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### PALESTINE GIRDS FOR WAR; 20,000 JEWISH CHAFFIRS SET FOR MOBILIZATION AS TROOPS LEAVE FOR EGYPT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- Preparations to put Palestine on a full war footing went forward rapidly today as heavy movements of British troops to Egypt got under way. To replace the troops, the Government prepared for mobilization of all categories of Jewish supernumeraries, whose number is estimated at 20,000.

The entire British army in Palestine, with the exception of two battalions, is under six hours' notice to leave for Egypt. The troops are destined for service on the Libyan frontier, where the military authorities have been informed 250,000 Italian troops are massed.

Hundreds of Jewish buses have been mobilized here and in Tel Aviv to provide transport for the troops.

The outcome of negotiations between Jewish leaders and the Government to fill defense vacancies with Jews has not yet been revealed. Meanwhile, however, all leaves of Jewish supernumeraries have been cancelled and Jewish volunteers have been told to stand by for emergency calls.

The Royal Air Force has begun mass flights in the direction of Egypt.

Many German Christians are leaving for Germany. The French Consul is preparing instructions for French citizens in the Holy Land.

Ship lines and airways have announced that communications on the Mediterranean have not been interrupted "for the time being."

Haifa will experience its first blackout on Monday.

### MacMichael Flies To Jerusalem

LONDON, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael left for Jerusalem by plane today.

PALESTINE, POLISH ZIONISTS STRANDED IN GENEVA; WAR AID TO BRITAIN PLEDGED

GENEVA, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- Palestinian and Polish delegates to the just-concluded World Zionist Congress were temporarily stranded in Switzerland by the war scare today, while 100 American and British delegates left on a chartered train for Paris this morning.

Two airplanes chartered to take 38 Palestinians, including David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Berl Katznelson, to Palestine tomorrow were grounded by refusal of countries over which they were to fly to permit passage.

Efforts were being made to charter an American Export liner for these and 200 other Palestinians to sail from Marseille. The French Consulate agreed to issue the necessary visas for transit across France.

Many of the American delegates were scheduled to sail from Le Havre next Wednesday for New York. Their departure was hastened by an official communique issued by the British Consulate warning that the Swiss frontier might be closed at any time and advising British subjects to leave Switzerland before midnight.

The 100-odd Polish delegates, whose collective visa calls for transit through Germany, considered themselves stranded and formed a committee to act on their plight. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Zionist representative in Geneva, intervened with the Italian consul to obtain permission for them to return to Poland via Italy.

A number of Polish delegates, meanwhile, have left for France with the intention of joining the French Army in the event war breaks out. Others, including Mendel Mozes, chief of the J.T.A.'s Warsaw bureau, decided to risk the trip to Poland via Italy and Hungary, after they had been advised they could reach the Polish frontier by tomorrow evening, before the situation grew more serious.

At the closing session of the Congress last night Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Zionist representative in Geneva, announced formation of a special committee to expedite transportation of delegates to their countries. With the departure of both Dr. Chaim Weizmann, world Zionist president, and Dr. Solomon Goldman, American Zionist president, a broadcast to New York which they were scheduled to make was cancelled.

The Congress, closing at one a.m., left a great deal of unfinished business to be disposed of by the Zionist General Council, which held a brief meeting this morning.

Confining itself to general matters, the Congress reelected its entire Executive, with Dr. Weizmann as president, and adopted general political resolutions opposing Britain's Palestine policy. At a separate conference it was agreed to maintain the Jewish Agency at its present 50-50 ratio of Zionists and non-Zionists with no new members added. Should Zionist groups insist on adding more members to the Jewish Agency Executive this could be decided some time later by the Jewish Agency Administrative Committee and Zionist General Council.

Overshadowing the closing session of the Congress was the international situation, and Dr. Weizmann, in a farewell speech before motoring to Paris en route to London, said, "I hope we see each other alive at the next Congress."

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Voicing a promise that the Zionists would stand by Britain in the event of war, the Zionist chieftain declared: "We have our grievances against England, as the political resolutions show, but England's troubles are our troubles, her battle is our battle."

To the Polish delegates, Dr. Weizmann addressed the hope that the Polish Jews would not share the fate of the German Jews.

Dr. Weizmann concluded with the Hebrew words, "Lehitraoth--shalom!" ("Until we meet again--peace!") While he kissed Menachem M. Ussishkin, chairman of the Congress, and heartily shook hands with every member of the presidium, the delegates sang "Hatikvah" (Hope), the Zionist anthem, and gave him a rousing ovation as he left the platform.

After his departure J. Kaplansky, of Palestine, introduced the political resolutions, which protest against Britain's Palestine policy, the six-month prohibition on Jewish immigration and projected restrictions on Jewish land purchase.

Discussing the international situation, Kaplansky sharply criticized Russia for the non-aggression pact with Germany and told the delegates that in the present situation the Jews and the Zionist movement must be on England's side.

Another resolution instructed the Zionist Executive to establish a committee to study Arab-Jewish relations in the political, economic and social fields and to explore the possibilities of cooperation. A further resolution expressed hope that Soviet Russia would change her attitude toward the Zionist movement and would lift the ban on emigration of Jews to Palestine.

The Congress concluded with singing of "Hatikvah" after final addresses by Ussishkin, Dr. Solomon Goldman, of Chicago, and Rabbi Mordecai Nurok of Latvia.

