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U. S. ZIONISTS QUIT GENEVA TODAY AS WAR MENACE GROWS; AGENCY BODY CANCELS SESSION

GENEVA, Aug. 24.(JTA)--- Rumors that Swiss frontiers would be closed at midnight--denied by the Swiss authorities and French and Italian Consulates--today caused apprehension among delegates to the 21st biennial World Zionist Congress, many of whom hurried across the border into France without waiting for adjournment of the Congress.

The 100-odd American delegates reserved a special train to take them to France tomorrow morning. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Zionist president, planned to leave for London tonight.

Dr. Weizmann, David Ben Gurion, Dr. Maurice J. Karpf, of New York, and other members of the Jewish Agency Executive decided to call off the biennial meeting of the Jewish Agency Council scheduled for the end of the month and maintain the present composition of the Executive, giving the Jewish Agency Administrative Committee the right to add new members to the Executive.

The Zionist Congress, rushing toward expected adjournment tonight, met in plenary session this morning and began voting final resolutions (reported in yesterday's JTA NEWS).

The General Zionist "B" faction returned to the Congress sessions, from which the group walked out on Tuesday.

It was officially announced that reelection of the present Zionist Executive was certain, with the addition of a few members.

ALL OFFICIALS RECALLED AS PALESTINE GIRDS FOR WAR

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24.(JTA)--- Europe's war crisis today stirred activity in Palestine, strategic British-mandated territory on the Mediterranean. The leaves of High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael and other high Government officials were cancelled and they were ordered to return to Palestine immediately. MacMichael had left for a vacation in England.

James S. McPherson, Government Chief Secretary, conferred with Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, and Dov Hos, Vice-Mayor of Tel Aviv, while Sydney Moody, Assistant Chief Secretary, conferred with all District Commissioners.

(The United Press said in a Jerusalem dispatch that the Government was reported reliably to be considering sympathetically a proposal of Zionist leaders that 50,000 Jews be recruited to form special legions in the event of war. The legions would include illegal immigrants, the report said.)

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Nation-wide precautions have been taken to guard against air raids. Women's volunteer first-aid committees have been formed. Jewish organizations have laid in a large stock of staple foodstuffs, especially wheat, fearing that foreign supplies may be cut off in the event of European hostilities.

The newspaper Hayarden, organ of the extremist Zionist-Revisionists, was suspended today by the authorities for publishing news about the Irgun Zvai Leumi, "Jewish National Military Organization" promoted by the Revisionists.

Jewish Boy, Man Slain By Terrorists

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24.(JTA) -- A seven-year-old Jewish boy was fatally wounded, a Jewish woman was seriously injured and another slightly injured today when a bus en route from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem was fired upon near Sarid.

A Jew was fatally wounded and two were slightly injured last night when a bus en route from Haifa to the Nevei Shanan suburb was fired upon in the Arab quarter. The fatality was David Gulko, 25, who left a wife and child.

The authorities rescinded a ban on night patrols of Jewish supernumeraries in the Southern District and Sharon Valley, ordered last week because of Arab accusations that Jews were dynamiting Arab houses in the areas. The motorized patrol, operating between 2 p.m. and 5 a.m., is considered among the most efficient defense units against terrorism.

Illegal Entry Penalties Increased

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24.(JTA) -- The Government announced today in the official Palestine Gazette a measure increasing the term of imprisonment from two to eight years for aiding, abetting or harboring illegal immigrants -- the third such increase in the past two years.

The measure also prohibits tourists from obtaining permanent visas while in Palestine. They are required to leave for abroad to obtain permanent immigration certificates. Jewish circles declared the order would cause extreme hardship to thousands now temporarily resident in Palestine who are awaiting entry certificates.

Reports from Beirut said the Syrian Coast Guard captured a steamship carrying 800 Jewish refugees. The ship was subsequently released and sailed in the direction of Cyprus. Lebanese police arrested 27 Jewish illegal immigrants attempting to enter Palestine after disembarking from a Lebanese sailboat.

PEGLER PREDICTS ANTI-NAZI REDS HERE WILL QUIT COMMUNIST PARTY

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.(JTA) -- Westbrook Pegler, New York World-Telegram columnist, declared today that as a result of the Russo-German non-aggression pact, "these American Communists, particularly the Jews among them, who hate Nazism and hoped that Stalinism was somehow different, will begin to edge away from their affiliation."

"This deal between the two dictators will compel an honest examination of Nazism and Communism not by a few but by many millions, and that inspection will reveal beyond any honest man's ability to doubt that the difference is only one of labels," Pegler wrote.

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Heywood Broun, another World-Telegram columnist, analyzed the position of those Americans who had supported Hitler on the ground that he was the man to save the world from Bolshevism. He quoted an editorial in the Hearst newspapers which supported a four-power pact among Germany, Italy, England and France as uniting "the sane and civilized and intelligently progressive nations of Europe against the destructively radical and revolutionary nations." On the basis of this quotation, Broun challenged Hearst to say whether Nazi anti-Semitism and other manifestations of Hitlerism were "sane and civilized and intelligently progressive."

