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PALESTINE JEWISH COMMONWEALTH PREDICTED BY WEIZMANN AT B'NAI B'RITH PARLEY

CHICAGO, March 30. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith's triennial national convention today heard Dr. Chaim Weizmann predict a Palestine Jewish commonwealth side by side with an Arab federation after the war and Vice-President Henry A. Wallace stress the importance of equality for all races and religions in the Western Hemisphere.

Addressing a luncheon session at the Drake Hotel, Dr. Weizmann asserted that "the floating and homeless five millions of Jews" could not survive without Palestine. "We have before us the greatest problem of salvaging the lives of Jews in the entire history of Jewish dispersion," he said.

Speaking of the "difficult Arab problem," the world Zionist leader asserted: "A solution to that problem must be found in order to achieve our objective. The Jews and the Arabs must live side by side as neighbors and cousins.

"After the victory of the democracies there must come a federation of the great Arab countries. This confederation will extend from the Euphrates to Libya. The democracies, too, will realize the historic connection between the Jews and Palestine and that we are entitled to develop an autonomous Palestine, free from shackles, where we can bring these millions of our suffering people so that they can build a country that can fructify and revitalize the whole Middle East. It is possible to have a Jewish commonwealth side by side with this Arab federation."

"The 500,000 Jews in Palestine who are ready to lay down their lives represent a great arsenal of human freedom as we stand sentinel at the entrance to the Suez Canal," he declared. "Every man, woman and child in Palestine would rather die than to yield that frontier which is one of the most strategic approaches to the Western Hemisphere."

Stressing the necessity of "unity of purpose as we prepare against the time when we shall have a word to say in the settlement of our destiny," Dr. Weizmann urged that Jews be united "on two great purposes--on the restoration of the Jewish rights of which we are brutally deprived outside of Palestine and on the affirmation of a right to build our homeland, unshackled and unfettered, in Palestine." Dr. Weizmann was introduced by Dr. Solomon Goldman.

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Vice-President Wallace addressed 4,000 delegates and guests of the convention at the "inspirational session" at the Civic Opera House this evening. His speech was broadcast over a CBS network and rebroadcast in Spanish to Latin American countries. The subject was "Democracy and the Dignity of Man."

"The Nazis rose to power largely by preaching hatred of the Jews," he said. "They propose to eliminate the Jews completely in all of Europe. The methods they have used in their efforts are unspeakable. I know that no person worthy of the name 'American' will ever permit himself to take even the first step on that road of racial hatred, the road which carried the Nazis to power and the road which will lead them to eventual ruin."

He asserted that "we must train the next generation to be not only tolerant of the racial and religious minorities, but to rejoice in them. To those nations which best learn the art of reconciling minority differences will belong the future of the world."

Wallace urged a "genetic democracy"--the doctrine that "no racial or religious group should be looked on as inferior because of its heredity."

"The cost of Nazi terrorism in terms of suffering to Europe is great beyond measurement," he asserted, "but we in the New World owe a great debt of gratitude to the Nazis for forcing us to make clear our thinking about the meaning of democracy and the part which racial and religious groups must contribute if democracy is to be worthy of its name."

"B'nai B'rith, I know, has caught this vision and will work for it wholeheartedly in all of the hemisphere. The New World is a chosen land, not for the Jew or the German or the Anglo-Saxon or the Spaniard or any other one people. The New World is a chosen land in which all of us, tolerantly living together, can allow the dignity of man to be expressed, free from the compulsions of the Old World, but with that sense of duty which is necessary to preserve that which is precious beyond life itself--an efficient yet tolerant constitutional democracy, free from the Gestapo and a greedy ruling class."

Wallace was introduced by Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith, who pledged his organization to "contribute further to our national strength by stimulating a more profound sense of national solidarity." Alfred M. Cohen, past president of B'nai B'rith, presided.

During the day there was a symbolic initiation of 6,000 new members enrolled in B'nai B'rith's District No. 6 in a campaign held as a tribute to Monsky.

In his presidential address opening the convention last night, Monsky urged broadening of B'nai B'rith's war relief and refugee program, for which more than \$250,000 was made available in 16 countries since Jan. 1, 1938, and intensification of national defense efforts. He reminded the 150,000 men and women affiliated with the organization that "national service in this hour is an unprecedented opportunity for patriotism in action."

Monsky also announced that the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee had agreed upon an immediate joint fund-raising campaign for the defense programs of the two agencies. The campaign will be known as the "Joint Appeal for the American Defense Activities of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith."

A message was read from President Roosevelt, who praised B'nai B'rith's "splendid work in the fields of charity and philanthropy" and said "its activities in advancing education and promoting true Americanism are likewise widely known and appreciated."

Among the speakers at the opening session were Governor Dwight Green, Mayor Edward Kelly, Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith District 6; Benjamin J. Friedman and Jerome J. Friedman, convention chairmen, and Judge I. M. Goldman of San Francisco, a vice-president of B'nai B'rith.

Diamond menorah awards for 40 years' service as delegates to B'nai B'rith conventions were presented to Archibald A. Marx, New Orleans, and Joseph Ullman, New Haven, Conn.

