INCOME TAX SET FOR PALESTINE JEWS; MacMICHAEL CALLS FOR ARAB-JEWS AMITY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Pinchas Rutenberg, newly-elected president of the Jewish National Council, today proclaimed a universal, graded income tax for Palestine's 460,000 Jews. The tax, it was declared, is designed to increase employment, encourage production, fight speculation and prevent hunger.

High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael went on the air last night with a new appeal to Arabs and Jews to put aside their differences. Reviewing the latest European war developments, Sir Harold said:

"This is no time for feuds and vendetta and a search for political capital, but for the putting aside of differences so that time may mitigate harshness."

Sir Harold said that a complete reorganization of Palestine's economy was essential and he appealed to all elements of the population to cooperate to curtail imports and consumption of non-essentials. He urged an increase in production of foods.

To implement its reorganization program, Sir Harold declared, required the fullest coordination of the populace without the impediments of political animosities which "if continued would seem to welcome suicide."

The High Commissioner said he was not concerned whether any group formally accepts the White Paper (British policy declaration under which Palestine was to be turned into an independent Arab-controlled state with the Jews fixed as a one-third minority) but with general economic safety and material well-being. He expressed the hope, however, that cooperation in "this sphere may bring a general concord."

REFUGEE EXODUS FROM POLAND SLOWS UP; REDS DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO WILNO POOR

RIGA, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The stream of refugees from Poland is gradually drying up. Only the wealthier among Polish citizens are continuing the trek to new frontiers. Some of these arriving here today reported that the Russians everywhere were giving all persons unwilling to accept the Soviet regime 24 hours to evacuate.

Contrary to expectations, the Russians have not occupied Tumont, thus permitting a free exodus of refugees, many of whom, however, are returning to Poland.

Free distribution of food to the poor of Wilno was one of the first acts of the Soviet army of occupation, according to the daughter of a prominent Jewish lawyer named...
Rubinstein, who arrived here yesterday from Wilno. She said Russian tanks were followed by armored trucks loaded with food packages containing meat, sugar and butter which were distributed free to the Wilno poor.

The invaders announced that those desiring to leave would be permitted 24 hours in which to clear out without molestation. All work, according to Miss Rubinstein, was continuing. Banks were even paying out large sums to wealthy depositors, including Jews, many of whom were taking advantage of the offer, closing up their businesses and moving to Latvia and Lithuania.

Lithuania Aids Refugees

KAUNAS, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Numbers of Jewish refugees from Poland, both troops and civilians, who crossed the frontier after the advance of the Soviet troops, have been received sympathetically by the Lithuanian authorities. They have been put up in summer homes and villas in the vicinity of Kaunas and provincial towns and have been provided with food.

IRON GUARDISTS SLAY PREMIER CALINESCU; RUMANIA PUT UNDER MARTIAL LAW

BUCHAREST, Sept. 21. (Havas) -- Virtual martial law was enforced throughout Rumania tonight following the assassination of Premier Armand Calinescu by a band of young pro-Nazi Iron Guardists who, upon capture, described themselves as free-lance "Knights of Death."

Two of the band, who ambushed the Premier's automobile at the approach to Dembovitza Bridge, committed suicide rather than be taken prisoner. One was captured at the scene of the crime. Five others, all young medical students, were overpowered and arrested after they broke into the Bucharest radio station and broadcast an announcement of the Premier's murder.

Questioned at police headquarters, the six prisoners insisted that they had acted of their own volition as a "gesture." Premier Calinescu, who also held the war, interior and health portfolios, was responsible for suppression of the Iron Guard, anti-Semitic and pro-Fascist group.

The six Iron Guardists described themselves as members of the "Knights of Death," organized to avenge the death of Corneliu Zelea Codreanu. Codreanu, former Iron Guard leader, was killed when, according to authorities, he attempted a prison escape in Nov., 1938.

The Iron Guard leader, Victor Dimitrescu, one of the six arrested, was believed to have engineered and directed the assassination. He was understood to have returned to Rumania six weeks ago from his exile in the Carpatho-Ukraine.

POSTPONEMENT OF LEAGUE COUNCIL SESSION VOIDS WHITE PAPER, N.Z.O. HOLDS

LONDON, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Indefinite postponement of the League of Nations Council September session has left Great Britain's White Paper on Palestine without even provisionally legal validity, it was contended today by the New Zionist Organization. The contention was advanced in a letter to Lord Hankey, member of the War Cabinet, by the presidency of the Zionist Revisionist group.
ANTI-JEWISH CURBS ENFORCED IN BOHEMIA-MORAVIA

BUDAPEST (JTA) -- Restrictive measures locally enforced against the Jews in Bohemia-Moravia are revealed in the Prague newspaper Neue Tag, organ of the Nazi Protectorate officials.

