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CONGRESS REJECTS WHITE PAPER, CHALLENGING "MORAL, LEGAL VALIDITY"; ADJOURNS TODAY

GENEVA, Aug. 23. (JTA)-- A resolution challenging the "moral and legal validity" of Britain's new Palestine policy and rejecting it as a violation of Jewish rights was drafted today by the political commission of the 21st biennial World Zionist Congress and is expected to be adopted unanimously, according to an official statement, at tomorrow's plenary session.

Tomorrow's session is expected to mark the closing of the Congress since the more than 600 delegates, especially those from Palestine and Poland, are anxious to rush home in view of the international crisis. The Congress, which opened on Aug. 16, was originally scheduled to last two weeks.

The resolution declares that the British policy is impracticable and cannot lead to peace in Palestine. The Jews, it asserts, cannot acquiesce to being reduced to the status of a minority in the Jewish national home, subjected to Arab rule. It charges that the British White Paper ignores international recognition, contained in the Palestine mandate, of the Jews' historic right to return to Palestine.

The new immigration policy is denounced as a complete reversal of the mandatory obligation to facilitate immigration at a time when the greatest need for such immigration exists. The new land policy is termed a violation of the mandate which, it is stated, will injure the interests of the Arab cultivator. The resolution voices "the strongest possible protest against the discriminatory character of this legislation" and reaffirms that the mandatory obligations were undertaken to the whole Jewish people, not only to the Jews of Palestine.

Other resolutions were drafted by the political commission protesting against Britain's six-month ban on Jewish immigration to Palestine beginning Oct. 1; expressing appreciation to members of all parties in the British Parliament who "understood Jewish needs" and appeals to the British people to uphold the sanctity of international pledges, and welcoming the report of the League of Nations Mandates Commission which held the British policy to be contrary to the mandate.

The organization committee adopted a ten-point resolution recommending that the size of the Congress be henceforth reduced to 500 delegates, and calling for certain reforms in election of delegates.

A meeting of the American General Zionist group, comprising the delegates of the Zionist Organization of America and Hadassah, proposed that Mrs. Rose Jacobs, of New York,

member of the Palestine Executive of the Jewish Agency, be elected to the World Zionist Executive with headquarters in London.

Meanwhile, the Irgun Zvai Leumi (Jewish National Military Organization) affiliated with the extremist Zionist-Revisionists, who are not represented in the Congress, issued a statement denying an assertion in a German radio broadcast that the group was pursuing an anti-British policy.

"That is false," the statement said. "The Irgun is opposed to the present British policy on Palestine but is pursuing a policy of seeking Anglo-French support for establishment of a Jewish state."

PALESTINE IMPORTE FOOD, PRESSES A. R. P. PLANS IN WAR CRISIS

JERUSALEM, (JTA)--Intensive air raid precautions and stocking up of food supplies reflect Palestine's nervousness over the international crisis.

Major A. D. Spark, A. R. P. expert called from England by the Palestine Government, has visited towns throughout the country, conferring with municipal and Public Works Department engineers on air raid safety measures. He has also promoted formation of volunteer A. R. P. organizations and women's first aid groups.

Heavy imports of foodstuffs, especially wheat, in an effort to build up a reserve in case the Holy Land is cut off from sources of supply, have been largely inspired by the Jewish Agency for Palestine and carried out through financial assistance to merchants.

As a result, imports of food, drink and tobacco have shown an increase of more than 35 per cent over last year, according to figures published by the Government Office of Statistics. Total imports in this classification amounted to £ 325,697 in February of this year, an increase of £ 87,397 over February, 1938. Most of the increase was in importations of wheat, of which heavy stores are being accumulated.

One of Palestine's principal sources of food supply has been cut off indefinitely by the order of the French High Commissioner for Syria and Lebanon placing an embargo on all exports of a number of principal foodstuffs as well as several other important products. The embargo includes live animals, milk and dairy produce, potatoes, peas, beans and lentils; wheat, barley, oats, maize and millet; flour, coffee and tea; sugar and confectionery; pharmaceutical products, leather and hides, rubber and rubber products, and wool and cotton.

