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1-20% EMERGENCY INCOME TAX FOR PALESTINE JEWS APPROVED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Institution of a graduated income tax on Palestine's 460,000 Jews was approved at a meeting of the Jewish National Council representatives of local councils, it was announced today. The tax was proclaimed last month by Pinchas Rutenberg, newly-elected president of the Council. It ranges from one per cent on incomes of £10 per month to 20 per cent on more than £100 monthly.

Rutenberg strongly demanded full support to carry out a wide program of reorganization of the Jewish community to cope with the emergency. "The major present problem," he said, "is liquidation of the shame of 50,000 starving Jews in Palestine." He recommended reorganization of the social structure on a territorial instead of a party basis and demanded that all groups share the responsibility "in this grave hour."

Rutenberg announced receipt of a letter from Vladimir Jabotinsky in which the world Zionist-Revisionist leader assured him that he understood the situation and supported the principle of equal rights. Dr. Ephraim Washitz, Palestine Revisionist leader, declared the Revisionists had attended the meeting to demonstrate their willingness to cooperate. David Remez, speaking for the Histadruth (Palestine Jewish labor federation) invited the Revisionists and the Agudath Israel, ultra-religious organization, to return to the Jewish National Council.

WITOS, POLISH PEASANT LEADER, SOUGHT FOR CABINET; LIEBERMAN IN TOUCH WITH LEADERS

PARIS, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Composition of the Polish Cabinet in exile will be completed, it was understood today, when ex-Premier Wincenty Witos, leader of the Polish Peasant Party, who was reported to have been wounded in trying to escape from Poland, is located.

Witos, who is known for his democratic views and racial tolerance, is considered the most important figure in the expatriate Government next to Premier-nominate General Wladislas Sikorski. He had only recently returned to Poland after several years in exile.

Dr. Herman Lieberman, Polish Jewish Socialist leader, who was associated with Witos and also went into exile, but did not return to Poland, has been in constant contact with Polish Cabinet members. However, reports published abroad that he will represent the Socialists in the Cabinet are believed to be incorrect, as Tanczick, leader of the Polish labor unions, is slated for his post.

Changes are expected to be made in the Polish diplomatic service in Paris, one of the effects of which will be to make impossible any further such acts as that reported

recently when Jewish volunteers for the Polish Legion here were rejected. The French Government is said to be supporting the changes.

New support for the Polish Legion came when a number of the Jewish passengers on the Polish liner Pilsudski, which was brought safely to an English port with a convoy of British destroyers, expressed a desire to join the legion. The prospective volunteers include seven physicians, two dentists and a number of students.

According to the continental edition of the London Daily Mail, about 160 Jewish and Catholic passengers were on the Pilsudski, which was en route from Poland to New York when war broke out. Provision for their accomodation has been made by local Catholic and Jewish communities.

Witos, some Polish circles are inclined to fear, may have fallen into the hands of the Soviet army of occupation. He was in his village of Verzaslawiecs near Tarnapol when the Nazis started air bombardments of Polish civilian population. The village was soon reduced to ashes, but a Polish nobleman, Count Droyevski, an ardent follower of Witos who returned with him from exile, rushed to the ruined village, brought him to a safe place and later tried to take him to Hungary.

En route to the border, their car was bombed, all the passengers being wounded. The extent of Witos' injuries are not known here. Official inquiries made from Paris with the Hungarian Government brought the reply that he was not in Hungary.

Latvia Red Cross Aids in Locating Missing Refugees

RIGA, Latvia, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The Latvian Red Cross has helped a group of Jewish seminary students and American citizens, including 30 Jews, to establish a bureau to help locate missing refugees.

REFUGEES CONTINUE OFFERS OF SUPPORT TO BRITAIN; MILLION GAVE TO BALDWIN FUND

LONDON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- German refugees in South Africa, including men who in the past served with the German and Austrian armies, "are freely offering their services to the authorities," the Information Ministry announced today. A large registration is expected throughout the Dominion, the communique said.

