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### WASHINGTON TALKS SEEK ELIMINATION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ROOSEVELT AND ALLIES ON REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Myron C. Taylor, American vice-chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, conferred today with President Roosevelt at the White House in an effort to iron out differences with the British and French delegates over the President's proposal for resettling the 10 to 20 million refugees he expects to be created by the war.

While no statement was made at the end of the interview, it was learned that the White House and Intergovernmental Committee officers were working towards elimination of conflicting views on the President's long-range plan and would issue a communique on the matter when the committee officers reconvened on Thursday.

The British and French delegates were startled by the President's proposal, in an address opening the conference last Tuesday, that the Intergovernmental Committee undertake a survey aimed at resettling in new territories several million of the refugees he felt would need new homes when the war ended.

The British and French representatives were said to feel that Mr. Roosevelt's proposal was inappropriate inasmuch as one of the Allies' war aims was the elimination of racial persecution, obviating forced emigration. These delegates were reported to have made informal representations over the President's statement.

### RED CROSS TO MANUFACTURE CLOTHING FOR POLISH REFUGEES; B'NAI B'RITH GIVES \$1,000

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The American Red Cross today announced receipt of a \$1,000 check from B'nai B'rith for impartial war relief in Europe. At the same time, Chairman Norman H. Davis said that the critical need for clothing of Polish war refugees has caused the Red Cross to set up a tremendous garment production program within its chapters.

The check for the Red Cross was presented by Maurice Bisgyer, secretary of B'nai B'rith, to Eliot Wadsworth, vice-chairman of the Red Cross Committee on War Relief. Bisgyer said the amount had been allocated from the National Emergency Fund of B'nai B'rith following action of President Henry Monsky and the Executive Committee.

Word of the increased need of Polish refugees reached Washington today. A Red Cross commission is now making a survey of needs in Latvia, Hungary, Lithuania and Rumania.

To provide clothing for 80,000 Poles forced to flee their native land, American Red Cross chapters are asked to produce 220,000 heavy dresses and 137,000 sweaters. Distribution will be supervised by the International Red Cross in Geneva.

Shipments of clothing will begin in two weeks and will continue as adequate cargo space develops, it was explained. Transportation difficulties arising because of shortage of cargo space in Europe-bound vessels have been lightened considerably, the Red Cross learned over the weekend.

### 3,000 JEWS ARRESTED IN POLISH TOWN; HOMES USED TO BILLET NAZI TROOPS

KAUNAS, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Twenty Jewish refugees arriving from the German-occupied Polish town of Suwalki today declared the Nazis had arrested 3,000 Jews in the town and confiscated all Jewish property.

The Jews were housed in camps while their homes were used for billeting troops, the refugees said, and Jewish women were compelled to do the troops' laundry work. Thousands were trying to flee to Russian regions.

### RUMANIA SENDS EXILES INTO INTERIOR

PARIS, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- All Jewish refugees in Bukovina have been expelled into the interior of Rumania by the authorities because the Government prefers not to have them in towns close to the frontier, according to telegraphed advices received today by the OZE, Jewish health society.

### FRANKFURTER DECLINES TO SIT IN SUPREME COURT REVIEW OF "MEIN KAMPF" CASE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Justice Felix Frankfurter refused to sit in on deliberations of the Supreme Court while it considered the "Mein Kampf" case, it was learned today.

The court declined to review a lower court decision which gave Houghton, Mifflin Company a virtual monopoly of the publication of the works of Adolf Hitler in America. Stackpole Sons, Inc. and the Telegraph Press contested the Hitler copyrights, contending that Hitler was a citizen of no country when the copyrights were obtained.

### ROOSEVELT LAUDS HADASSAH'S "GOOD WORKS" IN RELIEF OF DISTRESS

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- A message from President Roosevelt expressing hope for continuance of Hadassah's work "to relieve human distress" and a cable from Dr. Chaim Weizmann asking support of Palestine as "the surest refuge of the Jewish people" were made public today on the eve of the opening of Hadassah's 25th annual convention tomorrow night.

President Roosevelt's message follows: "In sending my best wishes to the 25th annual convention of Hadassah, I desire to express the hope that its members will continue without abatement all the good works which they have carried on to relieve human distress.

"There will always be need in the world for the spirit of the good neighbor, and I hope that one of the fruitful consequences of the forthcoming convention will be a determination to continue in that spirit the progress of health education. It seems to me that such a program, constructively carried out, promises hope and happiness to untold numbers through the ministry of healing, always closely allied to the ministry of religion."

Dr. Weizmann, who is now in London, stated: "The key to the gates of Palestine and to normal self-respecting life for many thousands of our people rests with a few Jewish communities still almost untouched by Europe's distress. Among these American Jewry must clearly take the lead." Pointing out that the greater part of the Jewish community in Europe "has been overwhelmed by catastrophe," Dr. Weizmann said that immigration of young people "can still continue, provided adequate funds are available for their settlement and for aiding the Palestine pioneers through the period of economic dislocation caused by the outbreak of the war."

