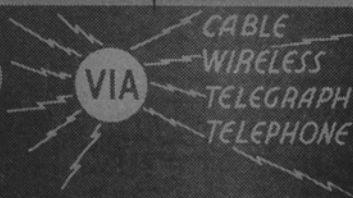


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NO LAND SALE CURBS ANNOUNCED IN LONDON OR JERUSALEM

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Contrary to a Falcor News Agency dispatch dated Jerusalem, no announcement of restrictions on Jewish land purchase in Palestine has been made either in London or in Jerusalem, it was ascertained today.

ZIONIST COUNCIL TO MEET IN PALESTINE TOMORROW

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Palestine branch of the Zionist General Council will meet on Thursday, it was announced today.

HOUSE BODY DRAFTS BILL ON POLISH RELIEF; NEW NAZI PROPOSALS HELD UNSATISFACTORY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The House Foreign Affairs Committee late today was drafting a consolidated bill on relief in Poland which would require Germany to give guarantees against diversion of supplies, after hearing Chauncey McCormick, president of the Commission for Polish Relief, give testimony indicating that German proposals made to date were unsatisfactory.

The bill, as it was being written, authorizes President Roosevelt to appoint a committee to administer Polish relief funds through the American Red Cross, the Commission for Polish Relief or other agencies. This presidential committee would pass on guarantees of impartial distribution of relief before the funds would be allocated to the organizations.

Sol Bloom (Dem., N.Y.), chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, said: "Feeling the need of haste in making relief available for Poland, we decided to give the President and the committee he will appoint if the bill is passed by Congress discretionary power to decide on guarantees by the belligerents."

The committee had met to consider action on six bills which would authorize appropriation of between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000 for Polish relief, and will meet again tomorrow. McCormick said that between \$35,000,000 and \$40,000,000 was needed for immediate relief.

Regarding the question of distribution, McCormick told the committee that his organization was seeking to obtain from the German Government fuller guarantees that its relief would be distributed and supervised by Americans.

McCormick said the Commission for Polish Relief had written to Dr. Hans Thomsen, German Charge d'Affaires in Washington, asking written assurances that any supplies sent into Poland by the Commission would be distributed under American supervision. Thomsen's reply, containing assurances similar to those accepted by the Red Cross last week--that a commission representative would be permitted to enter the Government-General to receive, regulate and observe the distribution--was not completely satisfactory, and it was indicated that further guarantees would be sought.

"The big problem now," McCormick said, "is to satisfy the Allies that supplies sent by American relief agencies into Poland will not be diverted by the German Government."

Representative Flannery and other Congressmen were dubious as to whether Thomsen's letter represented the final position of the Nazis.

Text of Thomsen's letter to McCormick follows:

"In reply to your esteemed letters of January 9 and January 15, I may inform you that I have received instructions from my Government along the following lines:

"The German Government agrees to the relief work among the civil population in the Government-General for the occupied Polish territory which your organization is carrying out or intends to carry out. The German Government is prepared to grant transportation facilities and exemption from duty for the shipments imported for these relief purposes. You are aware that in order to make preparatory arrangements for this relief work, Mr. Gamble (Arthur Gamble, Commission representative in Berlin) was recently received by the Governor-General in Cracow. On that occasion Mr. Gamble conferred also with representatives of Polish relief organizations in order to ascertain their needs. As a result of these conferences the German Government will grant permission upon special application for a qualified representative of the committee on Polish relief to enter the territory of the Government-General in order to receive the American shipments for Polish relief, to regulate their distribution in conformity with the German Red Cross, and to observe this distribution. It is understood that these American shipments are being forwarded to the civil population of the Government-General exclusively and that they will at no time be at the disposal of or claimed by German authorities.

"It seems that the German Government by this action has approved your suggestion to the extent that the Commission for Polish Relief is fully enabled to carry out its work. (signed) Hans Thomsen."