The Storm Troop leader Emil Sladek, newly appointed police chief of Iglau, has ordered the conspicuous marking of all Jewish businesses, law offices and surgeries as a segregation measure.

The Moravian Provincial pawn-shop at Brunn has announced that only "Aryans" will be admitted to auctions during the month of September. Those wishing to attend must submit documentary proof of their "Aryan" origin.

The Goding district administration has prohibited Jews from entering "Aryan" barber shops. At Rakonitz, Jews have been banned from seven restaurants and cafes, the municipal library and public baths except those specifically reserved for Jews.

Vlažka, organ of the radical Czech Fascist group, has launched a campaign to compel Jews to wear special badges. The journal also demands establishment of labor concentration camps for Jews who are "undermining the energy and clear judgment of the Czechs by whispering propaganda."

50,000 FACE LOSS OF JOBS UNDER HUNGARIAN ANTI-JEWISH LAW

BUDAPEST (JTA) -- At least 50,000 Jewish employees of small commercial and industrial enterprises in Hungary will lose their jobs as a result of the second Jewish law, "A Magyar Zsidok Lapja," organ of the progressive Jewish community, states in an article forecasting the results anticipated from the regulations for putting the Jewish law into effect.

Between fifteen and twenty thousand small enterprises employing staffs from four to fourteen workers will be forced to obey the provisions of the law regarding employment of Jewish and non-Jewish personnel, the article points out. There is a serious shortage of Christian labor, only about 2,000 trained non-Jewish employees being available to replace the 50,000 Jewish employees who will have to be dismissed. It is expected that this labor supply will be absorbed by the larger enterprises so that the situation of the small firms will become untenable.

Jewish doctors are greatly affected by the new law, the article states. For the next twenty years Jews cannot become members of medical associations. Those few Jewish doctors who are still members of the associations are not allowed to change their residence because applications for registration in another district are considered as new admissions to medical practice. About 100 young Jewish doctors and a number of Jewish medical students who will complete their studies within the next few years will have no possibility of continuing their medical training since no hospital or clinic is allowed to admit post-graduate workers who are not members of a medical association.

There are about 1,300 Jews representing 40 per cent among the 4,600 members of the Budapest chamber of engineers, employed in private industry. The remaining 5,400
members are in state or municipal employment from which Jews have already been eliminated. About half of the Jewish engineers are working independently. Their position is not completely hopeless since to a certain extent Jews will not be excluded from public contracts. But Jewish engineers employed by engineering firms will lose their livelihood.

In addition, 4,000 Jews engaged in journalism and in the entertainment industry will become unemployed. No figures are given for lawyers, merchants and tradesmen, but it is regarded as certain that many of them will be tragically affected. Lawyers, like doctors, are tied to their president residence, as they can continue practice only as members of the bar association to which they now belong and have no chance of being admitted to another association. For merchants and tradesmen, no licenses will be issued before the number of licenses held by Jews has fallen to six per cent of the total.

AID FOR POLISH JEWS OUTLINED IN RESOLUTIONS BY PARLEY HERE

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Resolutions aimed at defense of the Polish Jews and the securing of emigration outlets for them were drafted today by committees of the third biennial world conference of Federations of Polish Jews Abroad for adoption at the concluding plenary sessions on Sunday.

The resolutions: (1) Call on Jews in neutral countries to exert all efforts within the limits of neutrality statutes to bring about "the triumph of justice and democracy in the present conflict" and "the reestablishment of an independent and democratic Poland"; (2) instruct the incoming administration to maintain contact with the Polish Government and its representatives abroad to help preserve the legal status of the Polish Jews; (3) urge coordination of the activities of the World Federation of Polish Jews Abroad with those of other central Jewish organizations in an effort to defend the rights of the Polish Jews; (4) instruct the incoming administration to bring before the members of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, prior to its Washington meeting next month, the plight of Polish Jewish refugees and request their inclusion within the scope of the committee's work; (5) appeal to the countries neighboring Poland to give temporary refuge to Jewish refugees from Poland; (6) appeal to the British Government and "the noble sentiments of the British people" to open Palestine's doors to Polish Jewish refugees.

A telegram was received from the Federation of Polish Jews in Palestine advising that the Jewish Agency Executive had delegated Isaac Gruenbaum to cooperate with Polish Jewish federations in transferring Jews from Poland to Palestine.

SECRET POLICE RAID JEWISH CLUB IN BOLIVIA

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Sept. 14. (JTA-Airmail) -- The authorities have promised officials of the Circula Israélita, only Jewish communal center in La Paz, to investigate a raid on the center by secret police on Sept. 9 during which shots were fired into the air and the 200 persons present were taken to police headquarters and held for several hours. Seven newly-arrived immigrants among those detained were held for a day. No reason for the raid was announced.