The War Office has received an offer by a group of Jewish refugees from central Europe to organize and equip an anti-aircraft unit. The offer was transmitted in behalf of the refugees by Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Labor M.P.

More than 1,000,000 Britons of all races and creeds contributed a total of £522,651 to the Lord Baldwin Fund for Refugees, it was announced today by the former Prime Minister in a report on the eight-month campaign which was brought to a close on July 31. Lord Baldwin expressed the hope that the public's interest in the fate of the refugees "will not cease with the closing of the fund."

WINTERTON, EMERSON LEAVING FOR U.S. OCT. 15

LONDON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Lord Winterton, chairman of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, and Sir Herbert Emerson, director, will leave for Washington on Oct. 15 to take part in the White House conference on refugees, it was announced officially tonight.

YIDDISH COMMUNIST PAPER IN PARIS SUSPENDS

PARIS, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The Yiddish daily, Die Neie Presse, suspended publication yesterday because of a shortage of funds and a lack of subscribers. The paper, which had appeared in Paris for about six years, had a following similar to that of the New York Morning Freiheit (Yiddish Communist daily).

HUNGARY BANS J.T.A. BULLETIN AS 'ANTI-NAZI PROPAGANDA'

PARIS, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The daily German bulletin issued by the Paris office of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency has been banned from Hungary. The Hungarian postal authorities charged that the bulletin was full of anti-Nazi propaganda and consequently prejudicial to the country's neutrality.

24 BOUND FOR PALESTINE GET SOVIET VISAS IN RIGA

RIGA, Latvia, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The Soviet Legation here has granted 24 transit visas to Latvian citizens to proceed to Palestine via Odessa. More grants are expected to follow.

JEWISH CONGRESS PARLEY ASKS UNIFIED AGENCY, RELIEF REORGANIZATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Resolutions calling for establishment of a "unified agency" to conduct Jewish defense activities during the war and for extension of "responsibility for the distribution of relief...to include representatives of various groups and elements in American Jewry" were adopted unanimously last night by 1561 delegates from 421 local and national Jewish organizations attending an emergency conference at the Hotel Edison sponsored by the American Jewish Congress.

In order to bring about "the fullest cooperation of the Jewish masses" a committee of 26 was appointed to consider the problems "in conference with the Joint Distribution Committee." The resolution stressed that the J.D.C. had done "splendid work" during the past 25 years, but that the machinery of relief "must be reorganized and strengthened to meet infinitely larger and greater needs arising out of the war situation."

The resolution calling for "one unified agency" said it was aimed at eliminating "the spirit of competition now existing among agencies engaged in defense of Jewish rights." A question was asked from the floor as to what reference this resolution had to the General Jewish Council, and Louis Lipsky, vice-president of the congress, who presided, replied that it "addresses itself to a question now under consideration by the General Jewish Council."

Several of the speeches demanded that Jewish organizations and leaders subordinate themselves to one Jewish agency and that the Jewish masses be given a greater voice in relief activities. Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the congress, said: "We would have the American Jewish masses understand that the Joint Distribution Committee is not a private or limited undertaking, but that it can be made to represent the whole of American Jewry in the realm of service." He urged "such reorganization and unification of defense forces as will end the pitiable farce of competition in Jewish defense and bring about the establishment of one great and effective force which, in the spirit of American democracy, shall seek to safeguard the life and to secure the status of equality for Jews wherever they may dwell."

Lipsky criticized "those who rule our Jewish affairs and asked "whether the Jewish people, in the face of this great catastrophe, are prepared to submit to the collective will

in regard to the Jews' collective rights and status or continue as at present, each group regarding itself as possessed of divinely given rights to exist."

Dr. Samuel Margoshes, editor of the Jewish Day, urged "one general staff to lead the Jewish armies in America."

