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WAR SCARE SPURS CONGRESS TO SPEED END; SHERTOK BACKS WASHINGTON OFFICE

GENEVA, Aug. 21 (JTA) — Alarmed by the growing gravity of the international crisis, the 21st biennial World Zionist Congress today acted to finish its business as early as possible and make it possible for delegates from Palestine, Poland and other countries to rush home.

After Moshe Shertok had replied for the Zionist Executive to the general debate recommending that part of the Executive be stationed in Washington, discussion was cut short and the Congress' work was parcelled out among various commissions which were urged to work at the fastest possible rate and to report to a plenary session on Thursday.

Following adjournment of today's plenary session, the delegates were showing more interest in the general situation in Europe than in Zionist issues. This was especially due to the fact that British delegates were advised by the British Consulate in Geneva to register with the consulate in the event an emergency arises.

The political commission met in camera tonight and David Ben Gurion, laborite leader who has been urging an active program of combating Britain's Palestine policy, elaborated in a lengthy speech the views which he had expressed at the opening session of the Congress.

In the presence of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Zionist president, and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, both of whom have been advocating moderation, Mr. Ben Gurion spoke in great detail of a self defense program as well as of the problem of illegal Jewish immigration into Palestine. He developed the argument in favor of a more active program of combating implementation of the British White Paper and especially "enlightened" Rabbi Silver as to why Palestine Jewry could not accept the rabbi's views. Dr. Weizmann did not participate in the discussion.

Other commissions were discussing budgetary and organizational problems of the Zionist movement in preparation for introduction of resolutions at the closing session of the Congress.

Negotiations have also been started among the various Zionist factions as to the composition of the new Zionist Executive. There was a strong desire among most factions that the Congress should come out united as this would strengthen the forthcoming fight against the British policy. Despite the fact that the General Zionist "B" faction announced

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REICH CONSUL ADVISED TAMPA U. TO CURB JEWS DIES BODY TOLD; OFFERED NAZI BOOKS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.(JTA)-- The German Consul at New Orleans attempted to influence the University of Tampa (Fla.) to engage an "adequate" German professor and to establish restrictions on Jews. Dr. John Harvey Sherman, president of the University, told the Dies Committee today.

The Consul, Baron Edgar Freiherr Spiegel von und zu Peckelsheim, sought to exercise pressure on the university by tying conditions to a proffer of books to the institution's library. Dr. Sherman testified, adding that the consul had said the practice of offering books was followed in other colleges to encourage the study of German.

Asked by Committee Counsel Rhea Whitley whether the Baron had referred to Jews during their conversation Dr. Sherman replied:

"The Baron told me he thought the fact that we had no restriction on Jews at our college and that we had Jews on our board of trustees and on the faculty was a mistake, and that eventually we would regret it."

The university president said a stranger named Ernest Berger called him on the telephone saying he had a friend who could be induced to give books to the library. An appointment was made for March 16 1938 but before then Berger telephoned to say that his friend the German consul could not keep the appointment because of business.

"This was the first I knew of who the donor was and it started me thinking," said Dr. Sherman who is a former World War aviator. When the Baron arrived Dr. Sherman asked if he was giving the books and the consul replied: "Not I but my Government." The books offered were in German and about the "new Germany."

Dr. Sherman said he talked over the Baron's activities with President Rufus Harris of Tulane University at a meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges in Memphis last March. Mr. Harris was aroused over the consul's activities at Tulane, saying he "snuggled up to members of his faculty effectively," according to Dr. Sherman.

Chairman Martin Dies asked if Dr. Sherman regarded the offer of books "as an effort to propagandize for the Nazis." The witness replied: "Yes."

Before the committee adjourned for the day Mr. Dies said he expected the Justice Department to file charges soon against the German-American Bund for failure to register with the State Department as foreign agents. He said he hoped the issue could be tried in the Federal courts so that if the leaders were guilty they would go to the penitentiary.

Mr. Dies said he would also ask State Governments to revoke the charters of un-American organizations.

SENATOR WALSH URGES UNITY OF RELIGIOUS PEOPLES IN FIGHTING INTOLERANCE

NEWPORT, R.I. Aug. 21. (JTA)-- America's religious-minded people should be united in opposing intolerance and race-hatred, Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts declared yesterday at ceremonies marking dedication of a statue to civil and religious liberty which was presented to this 300-year-old city by the Newport Jewish Congregation.