While the Commission for Polish Relief found the German terms unsatisfactory for the purposes of a long-range, large-scale program, the American Red Cross proceeded with its emergency program under the German guarantees. It announced the name of six agencies in Nazi Poland which it plans to use for distribution of supplies sent from the United States.

Distribution will be under the supervision of the two Red Cross delegates, James T. Nicholson and Wayne Chatfield Taylor. Other agencies may be added by Nicholson, who will arrive in Cracow on Thursday. Agencies which Nicholson plans

to use for the distribution, which will be arranged in cooperation with the German Red Cross, are: Polish Red Cross, Polish Self-Help, Catholic Diocesan Society, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, TOZ Society for Protection of Health of the Jewish Population, and the Warsaw Jewish Hospital.

Taylor arrived in Berlin today from Geneva to aid in expediting the Red Cross shipments which left Genoa on Saturday under personal convoy of a Red Cross agent. Nicholson cabled that he had been given permission by the German Government for an extended stay in the area in order to observe the distribution and that all facilities were being accorded the Red Cross, including duty-free handling of the relief supplies and special transportation to expedite the shipments.

DIES BODY PROBES FRONT, MOBILIZERS; TO HOLD OPEN HEARINGS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Chairman Martin Dies of the House Committee Investigating un-American Activities today announced that the committee had voted to continue to hold open hearings on a variety of subjects including the activities of the Christian Front and Christian Mobilizers. In making this announcement, Dies revealed that the committee had voted down his suggestion that all public hearings be suspended until after the 1940 elections.

Dies said that an investigation of the Front and the Mobilizers was now under way and would be pressed to an early conclusion in order that public hearings on these organizations might be held as soon as possible.

Other aspects of the subversive activities probe to be the subject of public hearing are Nazi and Communistic activities on the west coast, including the controversial investigation of the motion picture industry and alleged Communist activities in consumer organizations, Dies said.

In addition the committee voted to begin immediately a thorough investigation of charges that Communist and Nazi agents from Mexico are carrying on their activities in the U.S., but deferred action on the move to consider the question of foreign propaganda designed to involve this country in the European war.

SOVIET BAKERIES TO PRODUCE MATZOTH; MAY EXPORT TO REICH

PARIS, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Moscow radio announced in a German-language broadcast last night that bakeries for matzoth would be operated on a large scale throughout the Soviet union.

"The first such bakery has already been opened, to produce 60 tons of matzoth daily," the official Soviet broadcast said.

The German-language announcement led several French newspapers today to discuss the possibility that Soviet Russia was trying to export matzoth to German territories. Neutral Jewish relief organizations have so far found it impossible to obtain permission to bring the ritual food into the Reich.

Paris Midi said: "It is very possible that when Dr. Ritter, head of the Nazi economic delegation, reaches Moscow he may find matzoth on the list of commodities which the Soviet is ready to export to the Reich."

Jewish circles were discussing whether the Moscow announcement might lead to an arrangement with the Soviet authorities for delivery of matzoth to Nazi-occupied Poland, since this would bring the Russians several million dollars in foreign currency. It is estimated that at least 15 carloads of matzoth, or about 1,500,000 kilograms, are necessary to meet the needs of the starving Jews in Poland.

It is recalled that Dr. Joseph Rosen, who is now in the Dominican Republic directing a refugee colonization project, succeeded in obtaining Soviet permission for importing American-manufactured matzoth into Russia during the years when baking of the ritual food was prohibited in the U.S.S.R.

VAN GILDEMEESTER ORDERED TO QUIT ITALY, BARRED FROM VIENNA

ROME, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Frank Van Gildemeester, Netherland banker in whose Vienna emigration activities the hand of the Gestapo has been seen, has been ordered by the police to leave Italy by March 1, it was learned today.

Van Gildemeester is founder and director of the Gildemeester Auswanderungs Hilfsaktion in Vienna, which reportedly was concerned with emigration from Germany of "non-Aryans" not of the Jewish religion. Amsterdam and Washington advices, based on private reports from Vienna Jewish circles, have expressed the belief that Gildemeester was a tool of the Gestapo and had cooperated with it for some time.

