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CONGRESS WIND-UP SET FOR THURSDAY AS TENSION MOUNTS; PALESTINE LEADERS DEPARTING

GENEVA, Aug.22.(JTA)-- Under spur of the tense international situation, Zionist leaders acted today to wind up the 21st biennial World Zionist Congress here not later than Thursday.

The rapidly developing crisis prompted convocation of an emergency meeting of the Zionist Executive and the Congress praesidium, at which it was decided to conclude the Congress, which has been in session since last Wednesday night, at the earliest possible moment.

Originally scheduled to last two weeks, the Congress session had already been ordered to end on Friday as a result of fears that many of the thousand or more delegates and guests might be stranded here in the event of war.

Commissions have been instructed to speed up their work for a Thursday closing. Efforts have been made, at the same time, to simplify parliamentary procedure to enable the Congress to handle its remaining business with the least possible delay.

No public announcement of these developments is being made here, to avoid alarming the delegates and guests, but the Zionist Executive issued the following communique to the press: "According to a decision of the Congress, especially in view of the tense international situation, the various commissions must conclude their work in the shortest possible time."

As a result of today's meeting, a number of Palestine leaders, including Moshe Shertok and Bernard Joseph, may fly back today or tomorrow. Others will leave Geneva tomorrow to catch the Palestine boat at Marseilles on Thursday, since it is regarded as necessary that some leaders be in the Holy Land at this critical period.

It is assumed by Congress leaders that other delegations will leave without waiting for the session to conclude. Representatives of the Polish delegation conferred in that connection with the Polish Consul here.

Meanwhile, negotiations with regard to a new Zionist Executive have been hurriedly initiated. Dr. M. Kleinbaum of Poland suggested to the political commission that Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president, and David Ben Gurion, chairman, be entrusted with formation of a new Executive on the principle that the Premier should form his own Cabinet. He pointed out that Dr. Weizmann and Ben Gurion would be re-elected in any case, the strength of the parties represented at this Congress being the same as prevailed at the session two years ago.

WAR REGISTRATION OF BRITONS STARTS IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22. (JTA)-- Registration of British subjects for wartime military service and civilian defense was begun throughout Palestine today.

DIES USES SOVIET-NAZI PACT TO REFUTE ANTI-SEMITE'S LINKING OF JEWS TO REDS

WASHINGTON, Aug.22.(JTA)-- Chairman Martin Dies of the House Committee on Un-American Activities today used the impending Russo-German non-aggression treaty to refute an anti-Semite's assertion that Jews were responsible for Communism.

Henry D. Allen, of Pasadena, California, former member of the Silver Shirts and organizer of the defunct American White Guards, testified that Jews started Communism in Russia.

"That probably explains why Germany and Russia are getting together now," commented Dies caustically.

The part of the examination in which this reference came was as follows:

Allen: "We know from documentary evidence that the Jews are the founders, promoters, financiers and agitators of Communism."

Rep. J. Parnell Thomas: "Don't you know that the communistic leaders in the United States are not Jews and don't you think it wrong to use that phrase accordingly?"

Allen: "No, sir."

Dies: "You mean the Jews started Communism in Russia?"

Allen: "Yes."

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Previously, Allen had testified that Silver Shirt meetings were held in German-American House in Los Angeles, headquarters of the Friends of New Germany, until the McCormack Committee began investigating un-American activities in 1934. Then the Silver Shirts became inactive or "sub-rosa," he said, holding no more open meetings.

Asked by Committee Counsel Rhea Whitley if William Dudley Pelley, Silver Shirt head, was anti-Jewish, Allen said: "The flavor of Pelley's speeches was that you couldn't talk about Communism without talking about the Jews. He attacked Communism and identified the Jews behind it." He added that Pelley did not approve of the Nazi regime except that "Hitler rid Germany of the Jews."

Allen said the German-American Bund and the Silver Shirts exchanged literature and attended each other's meetings. At meetings of both organizations, he said, there was distributed "literature of all groups combating Jewish Communism," including releases of the German World-Service.

NEW COLONY COMPLETES 10-YEAR EMEK HEFER SETTLEMENT PLAN

JERUSALEM, Aug.22.(JTA)-- A new Jewish colony, to be occupied by 25 families from Germany and 15 native-born families, was founded today northeast of Nathania.

The colony completes a plan of settlement of small-holders' groups in the Emek Hefer. It is located on 680 dunams (140 acres) of land owned by the Jewish National Fund, Zionist land purchasing agency.