This measure is interpreted here as aimed, at least partially, to conserve supplies against possible outbreak of war. It is recalled that during the Czecho-Slovak crisis last Autumn both Syria and Egypt imposed embargoes on export of foodstuffs, causing near-panic in Palestine.

U.S. CONSULATE IN LONDON LAYS ASIDE REFUGEE CASES BECAUSE OF WAR SCARE

LONDON, Aug. 23.(JTA)-- Cases of refugees seeking to immigrate to the United States were put aside for at least a week by the American Consulate today because of the consulate's preoccupation with American tourists concerned over the possibility of war.

FIRST JEWISH FARM COLONY IN URUGUAY WINS PRAISE OF PRESS

MONTEVIDEO, Aug. 23. (JTA)-- Tres Arboles, first Jewish agricultural colony in Uruguay, was the subject of high praise today in the Uruguayan press.

Commenting on the colony's annual general meeting, the newspaper El Plato said the settlement provided an "illuminating example of what should be done in our own national economy." It added that the colony's success "must have a favorable influence on the immigration of Jews to Uruguay." El Imparcial declared the colony was living refutation of allegations by anti-Semites that Jews did not make good agricultural workers. "The Jews," it said, "are good colonists."

BORIS PREGEL, FRENCH PHILANTHROPIST, NAMED TO LEGION OF HONOR

PARIS, Aug. 23. (JTA)-- Boris Pregel, well-known French Jewish philanthropist, has been made an officer in the French Legion of Honor in recognition of his services as head of the International Organization to Fight Cancer. Mr. Pregel is vice-president of the executive committee of the Jewish Health Society (OSE) and vice-president of the French Pro-Palestine Committee.

DIES BODY ASKS PERJURY INDICTMENT OF SILVER SHIRT AGENT; SABOTAGE EFFORT CHARGED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The Dies Committee today recommended indictment for perjury of Fraser Gardner, Washington "legislative research expert," who applied to the committee for a job as investigator while allegedly having connections with William Dudley Pelley, head of the Silver Shirts.

Chairman Martin Dies, announcing that the United States District Attorney for the District of Columbia would be asked to act, said that this morning's session of the committee had revealed "a clear case that the Silver Shirts have undertaken to secure information in advance and to sabotage this investigation."

Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, New Jersey, said: "I am in favor of going the limit and making an example of him. There has been too much of this going on." Rep. Voorhis declared: "It is perfectly plain that he is in very close contact with Pelley. His statements are pure subterfuge and merely a dodge. He intended to benefit Pelley and others associated with him."

Pelley will be called before the committee if he can be found, it was stated.

In February, 1938, Gardner sought a job as investigator. Today he was called before the committee in executive session. A stenographic record of the hearing was later read to an open session of the committee.

In executive session Gardner was asked by Committee Counsel Rhea Whitley if he still wanted the job. He replied affirmatively. He was asked if he had any connection which would prevent him from doing "full duty" and render "impartial service." He was also asked whether he was connected with any group under investigation, such as the Bund, Pelley's organization, etc. He declared he was not.

But at the open hearing, after Whitley confronted him with telegrams signed "W.D." and "W.D.P." which asked Gardner to render various services he admitted that "they might be from Pelley." He said he had half a dozen telephone conversations with Pelley this year regarding the Wagner-Rogers refugee bill. He admitted being on the payroll of the Skyland Press, publisher of Pelley's periodical, Liberation, and confessed having been director of the American Protective League, an anti-Semitic organization.

Gardner, it was disclosed, was recommended to the committee for appointment by high-ranking officials in the Government and by several democratic senators, including Millard E. Tydings of Maryland.

George E. Sullivan, Washington lawyer, told the committee that Gardner came to his office and offered to sell him or any of his clients inside information on the Dies Committee. Gardner, called back to the witness stand, said he had gone to Sullivan, who is an anti-Communist, not to sell information but to work with him in order to get information to be given gratis to the committee. The committee was obviously skeptical of this explanation.

When informed by the committee that he had perjured himself, Gardner told the committee: "As God is my witness and may I never leave this seat if I am not telling the truth. I never was paid by William Dudley Pelley. Mr. Pelley never knew of my seeking a job with the committee."

The examination of Henry D. Allen, California anti-Semite, will be resumed tomorrow.