TANGIER GROUP MAPS INDUSTRIAL AID FOR REFUGEES

TANGIER, Aug. 24.(JTA)-- A committee of prominent Frenchmen, Englishmen, Swiss, Moroccan Jews and new Jewish immigrants has been formed to study the establishment of new industries to provide work for a thousand Jewish emigres. The authorities have promised to support the project.

FASCIST HERE WARNS OF "JEWISH PLAN" TO CONFUSE AMERICANS ON RED-NAZI TIE

NEW YORK, Aug.24.(JTA)-- George E. Deatherage, of St. Albans, W.Va., head of the fascist Knights of the White Camelia, addressing several thousand persons last night at the Innisfail Stadium here, attributed the Russo-German non-aggression pact to "a great rebuilding of the Christian faith inside Russia," as well as pressure from outside, and warned his listeners of a "Jewish plan" to confuse Americans on the issue.

"I know what has been happening behind the scenes," he said. "It will surprise you to know there has been a great rebuilding of the Christian faith in Russia... Stalin didn't dare to do anything else (than agree to the pact). If he had mobilized, he would have been wiped out in 24 hours.. You are going to be confused. That is part of the Jewish plan. But keep your faith and you will be all right."

Deatherage joined Fritz Kuhn, head of the German-American Bund, in urging action against the "control of Jewish Communism" and "international Jewish bankers." Another speaker was Joseph McWilliams, leader of the Christian Mobilizers. It was announced that Major-General George Van Horn Moseley, retired, whom Deatherage is urging for national coordinator of Fascist groups, would address the second such rally in the same stadium on Sept. 2.

REICH-SOVIET PACT FIGURES IN DIES PROBE; SILVER SHIRT AGENT ENTANGLED

WASHINGTON, Aug.24.(JTA)- The Russo-German non-aggression pact was brought into a Dies Committee hearing today to embarrass an anti-Semite testifying that he favored militant action against "Jewish Communism."

Henry D. Allen, of Pasadena, Calif., already revealed as having connections with William Dudley Pelley's Silver Shirts, was closely questioned by Chairman Martin Dies until he was forced to admit in confusion that he did not know enough about Nazism and Fascism to comment.

Dies asked: "Are you opposed to Commu-Nazism? That's a new word I've coined now that Russia and Germany have got together."

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"I favor a purge of Jews and Communists," Allen replied. "I admire Hitler's method of curbing the stranglehold of the Jews on the Government of Germany."

Pointing out that Allen had cooperated with the Mexican Gold Shirts, the German-American Bund, the Italian Fascists and Arab groups, Rep. J. Parnell Thomas asked if he thought he was engaged in a patriotic undertaking. The witness replied affirmatively.

Thomas asked: "Then why do you work with foreigners to assist them in this truly American work?"

Allen: "We're working to fight the international enemy. Naturalized foreigners are better Americans than Jews."

Dies: "You'd work with any group to fight Jewish Communism?"

Allen: "Yes."

Dies: "In the light of present day events you would work with Russia? That's logical."

Allen: "I don't subscribe to Communistic ideas."

Dies: "You subscribe to Nazi ideas?"

Allen: "Only within the limits of its dealing with Jews."

Dies persisted in trying to show the "inconsistency" until Allen pleaded lack of knowledge.

Earlier, Allen was questioned about a letter he received from James True, Washington anti-Semitic propagandist, in 1938, saying: "If your friends want some pea-shooters, I've connections now for any quantity at the right price." Allen said the "pea-shooters" meant rifles and that he had discussed with True the need of weapons "to combat a possible Jewish-Communist uprising." Counsel Rhea Whitley brought out that Allen had a long criminal record, including a conviction for forgery.

LATE GENEVA NEWS

GENEVA, Aug. 24. (JTA)--- The Zionist Congress was expected to close after a session late tonight. Resolutions adopted during the day urged the Zionist Executive to develop Jewish maritime activities and establish a national institute to sponsor Jewish navigation and aviation; and urged the Executive to take steps to reduce Jewish unemployment in Palestine and aid the unemployed from Zionist national funds. A resolution introduced by former Congressman Herman B. Koppleman, of Hartford, Conn., demanded that the World Zionist Organization establish a commission to be known as the Industrial Credit Authority, with a \$ 50,000 allocation from the Zionist Executive, to raise money through a bond issue to aid industrial development in Palestine.

The Congress presidium expressed concern about the Palestinian and Polish delegations. No airplane accommodations for Palestine were available and delegates hesitated to book steamship passage, fearing that if war broke out while they were on the high seas they might be interned on the island of Rhodes or sent back to Europe.