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BRITAIN REPORTED CLOSING PALESTINE TO REICH REFUGEES AS 'ENEMY ALIENS'

PARIS, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The British Colonial Office has decided to issue no further Palestine immigration certificates to Jews holding German and Austrian passports for the duration of the war because they are technically considered enemy aliens, it was learned here today.

The decision covers both Jews in the Reich and those who have already emigrated, but does not affect some 2,000 to whom immigration certificates were issued before the outbreak of the war who have not yet been able to use them. These refugees are sailing for Palestine in groups from Trieste, Italy.

The British action is a severe blow to thousands of Jews in Germany whose only hope was to leave Germany and await their turns to emigrate to Palestine. It will hit hard particularly at German Jewish youths now undergoing training courses in neutral countries for pioneering work in the Holy Land.

There are still many refugees whose Palestine certificates would expire on Jan. 14 who need immediate passage. The Jewish Agency has asked funds from the Council for German-Jewry to charter a ship for this purpose, and the Council has indicated it will cover the fares of some of the refugees.

While the new British policy bars German refugees from Palestine it opens new possibilities for Polish Jews, since they are not covered by the restriction. Jewish organizations are taking steps to enable several thousand Polish Jewish refugees now in Wilno, Lithuania, to proceed to Palestine via Odessa, Russia. It is also hoped that Jews now in Nazi Poland will be able to obtain Palestine certificates.

AGENCY HAILS RELIEF ACTION AS STEP TOWARD ECONOMIC REVIVAL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Palestine today hailed the Government allocation of £750,000 for relief purposes as an important step toward alleviation of prevailing distress and revival of the country's economic life.

The Agency, in a statement, expressed the hope that the action would be followed by extension of Government assistance to normal branches of economic

activity. Regret was voiced at the absence of assistance to the citrus industry and the failure to mention reduction of United Kingdom import duties on Palestine products.

Jewish and Arab newspapers featured news of the allocation, announced on Wednesday by High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael, with the biggest headlines since the declaration of war. The Hebrew papers Haboker and Hamashkif said editorially that it had reestablished good relations between the populace and the Government.

David Remez, secretary of Histadruth, predicted that the allocation, together with unified efforts of the Palestine Jewish community itself, could provide three to four days work weekly for the unemployed. In a statement to the J.T.A. he said that the Histadruth advocated a relief program of intensified colonization, for which negotiations were being conducted with Jewish institutions. He expressed regret at the omission of aid to the citrus growers.

LITHUANIA DEPORTS ILLEGAL ENTRANTS TO NAZI, SOVIET AREAS OF POLAND

KAUNAS, Lithuania, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Six illegal immigrants from Poland have been sentenced to one month's imprisonment and deportation to the German-occupied territory, it was disclosed here today. Another group of illegal entrants, comprising Palestine pioneers-in-training, were immediately deported to Russian Poland upon their arrest.

VAN ZEELAND, TROPER IN LONDON FOR REFUGEE TALKS

LONDON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Former Premier Paul van Zeeland of Belgium arrived here today to preside at a meeting of the Coordinating Foundation for Refugees, of which he is the president, to be held over the weekend.

Morris C. Troper, chairman of the European council of the J.D.C., has also arrived and is conferring with Jewish leaders and various refugee agencies.

RED CROSS AGENT TO VISIT CRACOW JAN. 9 TO OBSERVE RELIEF DISTRIBUTION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- James T. Nicholson, American Red Cross representative in Europe, will arrive in Cracow, Nazi Poland, on January 9 to observe the distribution of medical supplies and clothing by the German Red Cross, it was announced today. He will confer with Wayne C. Taylor, of the American Red Cross, in Berlin before entering Poland.

TRUCKS TO RUSH PALESTINE MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO TURKISH QUAKE ZONES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Jewish national institutions are rushing a large consignment of medicines and surgical appliances to Turkish earthquake and flood areas, it was announced today. The supplies, all Palestine products, are being shipped by truck by way of Alexandretta. The Turkish Government, through its Consul General here, has indicated its preference for the supplies rather than a medical mission, dispatch of which had been offered as an alternative.

ITALIAN-BORN CHILDREN NOW INCLUDED IN YOUTH ALIYAH

LONDON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government has agreed to extension of the Youth Aliyah (Palestine immigration) to include Italian-born children as well as refugee children from Germany, it was revealed today by the central office of the Youth Aliyah movement. The office announced that 32 Italian-born children are among 169 holding Palestine immigration certificates in various neutral countries and awaiting only transit visas before starting their journey to the Holy Land.