Both Jewish and non-Jewish speakers joined in expressing confidence that the Polish nation would be reborn and in denouncing the spread of racial hatred. The guest speakers were Anthony Czarnecki, a Polish-American leader and member of the staff of the Chicago Daily News; Representative John D. Dingell, who was introduced as an American of Polish origin; the Rev. William C. Kernan and Dr. John Howland Lathrop, chairman of the American Committee on Religious Rights and Minorities. Other speakers were Mrs. Wise, Max Wolff, Grand Master of the Independent Order Brith Abraham; and Louis Levine, Grand Master of the Independent Order Brith Sholom.

JEWISH LEADERS JOIN IN MOURNING CARDINAL MUNDELEIN

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- One of the last acts of George Cardinal Mundelein was to give approval to a Catholic layman leaving for New York to address a Jewish meeting in denunciation of race hatred, it was disclosed as many Jewish leaders and organizations joined in condolences on his death.

The revelation regarding Cardinal Mundelein was made last night at a conference sponsored by the American Jewish Congress. Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the congress, asked the delegates to rise while he lauded the prelate and declared that "the Jewish people will never forget him."

Anthony Czarnecki, Chicago Polish-American leader and member of the Chicago Daily News staff, a guest speaker, apparently had not known before of the Cardinal's death. Deeply moved, he rose and told the audience that before leaving Chicago he had shown Cardinal Mundelein the telegram he had received from Dr. Wise inviting him to come to New York.

The prelate told Czarnecki: "Go and tell them what is in your heart."

In a separate statement, Dr. Wise recalled the Cardinal's denunciation of Hitler and his disavowal of Charles E. Coughlin's remarks as expressions of the Church. "We of the House of Israel join with all mankind in paying tribute and grateful remembrance at the bier of Louis Mundelein," Dr. Wise added.

In an inter-faith broadcast over the Columbia Broadcasting System network, Rabbi Louis Mann said that "not only our Catholic brethren, but the whole world is poorer for his passing." Edgar H. Burman, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States stated: "To those of the Jewish faith he always represented the true spirit of Christianity, tolerance and brotherhood."

REFUGEE COUNCIL SET UP FOR COOPERATION WITH CHRISTIAN GROUPS

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Formation of a National Refugee Consultative Council was announced today by Dr. William Haber, executive director of the National Refugee Service. The council's function will be to establish effective cooperation and clearance with the Committee for Catholic Refugees, the American Committee for Christian-German Refugees, the American Friends Service Committee and other groups engaged in refugee work.

In a report on the N.R.S. published in the current issue of Notes and News, organ of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Dr. Haber announced that the organization's resettlement department had resettled 2,044 persons in various parts of the country during the first eight months of 1939, as compared with 1,256 for the whole of the previous year.

Dr. Haber said that the N.R.S. employment department had made 369 placements during the month of August, an increase of 23 per cent over July, without in a single instance involving the replacement of an American worker.

The organization's relief and service department, Dr. Haber reported, handled a total of 6,227 applications in August as compared with 4,402 in July. The work of this department has been considerably increased, Dr. Haber pointed out, "because newer arrivals are largely without resources, apply earlier for aid, and need many more types of service." The department is concerned not only with emergency relief and maintenance, medical care and family service, but also with problems of adjustment to American social and economic conditions, and other forms of aid and guidance. Dr. Haber reported that the migration department received in August 8,318 requests for information, advice or some form of service by mail, and 3,048 applications in person.

Full-time field representatives have been assigned since Oct. 1 to each of seven regions, Dr. Haber disclosed, in which the department of research and statistics is assembling and analyzing refugee data designed to provide an accurate guide for the placement, retraining, resettlement and relief activities of the organization.

Concluding his report, Dr. Haber said that the N.R.S. "for the near future envisages careful exploration of the possibilities of placement of refugees in agriculture; an expansion of the vocational training activities; further extension of community organization and the furtherance of its resettlement program."