A 10-year development plan has transformed the malarious swamps and barren sand dunes inhabited once by a few dozen Bedouin into a rich farming country of 20 Jewish settlements and 3,000 inhabitants.

NEW REFUGEE-AID PLAN TIED TO PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION OF AFRICAN COLONIES

LONDON, Aug.22.(JTA)-- A multi-power plan for large-scale resettlement of Jewish refugees, involving the cooperation of Germany and the progressive internationalization of African colonies, was put forward today by Sir Arnold Wilson, anti-Zionist Conservative M. P., in a letter published by the New Statesman and Nation.

Sir Arnold suggested that the British Government sponsor the plan as part of a policy embracing three offers to Germany in the event the latter was prepared to abandon force as a means of attaining her ends.

The offers, Sir Arnold said, should be directed toward a solution of Germany's three main problems, namely, the Jewish problem, "Lebensraum" and her inferiority complex. He suggested that the declaration of policy, offering solution of Germany's and Italy's economic positions and progressive internationalization of African colonies, should contain as its first point the announcement that Britain is prepared in collaboration with Germany and other powers to initiate and to sponsor a scheme of Jewish settlement on a large scale, beginning with British Guiana."

TO FORM INTERFAITH GROUP TO PRESS COLONIZATION OF NEGEB AREA

LONDON, Aug.22. (JTA)-- It was learned here today that Theodor A. L. Zissu, initiator of a plan to open the Negeb area in southern Palestine to Jewish colonization, will shortly organize a committee of Jews and non-Jews to promote the project in view of Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald's readiness to consider its possibilities. Mr. MacDonald is scheduled to confer on the plan with High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael, who is coming here from Jerusalem on a visit.

ITALY CLOSES JEWISH REFUGEE BODY IN MOVE TO DISCOURAGE FURTHER INFLUX

ROME, Aug. 22.(JTA)-- The Italian authorities have ordered shutdown of the Jewish Refugee Committee headquarters in Milan and branches throughout the country, it was learned today. No reason for the action was given, although it was believed connected with the recent entry of more than 1,000 German Jewish refugees on six-month tourist permits.

The Government, it was understood, is anxious to discourage entry of refugees with insufficient funds at their disposal. The authorities also contend that there is no need for a refugee committee since all foreign Jews legally were supposed to have left the country before March 12 last.

Efforts are being made to convince the Government of the necessity to permit the committee to function. The matter may possibly be decided by Premier Benito Mussolini himself. Meanwhile, an estimated 1,500 refugees have been deprived of the committee's aid.

MORE JEWISH FIRMS LISTED FOR "ARYANIZATION" IN ITALY

ROME, Aug. 22.(JTA).-- A second list of Jewish firms scheduled for "aryanization" under the Italian anti-Semitic legislation was made public here today.

The list includes four industrial enterprises with a personnel of 2,125 employes. At the end of two months, commissars will be appointed for a six-month term during which the firms will be turned over to "Aryan" interests.

The owners of the enterprises being "Aryanized" have a right to protest if they feel that they are being underpaid. The protest will be acted upon by three judges, one choosen by the Jew, one by the prospective purchaser and one by the Finance Minister. The protest may be annulled, however, if the Jew is unable to find a judge to argue his case.

It is now expected that small Jewish businesses, hitherto not affected by the racial legislation, will be the next to suffer through refusal of the authorities to grant them new licenses.

800 EXILES LAND ON TEL AVIV BEACH AS THRONG WATCHES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22.(JTA).-- The Greek steamer Parita, flying the Zionist flag, today landed more than 800 Jewish refugees on the seashore of this all Jewish city in full view of thousands of spectators. Police cordoned off the beach.

The small 180-ton vessel had apparently successfully run the blockade of the Palestine coastline maintained by the British coast guard and warships to keep steamers from illegally landing their refugee passengers.

The Parita last week was reported to have tried unsuccessfully to disembark its passengers at Smyrna, Turkey, after having wandered the Mediterranean for weeks in search of a port that would accept them. A riot occurred on the ship when the Turkish authorities ordered it to put out to sea and three of the refugees were reportedly killed.

390 Who Landed at Nathania Freed

HAIFA, Aug.22.(JTA)-- It was announced today that 390 of the refugees who landed on the beach at Nathania on Saturday after being put off in small boats from the Greek steamship Aghios Incholaus 30 miles out have been released from detention.

Refugee Camp Being Built in Palestine

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22.(JTA)-- Construction of a camp accomodating 2,000 persons, apparently designed to house illegal Jewish immigrants, was begun today on the seashore at Athlit, south of Haifa. The camp is being built with British Government funds and can be transformed into a military camp in an emergency. A similar project is planned for Sarafend, southeast of Jaffa.

