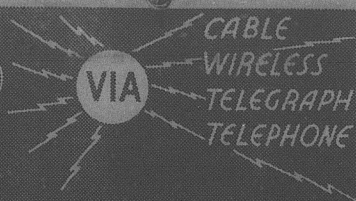


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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE PARLEY, OPENING TODAY, TO HEAR ROOSEVELT VIEWS ON AIDING REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Conversations on the world-wide problem of refugees were scheduled to begin tonight as a preliminary to the conference of officials of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, called by President Roosevelt, which opens tomorrow at the White House and continues at the State Department.

The parley will open with a luncheon at the White House at which President Roosevelt will deliver a speech in which he is expected to indicate the gravity of the whole refugee problem and present the views of the United States on what steps should be taken for its amelioration. The President's address will be made public.

First on the agenda, which was prepared by the State Department in consultation with the British and French Embassies, is the defining of the full extent of the world refugee problem. Next will be an attempt to find new lands to which refugee immigration can be directed, it is understood.

A project for settlement in the Philippine Islands, approved by an experts' commission, will be placed before the conference by James G. MacDonald, chairman of President Roosevelt's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees, who, with Myron C. Taylor, vice-chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee, will be the only Americans to sit in on the deliberations.

The State Department was awaiting the arrival of Lord Winterton, chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee, and Sir Herbert Emerson, director, both of Britain, who were believed to be coming on the Cunard liner Samaria. (The Samaria, although expected to arrive in New York harbor yesterday, had not been reported at a late hour.) They will stay at the British Embassy during their visit in Washington.

Paul van Zeeland, former Belgian Premier and now president of the Coordinating Foundation for refugees, and Taylor are expected to arrive in Washington early tomorrow morning.

HIAS-ICA PLANS TO MOVE FROM PARIS TO BRUSSELS TO FACILITATE EMIGRATION WORK

PARIS, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Steps to remove the headquarters of the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association from Paris to Brussels, in order to facilitate refugee-aid operations, have been initiated by Dr. James Bernstein and Edouard Oungre, directors of the organization, who are now in the Belgian capital organizing details of the removal.

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Transfer of the offices to a neutral country has been necessitated by a new French law which renders it difficult to send funds abroad to the various emigration institutions doing HIAS-ICA work in neutral lands and by the fact that it is difficult for the organization to deal from Paris with emigration of refugees who formerly were German citizens.

Meanwhile, it was announced, HIAS-ICA representatives have been active in Rumania in connection with the war refugees from Poland. Acting upon instructions from Paris, they have visited various Rumanian towns where refugees are concentrated and have compiled lists for transmission to the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society in New York through whom contact with relatives in America may be made.

In some areas, the HIAS-ICA men found the refugees badly treated by the local authorities, while in others they found the local Jewish communities completely unable to carry the burden of maintaining the refugees and complaining bitterly of the inadequacy of relief thus far extended.

Zionist groups in Rumania, they said, were trying to facilitate emigration of the refugees to Palestine but only a few could be accommodated in this way. Among those expected to leave for the Holy Land soon is Deputy Henry Rosmarin. Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbard, also a Sejm deputy and a Zionist leader, has a Palestine visa but will remain in Rumania as the World Jewish Congress is planning to send him to the United States on a speaking tour.

Prior to their departure for Brussels, the HIAS-ICA leaders announced that the organization's intervention had resulted in Shanghai's indicating its willingness to receive added Jewish refugees. Entry, however, will be limited to refugees having relatives in the Chinese city and others possessing \$400 per adult and \$100 per child.

Refugees from Poland Sail for U.S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- A group of Jewish emigrants, including refugees from Poland, have sailed for New York on the Swedish-American liner Drottningholm, with the assistance of the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association, according to a cable received today by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society from the HIAS-ICA office in Kaunas. The ship is scheduled to arrive here about Oct. 22, and the HIAS has made arrangements to receive the emigrants.

The cable said that a representative of the HIAS-ICA in Kaunas had gone to Wilno, newly acquired by Lithuania, to help refugees from Poland residing there and to arrange for the emigration of those having visas for the United States and other countries.

The HIAS said it had learned in circles close to the State Department in Washington that before the American consul left Warsaw he issued numbers under the Polish quota for the months of October and November to American consulates in other countries so that Polish refugees in neutral countries could receive these visas. The American consul in Warsaw will be able to resume on Nov. 1 issuance of visas to those in Poland holding quota numbers, it was said.