"Wherever in the world religion lies crushed and races are being persecuted, tyranny is enthroned," Senator Walsh asserted. Denouncing "cruel and terrorizing persecution" in Germany, he warned Americans that many developments "may well give us concern and cause us to take heed to the need of eternal vigilance."

Highlight of the ceremonies was the reenactment of George Washington's visit to the Jewish congregation in 1790 when he delivered his famous message on religious and civil liberty. Flanked by a color guard of the Newport Artillery Regiment in colonial costume, W. Selden Washington, President Washington's great-great-grandnephew, was greeted by Elward Jonas Phillips, direct descendant of Moses Seixas, who greeted Washington 149 years ago, and repeated the first President's message.

ICKES ORDERS PORTO RICO BODY TO AID REFUGEE GROUP IN SETTLEMENT PROBLEM

WASHINGTON Aug. 21. (JTA)-- The Puerto Rico Reconstruction Administration in San Juan has been instructed to make available to a German refugee committee all information-al data in the resettlement of a group of German refugees in the Dominican Republic, it has been announced by PRRA Administrator Harold L. Ickes.

"I am pleased to be able to assist, even in this small way, those who have been forced to leave their homelands and seek refuge in the New World," Mr. Ickes said in a letter to the committee at Trujillo City, D.R. The committee, headed by Dr. Brunner Ehrenhaft, is known as the Centro de Inmigrantes en la Republica Dominicana.

Data which the PRRA has compiled during five years' experience in rural resettlement will be turned over to the committee in Santo Domingo, where climate and soil conditions are similar to those in Puerto Rico. This material is a record of the most comprehensive resettlement program ever initiated in the Caribbean area.

EXPLORER STEFANSSON HOLDS ALASKA CAN SUPPORT 20,000,000

NEW YORK, Aug. 21. (JTA)-- Alaska, which now has a population of 60,000 can comfortably support a population of at least 20,000,000, it was declared by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer who cooperated in gathering information for the Interior Department's Alaskan survey, in an interview with the New York Herald Tribune.

The report was fair and accurate, except for underestimating the seriousness of the mosquito problem, Mr. Stefansson said. The extensive settlement and development recommended in the survey can be accomplished through the efforts of corporations, American style, and cooperatives, Scandinavian style, "pulling in double harness," he declared.

NEWS GUILD HITS ANTI-SEMITISM. ASSAILS COUGHLIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21. (JTA)-- The sixth annual convention of the American Newspaper Guild has adopted resolutions condemning anti-Semitism and denouncing Charles E. Coughlin, Detroit radio priest, but refused to recommend disciplinary action against Coughlin by his religious superiors.

The resolution on anti-Semitism scored "barbarous persecutions" in Germany and attempts to divide "supporters of democracy on racial and religious lines" in this country and resolved "that we must take measures to have introduced and caused to be passed all legislation" in defense of racial and religious liberty.

The Coughlin resolution condemned him as "an enemy of progressive unionism, a har-binger of Fascism, a would be strikebreaker." The original resolution, introduced by Jack Morris of Chicago, was amended on suggestion of President Haywood Brown to omit the words "Father." "Reverend" and all reference to the Catholic Church on the ground that action to crack down on Coughlin would "open the door to discipline on the part of many other Catholic clergymen who might be on the other extreme."

NAZI PROPAGANDA METHODS LISTED IN BOOK ON SOUTH AMERICA

NEW YORK, Aug. 21 (JTA)-- Nazi and Fascist propaganda in South America is discussed by James T. Whitaker, American journalist, in a new book, "Americas to the South," published by Mac Millan Company.

Among the examples of Nazi propaganda Mr Whitaker gives are the indoctrinating of German children in Argentina with the idea that the democracies are "Jew-controlled" and radio broadcasts and newsreels in Brazil calling the United States a "Jewish Shylock." Efforts are being made by the "unholy alliance" of Germany, Italy and Japan to interfere with Latin American trade relations with the United States, he asserts.

BRUNO WALTER'S DAUGHTER SLAIN BY GERMAN HUSBAND

ZURICH, Switzerland, Aug. 21. (JTA)-- The daughter of Bruno Walter, exiled German-Jewish conductor, has been shot dead by her German non-Jewish husband, who then took his own life. The tragedy of the refugee couple became known today when Herr Walter cancelled an engagement to lead the Mozart Music Festival at Lucerne, Arturo Toscanini agreeing to substitute for him. The husband, who was named Neppach, killed himself in his apartment after firing two revolver shots at her, according to an announcement last Friday which merely said that a "foreign architect" had committed suicide after having slain his wife.