French Border Police Accused of Extortion

PARIS, Aug.22(JTA).-- Dispatches from Nice said today that French border police officials have been exposed as practicing extortion at the expense of Jewish refugees entering France illegally from Italy.

Among officials involved, it was reported, is Inspector Augustin Francal, formerly senior police officer at the French frontier post of Breil-sur-Royat, on the Italian frontier near Nice. Francal, who in the meantime has been shifted to a Spanish frontier post, has been arrested on extortion charges.

FRENCH WRITER EXPLAINS WHY NAZIS WANT TO INTERNATIONALIZE ANTI-SEMITISM

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The Nazis, Kerillis states, want their allies to have a common enemy with them, namely, the Jews. Secondly, anti-Semitism is a means to break the national unity of democratic countries. Thirdly, Germany regards the "assimilation" of the Jews in England, France, Holland and, to a lesser degree, in the United States as a refutation of her own doctrines of anti-Semitism.

"How is one to explain," he asks, "the important place which a Disraeli occupied in English history? How is one to explain the fact that the American people have again and again elected Lehman as Governor of the State of New York? How is one to explain the fact that Great Britain has entrusted to Hore-Belisha the immense work of rearmament? How is one to explain the fact that the most intimate counsellor of Clemenceau and one of the most far-seeing Ministers of the present French Government is another Jew M. Georges Mandel?

"Germany," Kerillis continues, "regards these striking examples as well as the no less striking examples of Jewish scientists who are active in all the fields of scientific progress a veritable danger for her ideological doctrines, especially so far as an internal propaganda is concerned.

"The Nazi revolution," he further explains, "not only attacks modern political ideas, but also the modern spiritual world. It wishes to destroy all the moral values of the Judeo-Christian civilization and it believes that the Jewish religion, in particular, is most vulnerable because of its numerical weakness and its general dispersion. To attack the Jewish religion means merely to apply the methods which served the Nazis so well in Germany, namely, the methods of destroying the weakest and the most vulnerable enemies at first.

"Anti-Semitism," Kerillis concludes, "is nothing but a prelude to an implacable war against Catholicism and traditional Protestantism, which are hated as much as Judaism because they are impregnated with the Biblical spirit and founded by Christ and his apostles in whose veins Jewish blood flowed."

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DUSHKIN NAMED DIRECTOR OF NEW YORK JEWISH EDUCATION GROUP

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.(JTA)-- Dr. Alexander Dushkin, former director of the Chicago Bureau of Jewish Education, who recently arrived here from Palestine where he served as Professor of Education at the Hebrew University, has been named executive director of the New York Committee for Jewish Education, which is expected to begin functioning next year.

The committee, headed by Supreme Court Justice Samuel I. Rosenman, will coordinate the activities of various local groups interested in Jewish learning. It will seek to expand educational activities and to aid in the financing of Jewish education.

LATE WASHINGTON NEWS
Allen Admits Reich, Italian Aid In Fight on Jews

WASHINGTON, Aug.22.(JTA)-- Henry D. Allen, California anti-Semitic agitator, told the Dies Committee this afternoon he had received advice from the Italian and German Embassies in Washington on how to combat the Jews. Allen said that in January, 1938, he saw Signor Cosmelli, Counsellor of the Italian Embassy, who told him how to work against "Jewish Communists" here. Cosmelli said "he hoped we'd succeed," Allen declared.

The former Silver Shirt leader at first denied going to the German Embassy. He finally admitted, under questioning by Committee Counsel Rhea Whitley, that in January, 1938, he had a long conversation with an "unknown" official at the Reich Embassy, who told him how the Germans were getting rid of the Jews.

Allen said he told the official that Hermann Schwinn and Arno Rosse, West Coast leaders of the German-American Bund, were doing "fine work" and also expressed gratitude for receipt of the German World-Service, anti-Semitic propaganda service. Asked if the official was Hans Thomsen, Counsellor of the German Embassy, Allen said he could not remember.

The witness also testified that he called on James True, Washington anti-Semitic propagandist, George Deatherage, head of the Knights of the White Camelia, in West Virginia, and the Rev. Gerald Winrod, anti-Jewish preacher, in Kansas.

Allen said it was he who arranged for the picketing of the Mayflower Hotel in Washington during the National Conference for Palestine. He paid the pickets $2 "as a friendly gesture toward the Arabs against occupation of Palestine by the Jews." The money, he said, came from Conrad Chapman, formerly located in California, with a Mrs. Fry, who has now returned to England.