Polish Jewish Journalists in Rumania Ask Aid

JERUSALEM, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The Palestine Jewish Journalists' Association today received a desperate appeal for aid from Polish Jewish journalists who are now refugees in Rumania, including the editors of the newspapers Chwila, Hajnt, Moment and Nasz Przegląd. The message said that unless immediate aid was sent none of the group would remain alive.

It declared that veteran Zionist leaders and journalists, starving, were compelled to return to Polish territory now held by Soviet Russia.

Joseph Heftman, noted Hebrew writer of Polish origin, made a statement to the J.T.A. in Tel Aviv appealing to American Jewish journalists to rush funds to the writers in Rumania to sustain them until it would be possible to arrange aid from Palestine.

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43 Refugees Leave for Palestine

GENEVA, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Forty-three Jewish refugees, most of them from Germany and Czechoslovakia and a few from Poland, today left for Palestine via Trieste.

60,000 JEWS KILLED IN WAR IN POLAND, CORRESPONDENT ESTIMATES

LONDON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Sixty thousand Jews were killed during the war in Poland, it was estimated by Joel Cang, former Warsaw correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, addressing the Anglo-Palestine Club last night.

A.L. Easterman, correspondent of the Daily Herald, stressed the necessity of including in the Allies' declaration of war aims the restoration to the Jews of the right to live as a people.

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Polish Premier Stresses Equality Among Citizens

PARIS, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Polish Premier Wladislaw Sikorski, who on Saturday attended services for Poland in the Great Synagogue, today invited a Jewish delegation to participate in a ceremony marking the laying of a wreath for the Unknown Soldier in Paris.

Thanking Barons Eduard and Robert Rothschild as heads of the Jewish Consistory, and also leaders of the Federation of Polish Jews in France, Premier Sikorski said in a statement: "I considered it important to postpone all political conferences and participate in the synagogue memorial in order to manifest the Polish Government's policy of equality for all citizens, irrespective of race and religion."

A synagogue and a Catholic church have been demolished in the former Polish Corridor town of Tuchel, near Bydgoszcz, according to the Danzig Nazi newspaper Danziger Vorposten. The paper also reports that the approximately 140 Jews who resided in the town have fled.

SOVIET AUTHORITIES REPORTED ACTING AGAINST JEWISH SOCIALISTS IN POLAND

PARIS, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The Soviet authorities have begun violent persecution of adherents of the Bund, Polish Jewish workers' party, in the Soviet-occupied Polish territory, French press dispatches said today.

Public meetings and newspaper editorials in the occupied area daily denounce members of the Bund and the Polish Socialist Party as "traitors," "petty bourgeois" and "lackeys of the Polish ruling class," it was reported from Moscow. They are accused of having sent "class-conscious" men and women to concentration camps.

Trucks distribute leaflets daily in the Yiddish, Polish and Ukrainian languages, especially in Galicia, the reports said.

JEWS DRAFTED BY SLOVAKIA TO BE USED FOR BUILDING ROADS

PARIS, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Newspapers here reproduced today an order issued in Slovakia recently under which every Jew from 18 to 50 is obligated to register with the authorities for labor camps. Only rabbis and those deemed "irreplaceable in fulfilling their economic functions" were declared exempt. Failure to register was punishable by a fine of up to 60,000 kronen.

The Slovakian Propaganda Chief, Dr. Sano Mach, was quoted as stating that the Jews would be used mainly for building roads. Dr. Mach also was said to have announced that all Jewish enterprises in Slovakia would pass into Slovakian hands.

French newspapers today ridiculed German efforts to create the impression that Chancellor Adolf Hitler wants to establish a "Jewish state" in Poland. The Paris Midi terms the reported plan "another example of Hitler's incoherence."

WEIZMANN LEAVING FOR U.S. SOON, 'MAXIMUM RESOURCES' FOR PALESTINE ASKED

GENEVA, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, left today for Paris en route to London after spending a short time in Geneva consulting with the relief committee of the World Jewish Congress. It is understood he will leave shortly for the United States.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- A call to the Jews of America to make available "the maximum resources of men and money to accelerate the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine was sounded yesterday by the National Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America at a meeting here. The meeting, attended by 200 representatives of Zionist groups throughout the country, decided to launch a nationwide campaign to increase the membership of the Zionist Organization of America as "an impressive demonstration of the solidarity of American Jews in their support of the Zionist ideal."