#### JEWS GIVE POLISH ARMY WAR EQUIPMENT AS SIGN OF LOYALTY

WARSAW, Aug. 25.(JTA) -- The Jewish Merchants Union today turned over to the Polish Army an anti-aircraft gun, three anti tank guns, three machine guns and one tank. High Government officials and representatives of the Polish Army were present at the ceremony.

Ex-Senator Raphael Szereszewski, prominent Jewish banker, in turning over the gift, pointed out the readiness of Polish Jews to sacrifice their lives in defense of Poland. Accepting the equipment in the name of the Army, Col. Jurasz said that "the loyal action of the Jewish merchants in Warsaw proves the readiness of our population to resist every action directed against us."

#### 40,000 REFUGEES IN BRITAIN FACE INTERNMENT

LONDON, Aug. 25.(JTA) -- The Home Office was expected today to make an early decision on its attitude, in the event of war, toward the 40,000 refugees now in England.

According to newspapers here, it may be decided to intern all male refugees temporarily and to release them individually as soon as the Home Office is satisfied with regard to their new status. A measure of supervision may also be employed through local police stations.

The German-Jewish Aid Committee announced today receipt of a cable from the Trinidad Jewish Association asking it to "convey to the Government the fact that the Jews of Trinidad, including refugees, are completely loyal to Britain." The cable said the refugees were all "mindful of the hospitality and gratefully pledge their support."

BELGIUM CLOSES BORDERS TO ALL FOREIGNERS

BRUSSELS, Aug. 25.-- The Justice Ministry announced tonight that no more foreigners would be admitted into Belgium because of the international situation.

BRAZIL TIGHTENS ENTRY LAWS; BANS PERMANENT STAY BY TOURISTS

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- The Brazilian Government enacted a law today forbidding immigrants who came as tourists to remain in the country.

The law prohibits issuance of permanent residence permits to such tourists, but excepts technicians of unquestioned ability who have three-year employment contracts and capitalists who undertake to create industries of value to Brazilian national interests. Also excepted from the terms of the law are artists and scientists of world renown, who will be permitted to remain under the immigration quotas of their respective countries of origin.

Tourists violating the law will be subject to severe punishment, including heavy fines and forced labor to the time of their deportation. Many Jewish tourists now in Brazil and others on the way are affected by the measure.

GERMAN WHO SPIED ON EXILES SEIZED IN STOCKHOLM

LONDON, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- It was reported from Stockholm today that the police have arrested and recommended for deportation a German who admitted he had come to Sweden to spy on Jewish refugees on behalf of the Weltdienst (World Service), Nazi propaganda agency with headquarters at Erfurt.

SO. AFRICAN FASCIST LEADER FINED, ASSAILED BY COURT FOR ANTI SEMITIC BOOK

WINDHOEK, Union of So. Africa, Aug. 25. (JTA) - General Manie Maritz, organizer of a South African Fascist group, was found guilty by a court here today of promoting hostility between races through sale and distribution of his book, "My Life and Struggle," which violently attacks the Jews. He was fined L 75 with the alternative of nine months' imprisonment. Judge Hoexter declared that the book was an example of "filthy, venomous, contemptible racial propaganda."

FIFTH OF 50,000 JEWISH DOCTORS IN WORLD HIT BY ANTI-SEMITIC LAWS, PARLEY TOLD

GENEVA, Aug. 21. (JTA-Airmail) - A world conference of Jewish physicians was informed by Dr. Julius Brutzkus of Paris today that 10,000 of the world's 50,000 Jewish doctors had been deprived of their livelihoods in recent years by discriminatory legislation.

The conference was attended by 30 delegates from Poland, Palestine, England, Belgium, Rumania, Hungary, France and other countries. It heard a report by Dr. Sherman,

president of the Palestine Medical Association, on the position of Jewish doctors in various countries where anti-Jewish laws are in force. Dr. Sherman demanded admission of many more Jewish physicians to Palestine, either to carry on with their practice or to embark on new professions.

The conference discussed the question of developing Palestine's medicinal springs and the construction of spas in various sections of the country.

EX-NAZI LEADER'S BOOK, "REVOLUTION OF NIHILISM," PREDICTED RED-NAZI TIE

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.(JTA)-- Hitler's fight against Judaism was "a means of destruction of past categories of thinking and valuation" as a prelude to destroying the Christian faith, declares Hermann Rauschning, former Nazi leader and one-time president of the Danzig Senate, in a new book, "The Revolution of Nihilism," to be published by Alliance Book Corporation on Aug. 28.

The book, which predicted Russo-German cooperation, declares that American morality is the most dangerous enemy of Hitlerism. He asserts that the only opposition "that will become dangerous to the dictatorship is not a monarchist or a conservative one, one of the workers or the middle classes, one of soldiers or patriots or of youth; it is an ethical revulsion, common to all of these groups"-- a kind of opposition, which, he holds, America possesses.

MOROCCO BANS NAZI, FASCIST PROPAGANDA

FEZ, Morocco, Aug. 25.(JTA)-- The official gazette of the Moorish Protectorate Government today published two decrees aimed chiefly at suppressing Nazi and Fascist propaganda, which have recently been greatly increased. The first decree prohibits distribution of pamphlets likely to endanger public order and security. The second provides a fine of 1,000 to 10,000 francs and five to six years' imprisonment for persons receiving funds from abroad to promote sedition.