

### WEIZMANN DEMANDS FULL SOVEREIGNTY FOR A JEWISH COMMONWEALTH IN PALESTINE

BOSTON, July 14, (JTA)-- Dr. Chaim Weizmann in his only visit to New England during his current stay in this country, told an audience of 1500 at the convention banquet of the New England Zionist Region last night that Palestine and world Jewry must be ready to face one of the greatest mass migrations in the history of mankind as a result of Jewish homelessness. Because it must be ready to absorb countless wanderers, it is imperative that Palestine become a Jewish Commonwealth.

"Unless we have state functions", Dr. Weizmann stated, "we shall not be able to carry out the job that is ahead of us. The Jewish Commonwealth must be given a status of complete sovereignty, equality and dignity among the nations of the world". Dr. Weizmann expressed optimism over America's interest in Palestine. He declared that the "Jewish contribution to the victory of democracy will not escape the attention of American statesmen. The Battle of Britain is being waged in defense of the approaches to America, but the war is being waged not only on the Atlantic and in England. It is being fought in the East, too, and in the east, the Jewish homeland stands ready and willing to serve against the common enemy of mankind."

Among the resolutions passed by the convention was one declaring that it is imperative that a united Jewish leadership should represent American Jewry at the coming peace conference which will be dominated by the democracies and that the program to be presented should deal both with Palestine and the Jewish position in European countries. Another resolution expressed the convention's "firm belief in the American democratic form of life" and recognized in President Roosevelt "the symbol of the higher aspiration of humanity."

The President's foreign policy was fully endorsed, emphasizing in particular the determination that this country extend every possible aid to Great Britain and the other nations struggling against totalitarian aggression. The resolution further stated that "as builders of a democratic Palestine we are confident that with his support, in the final triumph, Palestine will occupy its place in the commonwealth of democracies."

Max Kabatznick, Boston attorney, was unanimously elected President of the New England Zionist Region.

### ARMISTICE IN SYRIA WELCOMED BY JEWS

LONDON, July 14, (JTA)-- Palestine Jews who were evacuated from settlements on the Syrian frontier began to return to their homes today following the conclusion of the armistice in Syria between the British and French, it was reported here.

Jewish circles in London welcomed the news of the end of the war and urged Jewish-Arab cooperation for the speedy rehabilitation of the economic structure of Syria. The hostilities there, they said, were only one episode in a wider frame that deeply affected the entire Near East, of which Palestine has become the "heart of a solid Allied block" facing the Axis in the Mediterranean. While Palestine now is not immediately threatened, they pointed out, the respite must be used for intense preparations for eventual developments.

FAMINE AMONG JEWS IN POLAND ASSUMING SERIOUS PROPORTIONS

GENEVA, July 14, (ONA)-- Increasing shortages of food in Nazi occupied Poland has led to a further cut in bread rations for Jews, resulting in famine conditions, it was reported here today from Warsaw. The price of bread has risen from five cents per kilo before the war to nine zlotys, approximately \$1.80, the report said.

Nazi censorship in occupied Poland is permitting the starving Jews to write to their relatives abroad, particularly to those in America, about the catastrophic shortage of food-stuffs, in order to stimulate the sending of food parcels from foreign countries. It is openly admitted by the Nazi authorities that an epidemic of typhus and other diseases can hardly be avoided in the ghettos as a result of the food dearth.

The news agency "Radio" in Switzerland picked up a broadcast from the secret Police radio station in which a movingly pathetic picture was given of hunger conditions there, especially in the ghettos. The speaker told of the children's stomachs "swelling up" from hunger as one common condition frequently to be seen.

Bettors from Jews in the Warsaw ghetto reaching Geneva make a plaintive plea for food. "Save us from a death by hunger. There is no hope of getting any food here", one letter which passed the Nazi censorship says.

Intervention on the part of Jewish mutual aid institutions in the Government General with the German Red Cross has resulted in permitting the distribution of condensed milk for Jewish charity institutions. Thousands of cans of milk are reported to have been distributed.

The Gasetta Zydowska, Nazi censored Jewish organ in Warsaw reports that in the city of Cracow there are today only 10,875 Jews left.