25,000 WARSAW JEWS SHIFTED TO CAMP OUTSIDE CITY

LONDON, March 30. (JTA) -- Twenty-five thousand Jews have been forcibly transferred from the Warsaw ghetto to a barrack camp on the outskirts of the former Polish capital, it is revealed by the Nazi organ, Litzmannstaedter Zeitung.

The camp consists of 30 barracks housing 800 to 1,200 each. The reason for the transfer is not given, but it is assumed to be overcrowding in the ghetto. The camp lacks elementary sanitary facilities and heating and the roadways are a foot deep in mire.

ANTI-SEMITIC NAMED TO HEAD NEW VICHY BODY ON JEWISH AFFAIRS

VICHY, March 30. (JTA) -- Xavier Vallat, anti-Semitic French lawyer, has been appointed head of the General Commissariat for Jewish Affairs by the Vichy Government, it was announced today.

The commissariat is responsible for the application of laws and decrees regarding the Jews in unoccupied France. The body was formed some time ago but had remained without a head.

Shortly after the commissariat was formed it was believed that an unofficial Jewish councillor would be attached to the Commissariat.

PALESTINE JEWS HAIL YUGOSLAV COUP

JERUSALEM, March 30. (JTA) -- A representative of the Jewish Agency and the Sephardic Chief Rabbi, Ben Zion Uziel, today called on the Yugoslav Consul-General and extended congratulations over the Yugoslav political developments.

150 JEWS ENTER PALESTINE OVER WEEKEND

JERUSALEM, March 30. (JTA) -- About 150 Jewish immigrants arrived in Palestine from the Balkans over the weekend.

HALIFAX TO TRANSMIT WEIZMANN PLEA TO ADMIT 800 TO HAIFA

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- British Ambassador Lord Halifax has promised to transmit to the British Government an appeal from Dr. Chaim Weizmann for admission to Palestine of some 800 Jewish refugees, mostly from the Balkans, now held in Haifa harbor on the ship on which they arrived.

Dr. Weizmann revealed that he had seen Lord Halifax on Friday morning and had urged that the refugees be admitted as legal immigrants, pointing out that the Jews had 40,000 more to go before filling the five-year quota of 75,000 immigrants under the White Paper.

The Zionist leader also took exception to Lord Halifax's remark at a press conference last Wednesday that the Balfour Declaration was being fulfilled. "I respectfully differ with Lord Halifax," Dr. Weizmann said. "The growth of the Jewish national home in Palestine is at the present time being officially impeded."

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PAN-AMERICAN JEWISH PARLEY SET FOR MONTEVIDEO JULY 9-11

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- A conference of representatives of Jewish communities in North, Central and South America, will be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, on July 9, 10 and 11, it was announced today by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress. Invitations to the conference, which is the first of its kind in history, have already been issued.

Dr. Wise said the meeting was designed to bring about fuller cooperation among Jewish communities in the Western Hemisphere. The conference, he added, would seek to coordinate methods of bringing material and moral help to Jewish victims of the war and unite all American Jewish communities in support of Palestine.

SYNAGOGUE YOUTH GROUP HITS TOTALITARIANISM, URGES PALESTINE ENTRY

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. March 30. (JTA) -- Resolutions extending greetings to the youth of Great Britain, China, Greece and Nazi-held countries and denouncing totalitarianism were passed today by the 1941 National Convention of the Young People's League of the United Synagogue of America.

The 600 delegates also passed a resolution calling upon England immediately and unconditionally to open the shores of Palestine to stateless Jews. The meeting was addressed by Aubrey Williams, administrator of the National Youth Administration.

YUGOSLAV REVOLT SAVES 5,000 REFUGEES FROM SEIZURE BY NAZIS

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- The revolt of the Serbs against Yugoslav adherence to the Axis appears for the time to have saved 5,000 Jewish refugees there from falling again into the hands of the Nazis. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, stated today.

Hyman said advices from Zagreb reported that the JDC-supported refugee-aid committee there was caring for 5,000 persons, most of them from Austria and Hungary. These advices added that the pressure of pro-Axis circles in the Yugoslav Government had recently resulted in the deportation of three groups of refugees to their countries of origin.

124 NAMED TO LEAD UJA DRIVE IN NEW YORK AREA

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- Plans for the most intensive relief campaign for refugee and overseas needs in the history of the New York Jewish community were completed with the announcement today by Dr. Jonah B. Wise, who has been named chairman, that 124 men and women prominent in all walks of American life have accepted executive posts in the 1941 war emergency campaign of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

The campaign officers are headed by Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Judge Julian W. Mack, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Mrs. Felix M. Warburg and Henry Littleton as honorary chairmen.

Dr. Wise stated that organization of campaigns is well under way in each of the five boroughs, in more than 200 trades and industries, in dozens of communities in Long Island and Westchester, and in scores of professional, civic and social organizations.

Meanwhile, enthusiastic commitments for the United Jewish Appeal have been reported by local committees in every part of the United States to the national office. Three communities have already gone over the top of their quotas. Chicago, second largest Jewish center in the country, is in the final weeks of its drive with 75 per cent of its quota already subscribed.