the Mandate Commission report on the White Paper but warned against optimism on the League Council's decision which is scheduled to be made early next month. He attacked the British Government for substituting for the Balfour Delaration the "anti-Balfour White Paper" and cautioned the Congress against underestimating the danger of the situation. He was given a great ovation when he concluded.

The Congress reaction to Katznelson's speech made it clear for the first time today that whatever the decision on the question of general non cooperation with the British Government may be the majority will favor illegal immigration even if the Congress should not adopt any resolution to that effect.

Like the Congress itself the American delegation will hardly go openly on record as favoring illegal immigration. A committee has been appointed however to convey to the Congress the fact that not everybody in the delegation agreed with Dr Silver's condemnation of illegal entry.

Keren Hayesod directors meanwhile received a check for L 155 000 sterling from the British Czech Refugees Fund to be distributed among Jewish refugees from Czechoslovakia already in Palestine. Trustees of the fund informed the Hayesod directorate 'that an additional L 290 000 will be transmitted as soon as more refugees from Czechosl vakia leave for Palestine within the next three weeks. They stated that the Gestapo at Prague has agreed to permit Jews to leave the country without difficulties as soon as they obtain Palestine certificates.