Nazis Reported Considering Expulsion of All Polish Jews Into Russia

STOCKHOLM, July 14, (JTA)-- A report that the Nazis are considering the expulsion of all Jewish from Poland into occupied Soviet territory is published today in the Tidnings, Swedish daily newspaper.

The same report, coming from the Berlin correspondent of the paper, reveals that the Nazi authorities have begun negotiations with the French government for converting the French island of Madagascar into a great absorption depot for all Jews of Europe including those of France. The correspondent adds that Hitler prefers to have the Jews of Poland also sent to Madagascar instead of forcing them on Russian soil.

HAPOEI HAMIZRACHI CONVENTION ELECTS DR. SIMON FEDERBUSCH NATIONAL PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, July 14, (JTA)-- Dr. Simon Federbusch, outstanding Jewish scholar and writer was elected President of Hapoel Hamizrachi of America at its eighteenth annual convention which met at the organization's Camp Hachshara, Hightstown, New Jersey. Dr. Federbusch, former Chief Rabbi of Finland, was one of the founders of the Torah v'Avodah movement, the world-wide federation sponsoring the ideology of Hapoel Hamizrachi. For years, too, he has been one of its foremost theoreticians and interpreters, as well as one of its active organizers throughout Europe.

NEW PROCEDURE FOR VISAS CONSIDERED COMPLICATED; CHANGES URGED

WASHINGTON, July 14, (JTA)-- Changes are likely to be made in the application forms which the Visa Division of the State Department introduced this month for those desiring to bring over relatives from Europe, it was learned here today.

The number of questions which these forms contain has provoked much criticism and is taken to mean that the Visa Division, in which the visa control has been centralized since July 1st, intends to make it exceptionally difficult for Americans to bring their refugee-relatives over.

Under the new regulations, at least two persons--American citizens, or aliens lawfully admitted into the United States for permanent residence--must sponsor an applicant for a visa. Hitherto one sponsor was sufficient. Special affidavits designated as Form B, C and D are now required to be filled out. The subscriber to Form B must answer 25 questions regarding the prospective immigrant, including the names, addresses and nationality of his close relatives in the United States, the names and addresses of such relatives as brothers, sisters or parents remaining abroad, the educational background of the alien, his political activities and affiliations, the present and previous places of his residence, the positions held since 1930 and the names and addresses of his employers. He is also required to give reasons for believing that the alien may be endangered in the country of his residence, and whether he can secure permission to leave the country of his residence. He must also say where the alien plans to reside if admitted into the United States and what occupation does he plan to follow here.

The affiant subscribing to Form C must state the nationality of his father, must under oath certify that he has never been convicted on criminal charges or that civil suits are pending against him; that he has never been adjudged bankrupt; that he believes in the American democratic form of government and that he is convinced that the alien "will not engage in any activity against the public safety of the United States". He must also provide proof of his financial standing and enumerate all the affidavits he had previously executed in behalf of aliens who applied for American visas. He must pledge that during his lifetime he will guarantee the United States against any losses or damages which may be suffered by reason of the immigrant becoming a public charge.

Each person executing Forms B or C must submit two letters of reference regarding his character. When the required forms and supporting documents have been filled out and signed under oath, they must be sent to the Immigration Division, Visa Section, State Department, Washington, D.C. After examination, the State Department sends to the American Consul concerned a report on the case for further consideration. The Consul in turn notifies the prospective immigrant of further procedure.

JUNIOR B'NAI B'RITH ORDER TO CARE FOR FIFTY ENGLISH CHILDREN

KERRYVILLE, TEXAS, July 14, (JTA)-- Fifty English children under five who have been evacuated from English cities to the countryside for the duration of the war, will be cared for a full year by the Aleph Zadik Aleph, the B'nai B'rith youth organization.

Decision to "adopt" the English youngsters for a year was made at the 18th annual convention of the organization taking place here. The youth order voted to give a fund of \$2,500 raised during the year by its various chapters to the Red Cross for the maintenance of the evacuated children at a cost of \$50 per child per year. Sheldon Singer, 18, of Sioux City, Iowa, was the winner of the Aleph Zadik Aleph oratorical contest. Second honors went to Robert Safer of Fort Wayne, Indiana.