Reich Refugee Doctor Suicide

WALTHAM, Mass., Aug. 21. (JTA)-- A German Jewish refugee, Dr. Kurt Rosenmeyer, 43, who was living in New York, hanged himself today in the home of a former classmate. According to a medical examiner's report, the refugee "committed suicide by hanging while insane."

VIENNA NAZIS LEAD POGROM MOB IN BRATISLAVA

LONDON (JTA)-- The J.T. A. learns from Bratislava that the Jewish pogrom there lasted through the whole of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11 - 15. Many Jews were injured by the pogromists and many more arrested by the police.

The two large synagogues in the city were completely demolished. All the Jewish cafes, houses and shops in the Klarissengasse, Schlossenstrasse, Kapucinergasse and Judengasse were wrecked.

Many Nazis brought specially from Vienna took part in the pogrom.

The "Times" gave the following account of the Bratislava pogrom:-

A large mob, composed chiefly of Germans with a smattering of Slovaks and led by a group of German youth, poured in the crowded streets of Bratislava's ancient Jewish quarter in the small hours of Saturday morning, looting and demolishing Jewish homes, shops, and synagogues. Windows were smashed, furniture destroyed, goods scattered in the streets, and many of the occupants of the quarter were badly injured. In the synagogue the furnishings were broken up, the rolls of the Scripture soiled and torn, and many gold and silver ornaments stolen. Rioters entered one synagogue and turned on all the water hydrants, flooding the entire structure.

The police who were called the instant the trouble started, did not arrive at the scene of the riots until the disturbance was over, nearly four hours later. No arrests were made, but on Saturday and Sunday the entire district was surrounded by police patrols. It is generally suspected that the pogrom was inspired by Herr Karmasin, leader of the German minority in Slovakia, on the pretext that members of the Freiwillige Schutzcorps, the Storm Troopers of the Germans in Slovakia, had been attacked and beaten by Jews in the streets of the ghetto. The true purpose of the riot seems to have been to intimidate Jewry in Slovakia, to hasten emigration and to prevent Jews and Hungarians from spending their summer vacation in the Slovakian mountain resorts.

REVISIONIST LEADER ARRESTED IN PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The authorities today arrested Dr. David Bukspann, chairman of the extremist Zionist-Revisionist organization here. The Palestine Government recently refused to give Dr. Bukspann a passport after he had been naturalized.

PAUL EHRLICH STREET PLANNED IN AMSTERDAM

AMSTERDAM, (JTA) -- Commenting on the proposal made by the Mayor and the Aldermen of Amsterdam to name one of the streets in the city after Prof. Paul Ehrlich, the large Amsterdam paper Het Volk, writes:

"We welcome the proposal of the Mayor and the Town Councillors not only because it does honor to the work of Ehrlich, but also for other reasons. For the name and the work of Dr. Paul Ehrlich are ignored and even decried in his own country because he was a Jew. For this reason his name must not be mentioned in Germany, nor that he earned the gratitude of suffering humanity by his scientific work for which the world rewarded him with the Nobel Prize in 1906. We, therefore, consider it as an extremely happy thought to name a street near the railway station after Professor Ehrlich, so that any foreigner visiting our capital may know at once that Amsterdam has remained faithful to its traditions of tolerance."

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today it would not participate in plenary sessions and committee meetings, there was no doubt that even this group would find a way to be represented in the Executive and that the differences between this group and the Congress majority would be straightened out.

American delegates were represented in all committees and were displaying great activity.

Acknowledgment given to the American Zionist movement by Mr. Shertok in his speech closing the general debate, in which he recommended that part of the Executive be stationed in Washington in view of the great role which American Zionism might yet play in combating the White Paper, gave strong impetus to members of the American delegation.

Differences of opinion noticeable in this delegation until today, especially over Rabbi Silver's address opposing illegal immigration, had been practically straightened out so that the 63 delegates of the Zionist Organization of America and Hadassah were functioning as a solid unit.

Though the extremist Zionist-Revisionists are not represented in the Congress, their military organization, the Irgun Zvai Leumi (Jewish National Military Organization) displayed posters in the Congress building attacking "Zionist pacifists." They also called a press conference today at which they declared that the present Congress was detrimental to the interests of the Jews in Palestine and called for action similar to that taken by the Irish Republican Army in England. The Congress therefore found it necessary to issue tonight an official communique declaring that this Revisionist organization had no connection with the Congress, the Zionist Organization or the Jewish Agency for Palestine.