IMMIGRATION VITAL TO PALESTINE'S FUTURE, MANCHESTER GUARDIAN HOLDS

LONDON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Both the security and future of the Jewish commonwealth in Palestine depend on its numerical growth through immigration, the Manchester Guardian declares in an article on "Palestine's hopes and hardships in the war." The article stresses that every Jew in Palestine knows that, given the aid of world Jewry and nations interested in a solution of the "Jewish question," the country can absorb "very large numbers of homeless Jews."

Kenneth Williams, editor of Great Britain and the East, urges in that periodical that Palestine should "buy British." Williams, pointing out that before the war Germany had ranked first in exports to Palestine, refutes Nazi allegations that Palestine was being economically exploited by Great Britain. Britain, he states, "has not benefited commercially from Palestine in accordance with the moral right to do so." Now that Germany can no longer sell to the Jews and the Arabs, he added, "it is profoundly to be hoped that Palestine, having once thoroughly cultivated the habit of buying British, will continue to do so."

ROOSEVELT, BACKING BROTHERHOOD WEEK, WARNS AGAINST PREJUDICE

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A call to Americans to rededicate themselves to "the principle that all men are brothers" was made by President Roosevelt in a letter to Dr. Arthur H. Compton, co-chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, endorsing the seventh annual observance of Brotherhood Week, Feb. 18 to 25.

The President's letter follows: "I note with interest that the seventh observance of Brotherhood Week across the country, under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, is set for the week of Washington's Birthday, Feb. 18-25, 1940.

"With gratitude to God for the liberties we enjoy and with a full measure of mutual respect for each other's faith, let us gather together in our church, synagogues, schools, public halls and homes during this week to celebrate our brotherhood under God as citizens of our beloved land. Let us here resolve that in a time of world division and pain this nation shall be rededicated to the principles that all men are brothers; that religious prejudice and group intolerance may not here destroy that unity in freedom which is the strength of our national character."

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Clergymen of Three Faiths to Make Goodwill Tour

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A goodwill tour of eleven western cities, conducted by an interfaith speaking trio composed of a Protestant minister, a Catholic priest and a rabbi, will be launched Sunday, Jan. 7, it was announced today by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, under whose auspices the tour will be held. The speakers, Dr. Rolland Schloerb, pastor of the Hyde Park Baptist Church, Chicago; Rev. Vincent C. Donovan, O.P., national director of the Catholic Thought Association; and Rabbi Charles E. Shulman, North Shore Congregation Israel of Glencoe, Ill., will address college, university and community groups.

Stitch, New Archbishop of Chicago, Is Foe of Nazism

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The Most Rev. Samuel A. Stitch, Archbishop of Milwaukee, newly-appointed Archbishop of Chicago, is an outspoken foe of Nazism and anti-Semitism, as was his predecessor, the late Cardinal Mundelein.

In 1938 and 1939 the Archbishop denounced the Nazi Government for its cruelties to religious groups and asserted that the leaders of the German people were "outraging every fundamental right of man." In a letter to Rabbi Joseph L. Baron of Milwaukee in July, 1939, he assailed slandering of Jews by "certain individuals, who to gain and hold a popular audience, degrade themselves and abuse the trust reposed in them by misquoting, half quoting and actually insinuating untruths."

U.P.A. SETS UP ADVISORY COUNCIL OF CONTRIBUTING AGENCIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- In a move to give more direct representation to the agencies which raise funds throughout the country, the United Palestine Appeal announced today the creation of an advisory council to which leading welfare funds have been asked to designate representatives and which, it was stated, will help to mold the U.P.A.'s decisions.

"We believe," stated Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the U.P.A., "that we are the first national fund-raising organization in the United States to create such an advisory council to which welfare funds are invited to send their own representatives." He expressed the hope that the funds' cooperation would make the U.P.A. "more truly representative than ever before of the will of organized American Jewry and of its interest in the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland in Palestine."

BULLETIN

Hore-Belisha Quits as War Minister

LONDON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- War Secretary Leslie Hore-Belisha resigned from the British cabinet tonight. The resignation was accepted, it was announced officially, and Oliver Stanley, president of the Board of Trade, was named in his place. Hore-Belisha, who was named War Minister May 28, 1937, was the first Jew to have held that post and the fifth in modern times to have attained Cabinet rank. He is 41.