A declaration adopted by the meeting said the Jewish Homeland in Palestine had given "permanent refuge to tens of thousands of exiles" and was "capable of giving a substantial answer to the problem of Jewish homelessness."

Among the resolutions adopted was one directing the U.P.A. to negotiate with the Joint Distribution Committee for a renewal of the United Jewish Appeal in 1940. Another resolution recorded the satisfaction of American Zionists at the impending visit to the United States of Dr. Weizmann, and pledged to him the cooperation of American Zionists.

Secretary Morris Margulies reported that an Emergency Committee, representing all Zionist groups in the United States and acting for the World Zionist Executive in all Zionist matters arising out of the war situation in Europe, with the United Palestine Appeal, presented a memorandum to the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee on the occasion of its session in Washington this week, dealing with the absorption capacity of Palestine in relation to the refugee problem.

Reports of Zionist fund-raising agencies, delivered by Henry Montor, executive director of the United Palestine Appeal, and Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund, revealed that in the eight months ending Aug. 30, \$3,043,000 was sent by the Jews of America to Palestine.

Refugees' Adjustment Described at Pioneer Women's Parley

NEW YORK, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The adjustment of women refugees from Central and Eastern Europe to a life of pioneering in Palestine was described tonight to the seventh national convention of the Pioneer Women's Organization at Hotel Pennsylvania by Dr. May Baer, of Palestine.

Miss Mary Anderson, director of the Women's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor, told the 300 delegates from 170 women's clubs throughout the United States and Canada about the efforts of her department to better the working and living conditions of women in this country and praised the Pioneer Women's Organization for its cooperation in this "great human task."

Other speakers were Miss Rose Schneiderman, New York State Labor Commissioner; David Pinski, dramatist; Hayim Greenberg, editor of The Jewish Frontier, and Israel Mereminski, member of the executive of the Palestine Labor Federation.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REFUGEE COMMITTEE ASKED TO SPONSOR PALESTINE SETTLEMENT

NEW YORK, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- A program for the mass settlement in Palestine of refugees from Germany and other lands and outlining possibilities for the absorption of 2,800,000 settlers was submitted to the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, which meets tomorrow in Washington at the invitation of President Roosevelt, by the American Emergency Committee on Palestine Affairs and the United Palestine Appeal.

The sponsors of the 30-page document said: "It is the conviction and the pledge of the sponsors of this memorandum that the adoption of a program by the Intergovernmental Committee, in cooperation with the British Government, to further large-scale settlement of refugees in Palestine will be met by a readiness on the part of Jews in the United States to furnish the substantial sums that will be required for the execution of such a program."

Such funds would be contributed through the United Palestine Appeal. The Jewish Agency is prepared to accept tens of thousands of new Jewish settlers, the memorandum stated.

BRITAIN'S PALESTINE POLICY CITED IN SENATE NEUTRALITY DEBATE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The British policy in Palestine was held up as an example of perfidy as Senator Clark of Idaho fought against repeal of the arms embargo today.

Charging that Britain's record of racial and religious persecution was no better than Germany's, Clark shouted: "The British in Palestine first made promises to the Arabs, and then made promises to the Jews. Then when the Arabs got too hot for them they broke these promises."

2 HUNGARIANS CHARGED WITH FALSELY ACCUSING JEWISH LEADERS

BUDAPEST, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The authorities have started proceedings against two employees of a Budapest newspaper for preferring false charges against leaders of the Budapest Jewish Community.

Meanwhile, because he admitted to his Home for Poor Children more Jews than allowed under the new Hungarian anti-Jewish law, Herr Polnay, a former bank director and Cabinet Minister, has been sentenced to pay a fine of 500 pengoes or serve five days in jail.

GROUP FORMED TO PUSH B'NAI B'RITH VOCATIONAL PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Creation of an advisory committee of representatives of national Jewish college fraternities and sororities to further among their members the vocational guidance program being developed by the B'nai B'rith was approved by a national conference of Jewish college men and women held yesterday at the Park Central Hotel, under the auspices of the B'nai B'rith Vocational Service Bureau.