The raid was sharply criticized by newspapers. La Calie, morning paper, spoke of the raid as a "pogrom." La Noche, the widely circulated evening paper, demanded clarification of the incident from high police authorities.
ORT DETERMINED TO CARRY ON DESPITE WAR, BOARD DECLARES

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The board of directors of the American ORT Federation through its president, George Backer, today issued the following statement in connection with a meeting called for September 27 for further consideration of the European emergency:

"How ORT or any other organization or enterprise will be finally affected by the present situation in Europe is a matter of speculation dependent on the war's scope and duration. ORT has been carrying on for the past 60 years in all kinds of going. It will continue to do so. Jacob Lestschinsky, expert on the economy of Poland and Eastern Europe, points out that the last war in Europe was the period of greatest activity on record for the retraining of Jewish small merchants. This era of ORT expansion was of permanent constructive value for the Jewish masses. With the assistance of belligerent governments, particularly that of Czarist Russia, thousands of Jews learned a trade for the first time of their lives and thereafter remained artisans.

"The precise situation in Poland cannot be known for some time to come. The extent to which ORT can continue functioning there obviously depends on how widely normal pursuits will be resumed in the affected areas. Vast numbers of refugees already known to have fled across Polish borders include more Jews than non-Jews. Refugee camps like those where ORT training centers already function in Switzerland, have just been established in Rumania at Hotin and Soroca. Neighboring countries are following suit. ORT, already well established in Lithuania and Latvia, must greatly expand its facilities to provide for this new influx. Obviously such concentrations of directionless emigrants call for vocational guidance. Training remains the principal qualifications for admission to countries of eventual refuge.

"ORT had the foresight to provide $275,000 for work in countries outside Europe, when making up its 1939 budget recommendations. This aspect has been engaging our most serious attention for over eight months. The initiation of several projects affecting the thousands of refugees now domiciled in various countries in the Western Hemisphere will be announced in a statement following next week's special meeting of this board. Regardless of what the immediate future may have in store for Poland, some 55 million human beings, including most of the 5 million Polish Jews, will continue to live there. ORT will persist with undiminished vigor in its efforts to help them in this, their new hour of catastrophe even in the face of vastly increased responsibilities in other countries.

"The World ORT Union budget of $1,759,000, released early this year, allocated $643,000 to Poland -- only about one third of the total recommended for all countries. Work outside Poland was budgeted at $1,116,000. This includes allocations to Germany, Rumania, Lithuania, Latvia, Bulgaria and countries of transit in Western Europe, including England and France. Work in all these countries must be intensified to cope with the new problems of Jewish war refugees.

"Governmental cooperation, including that from England and France, has facilitated the preliminary enlargement of ORT's program to include refugee retraining in industry and agriculture. With the personal assistance of Lord Rothschild, president of the Joint British Committee of ORT-OZE, and Lord Marley, Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords, it was possible to transfer 115 students and instructors of the advance classes of the Berlin ORT School to England. They arrived on August 30 and a training center for them is about to

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be opened at Leeds. An agricultural farm has also just been set up in England and 72 young Jewish refugees are already registered there. Eduard Herriot, former Premier and Francois de Tessan, newspaper publisher and prominent member of the Chamber of Deputies, have represented the ORT in the French Parliament and enabled the organization to get every consideration from the government officials in establishing ORT centers on a much larger scale in numerous localities of France."

"We consider it a Jewish responsibility to make use of the friendly attitude still shown us by various governments in order to provide as many refugees as possible with the industrial and agricultural aptitudes that will make them of maximum use to the countries that have granted them asylum."

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT REJECTS KIMBERLEYS PROJECT, MELBOURNE NEWSPAPER REPORTS

MELBOURNE (JTA) -- The Melbourne Sun reports that the Federal Government of Australia has rejected proposals made by the Freeland League for Jewish Territorial Colonization for settlement of Jews in the East Kimberley region of Western Australia.

The Western Australian Government had previously approved these proposals in principle and Dr. I.M. Steinberg, secretary of the League, had been discussing the proposals with the Federal authorities whose approval was necessary.

According to the Sun, the Federal Government's rejection of the proposals was based on their policy of opposition to any schemes of group settlement in Australia. No official confirmation of the newspaper's report was available.

NEW BOOK DEFINES PLACE OF SYNAGOGUE IN MODERN JEWISH LIFE

CINCINNATI, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The synagogue "is the one Jewish institution that can best preserve the Jewish heritage and defend the Jew's fundamental right to live in this world," declares Rabbi Jacob D. Schwarz, director of the Commission on Synagogue Activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, in a new book, "The Synagogue in Modern Jewish Life," written under the commission's auspices and published by the Union.

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