Van Gildemeester has been in Rome for the past three months trying to sell a refugee colonization scheme for the Lake Tsana region in Ethiopia to the Italian Government. Despite an early statement by Van Gildemeester that his project had the support of the Italian Government, it now develops that the plan has met the vigorous disapproval of the authorities, who have already expelled his secretary, Herman Furnberg.

To add to the mystery, it is reported that Van Gildemeester has been attempting for the past six weeks to return to his headquarters in Vienna but has been refused a re-entry permit by the Berlin authorities.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS RUMANIAN CITIZENSHIP REVISION

BUCHAREST, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court today rejected an appeal by a Bacau Jew to declare unconstitutional denaturalization of Jews who became citizens before 1919. The court ruled that a sovereign power always has the right to revise the status of "any aliens" living within its confines.

SOLOMON LEVITAN DEAD AT 77; WAS WISCONSIN TREASURER MANY YEARS

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Solomon Levitan, Jewish immigrant from Germany who started in America as a peddler and rose to the position of a prominent banker, six-term treasurer of the State of Wisconsin and leader of the Progressive Party, died today of heart disease at the age of 77.

Levitan came to the U.S. from East Prussia when he was 16, settled in Glarus, Wis., in 1887 as a pack peddler, later founded a little store and some years

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later became president of the Commercial National Bank of Madison. He entered politics as a justice of the peace and was elected State treasurer in 1922, which position he held until 1938.

In a speech in Washington in 1938, he summed up his advice to Jews: "If we can, as Americans of Jewish descent, give to America something of the idealism and desire for service which have marked the Jew down through the ages, we will accomplish a great good for America and the Jew will hold his place in the sun of America's gratitude."

BARANOWSKI, NAZI CAMP MASTER, KNOWN AS 'BLOODY HERMAN'

ZURICH, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- "Bloody Herman" Baranowski, notorious commander of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp in Germany, has died at the age of 55, the Nazi newspaper Voelkischer Beobachter reported today. Death was attributed to a "long and painful illness."

Baranowski, whose prisoners have included such men as Pastor Martin Niemoller, gained his nickname from the frequently fatal floggings administered in Sachsenhausen. Attempts to assassinate Baranowski were recently reported in Berlin. The Voelkischer Beobachter, in reporting his death, described Baranowski as "a loving husband and father."

SHUSTER, HUNTER COLLEGE HEAD, CHIDES AMERICANS FOR COOLNESS TOWARD TRAGEDY ABROAD

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. George N. Shuster, newly-appointed president of Hunter College and an editor of the Catholic weekly Commonweal, today chided Americans for their callousness to suffering abroad, addressing 200 ministers at the fifth of a series of inter-denominational luncheon meetings at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Dr. Shuster said: "Refugees from a dozen lands starve in prisons worse than those Vincent saw when he visited the jails of Tartary. But what are refugees to many of us but an added burden to the taxpayer?...Poland is a shambles, but one looks the other way when there is mention of Poland. One disposes of Hitler by references to the possible emergence of Goering as the leader in Germany, conveniently forgetting all that one has ever known about Goering."

JABOTINSKY'S SON HELD IN PALESTINE AFTER ENTRY WITH REFUGEE GROUP

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Uri Jabotinsky, son of President Vladimir Jabotinsky of the New Zionist Organization, has been arrested in Palestine and is being held at Acre for investigation.

Young Jabotinsky, who is a Palestine citizen, entered Palestine recently with a large group of refugees, having sailed with them from the Rumanian Danube port of Sulina. His arrest was brought to the attention of the House of Commons today by Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Labor M.P.

SAFRAN CONFERS WITH RUMANIAN MINORITIES MINISTER

BUCHAREST, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Alexander Safran, youthful new Chief Rabbi of Rumania, has been received in a long and cordial audience by Minorities Minister Silviu Dragomir, it was announced today.