Miss Henrietta Szold, head of the Jerusalem office of the Youth Aliyah organization, sent greetings to her "85,000 co-workers" in the United States and urged them to stand by the half million Jews "who form the vanguard of the Jewish people" in Palestine. Governor Lehman was among others who sent messages.

CASE of 3 POLISH JEWISH LEADERS, HELD ON ELLIS ISLAND, TO BE TAKEN TO WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The cases of three Polish Jewish leaders, who arrived here yesterday on the United States liner Manhattan with tourist visas and are unable to return to Poland, will be considered by a board of review at Ellis Island tomorrow or Wednesday and then will be taken to the Labor Department in Washington.

It is believed that since the three -- Dr. Arjeh Tartakower, Dr. Jakob Apenszlak and Dr. Leib Wulman -- now have no country to which they can return, the board will have no alternative but to order their exclusion. The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society will then appeal the cases to the Labor Department, and it is hoped that they will then be released from Ellis Island, probably under bond.

WIDENING OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL URGED BY WELFARE FUNDS PARLEY

AKRON, O., Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Continuation of the United Jewish Appeal and extension of its scope to include other organizations raising funds for refugee assistance and relief and reconstructive work in Europe and Palestine was urged by the Eastern Central States Regional Conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, meeting here over the weekend.

The conference, attended by 300 leaders of Jewish federations, welfare funds and community councils of six states, requested that the national body of the Council "secure the necessary facts and information as to the work and functions of the agencies in these fields and make them available to the proper allocating body" so that "proper allocations may be made from the funds available for those purposes."

Expressing the view that the "entire Jewish community of America is vitally concerned" with the work of the General Jewish Council, another resolution recommended that the G.J.C. be strengthened by participation of the whole of American Jewry "so that it may adequately and representatively perform its policy-making and directive functions, including the elimination of duplication among its constituent executive organs and proper direction toward specific ends."

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, told the conference that more than half of the Jews of the world had been stripped of their spiritual homes in recent years, but that the Jews have the capacity for survival. Other speakers were Dr. William Haber, executive director of the National Refugee Service, who pointed out the many contributions which refugees were making to American life; Richard C.

Rothschild, who described the work of the General Jewish Council; and Dr. Frank Kingdon, president of the University of Newark, who spoke on the "American Boycott Against Intolerance."

Dr. E.J. Gordon of Columbus, was elected chairman of the region; Max Hirsch of Cincinnati and Simon Shetzer of Detroit, vice-chairmen; and Roy Hartzell of Youngstown, treasure

#### ITALY EXEMPTS 2,801 FROM RACIAL LEGISLATION

ROME, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The Interior Ministry states that 2,801 Jews have been granted exemption from racial legislation for services to the fatherland. Other applications for exception, making a total of 8,641, are under consideration.

Exemptions are granted on the following grounds: (1) Families having members killed in the Libyan, World, Ethiopian and Spanish wars and in service for the Fascist cause; (2) Soldiers mutilated or invalidated in the above wars, volunteers and holders of military distinctions; (3) Persons who were members of the Fascist Party before the end of 1924; (4) Members of the Fiume Legion; (5) Persons who rendered exceptional service to Italy; (6) Parents and close relatives of Jews in the above categories.

It is estimated that half of the Italian Jews fall in the above categories, but a considerable proportion refrained from applying for exemption.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT ON WANE IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Gradual diminution of unemployment among Jews in Palestine was reported here today. The total number presently unemployed is stated to be not more than 16,000. The number needing public assistance, however, is still comparatively large, estimated at 50,000.

Industrial activities have resumed throughout the country. Some factories are reported working on 24-hour shifts. There is no lack of raw materials.

#### 3 JEWS DROPPED FROM BUDAPEST CITY COUNCIL

BUDAPEST, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Three Jewish members of the Budapest Municipal Council have been suspended as a result of the anti-Jewish law. They are Dr. Nikolaus Woerwosvari and ex-Deputies Bela Fabian and Ernst Brodie. Another councillor who is half-Jewish was also suspended although he cited his participation in the anti-Communist counter-revolution of 1919.

The Hungarian authorities have banned "Story of the Jews," book by Dr. Lewis Browne, American Jewish author and lecturer. No reason for the action was given.

#### NAZIS INCREASE FINE ON JEWS TO 25 PER CENT

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- A 20 per cent levy imposed on the fortunes of Jews last November, in reprisal for the assassination of a Nazi diplomat, was raised to 25 per cent today in order that the total "fine" assessed on Jews should reach the required 1,000,000,000 marks (\$400,000,000), the United Press reported from Berlin.

The extra 5 per cent is payable Nov. 15. Count Lutz Schwerin von Krosigk, Nazi Finance Minister, imposed the additional levy by decree.