U.J.A. APPEALS TO U.S. JEWS TO MEET WAR CRISIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Declaring that the agencies represented in the United Jewish Appeal must meet wartime needs on a peacetime budget in a year in which many unforeseen emergencies have drained their resources, Chairmen Abba Hillel Silver and Jonah B. Wise, issued a call today to American Jewry to act in a spirit of unity and generosity for the rescue of Jews overtaken by distress and homelessness in Central and Eastern Europe.

The statement emphasized that through the U.J.A. as the central unified channel of fund-raising for the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service, Inc. maximum resources must be made immediately available for overseas relief and rehabilitation, Palestine settlement and refugee aid. The communities which have already held their campaigns in behalf of the U.J.A. are urged to remit immediately as large funds as can be collected, while communities which have not yet conducted their drives for the current year, are urged to organize their fund-raising efforts as promptly as possible.

Rabbis Silver and Wise emphasized that the present war emergency has greatly increased and not diminished urgent needs of the three groups. Rehabilitation activities are continuing in Germany and Austria and emigration of refugees is proceeding from these centers despite the present conflict. Waves of refugees which have poured into Rumania, Hungary, Latvia and Lithuania by the tens of thousands, must be provided with immediate relief, medical aid, food and clothing. Refugee aid in neutral and belligerent countries must also be intensified in view of the fact that local Jewish communities must now concentrate all their efforts and resources upon immediate questions of national security and defense.

Immigration into Palestine is continuing in view of the fact that the Mediterranean is a neutral area and no obstacles are being placed in the path of the departure of prospective immigrants from Germany, Austria and the Protectorate.

ORT EXTENDS WORK IN FRANCE, BALTIC COUNTRIES.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Extension of the ORT's work is described in cables from Paris made public today by the American ORT Federation. The cables follow:

"We are increasing work in our French institutions training skilled labor for industries. Aside from courses for refugees of all countries now existing in Paris we are planning to use the school equipped by Baron de Gunzbourg and plan also to open training shops in several other towns. We are now arranging for the establishment of cooperative workshops to provide employment for the families of refugees, particularly artisans and intellectuals. Our new office in Vichy is being organized with official approval and women and children are being enlisted for gathering in the harvest. Suburban colonies are being set up for the training of refugee children. We expect a new interview with experts from the Ministry of Labor within a few days and shall advise further as soon as the results are known."

In regard to ORT centers in Cernauti, Kaunas and Riga, the ORT in Paris cabled: "We have instructed them to proceed immediately with the program to aid refugees by giving them work and have asked for further information as to their specific requirements. We shall communicate the results as soon as possible."

Dr. Jacob Lestschinsky, the economist, urged extension of ORT work to the Americas in an address at a special meeting of the Labor and People's Committee of the American ORT in honor of Dr. David Lvovitch, vice-president of the World ORT Union, at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

WEIZMANN VOICES CONFIDENCE IN ALLIED VICTORY

LONDON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Confidence in the ultimate victory of the Allied arms was expressed here by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, in an address before the executive council of the British Zionist Federation.

Reviewing the work of the World Zionist Executive since the Congress at Geneva on the eve of the war, Dr. Weizmann said that he and his colleagues were determined that "out of the present hour of distress, a new chapter should be written in Jewish history." He voiced confidence that the British Zionists would do all in their power to support the struggle of the Allies and at the same time continue to aid the Palestine Jewish community.

Reporting on political activities, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, head of the political department of the Agency's London executive, stressed the importance of the new American Zionist committee and declared that Dr. Weizmann's letter to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, offering cooperation in the war, represented the views not only of Zionists the world over but also of the overwhelming majority of Jewry which was determined to help the democracies in the struggle against Nazidom.

The Rev. Maurice Perlzweig outlined the special tasks of the World Jewish Congress in the present emergency.

GARDNER FREED ON \$1,000 BAIL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Fraser S. Gardner, anti-Semitic "legislative expert" who was indicted by the Grand Jury yesterday on charges of perjury arising from his testimony before the Dies committee, has been released on \$1,000 bail.