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MOSCOW ADDRESSES APPEAL TO ZIONIST GROUP FOR FIRST TIME IN SOVIET HISTORY

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA)-- For the first time in the history of Soviet Russia, where the Zionist movement is officially banned, an appeal was today directed from Moscow to an official Zionist organization in England. The appeal was sent by Eugene Fedorov, chairman of an anti-Fascist rally in Moscow, to the Zionist Youth Federation of Britain.

"We will not lay down our arms until the Fascist monster which brings torture and death to the Jewish and other people will be destroyed," the appeal read. "A world of freedom and justice can only be established by armed destruction of Hitler's Germany. We appeal to all Jewish people to multiply their efforts in all parts of the world against Hitlerism, the most bitter enemy of Jewry. Victory will be ours."

The appeal came in reply to a message of encouragement sent by the British Zionist Youth Federation to Moscow in answer to the call issued to the youth of the world by a meeting of Russian youth in the Soviet capital on September 28, urging young people in all democratic lands to mobilize all their forces in aiding the countries which are fighting Hitler's invasion.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT TO DISCUSS JEWISH PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR EFFORT

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA)-- The question of Jewish participation in the British armed forces as well as Jewish contributions to the British war effort will come up for discussion in the British Parliament in the near future, it was disclosed here today by Daniel M. Lipson, member of Parliament.

Lipson revealed that he will request that the British Government make a clear-cut statement in Commons on the number of Palestine Jews in the British Army, Navy and Air Force. He will also ask the Government for a statement as to what is being done by the Palestine administration to encourage the recruiting efforts which Jews are now engaged in there.

At the same time it was learned from Mr. Lipson that he will ask the Colonial Secretary to lift the ban imposed by the Palestine censor on the publication of the reply which Prime Minister Churchill gave in Commons on July 30th to a question asked by Lipson as to whether the British Government still adheres to its policy on Palestine embodied in the Balfour Declaration. Churchill's reply to this question was: "There is no need for any change in the policy of His Majesty's Government on Palestine."

The formation of a Council of Continental Zionists was announced here by Barnett Janner, vice-president of the British Zionist Federation, who presided at the first meeting. Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbart was elected President.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR ASKS IMPLEMENTATION OF BALFOUR DECLARATION

SEATTLE, Oct. 17. (JTA)-- The American Federation of Labor, at its convention last night reaffirmed endorsement of the Balfour Declaration and proposed that at the end of the war, Great Britain, in cooperation with the United States and other democratic countries, should implement the declaration "by facilitating further immigration and large scale settlement of Jewish laboring masses in their National Home in Palestine."

A report of the Committee on International Labor Relations submitted to the convention described the Jewish people as "the greatest of all sufferers at the ruthless hands of the enemies of freedom and democracy." It declared that "the least the democracies of the world can pledge" was real hope and aid "through a restoration of rights long overdue, rights to a full development in Palestine." Genuine equality of the Jews among the nations of the world can only be advanced through restoring their national life on the soil of Palestine, the report stated.

The convention also heard a report on immigration stating that the second world war has greatly reduced the flow of immigrants to the United States. Only about half of the prospective immigrants who seek admission to the United States are being granted the necessary permits under new and drastically tightened restrictions on the entry of aliens, the report said. Two official advisory committees on immigration, functioning only since mid-July, already have rejected outright 300 applications for visas on the ground the applications were submitted by potential propagandists or fifth-columnists, or by persons inimical to the American form of government. "As a result of the tightened control and because of transportation difficulties, it is predicted that 1941 immigration will be considerably less than in past years," the report emphasized.

Commenting on the decrease in immigration and on the various anti-immigration bills, the report disclosed that during the first six months of this year only 25,945 immigrants for permanent residence were admitted, against total quotas of 153,774 for the entire year. Immigrants in 1940 totaled 70,756. In 1939, 82,998 were allowed to enter. "Notwithstanding this slump in immigration various bills were introduced to still further restrict immigration. H. R. 3165 prohibits all immigration when there are over one million unemployed in the United States. H. R. 5108 and S. 1394 suspend all immigration for five and ten years respectively. None of these bills were reported from Committee," the report concluded.

ROMANIAN-JEWISH GIRLS TORN FROM HOMES, THRUST INTO NAZI BROTHELS

GENEVA, Oct. 17. (JTA)-- Military brothels filled with girls torn from respectable Jewish families in Rumania have been established by the Rumanian army in the towns of Akerman and Czernovitz, it was reported here today. In Kishinev Jewish girls are confined in a brothel used exclusively by German soldiers. Traveling brothels which have been sent to the Russian front include many Jewish girls seized in the occupied Soviet territory.

JOSHUA GORDON DIES IN PALESTINE

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NAZI PLANES DROP ANTI-SEMITIC LEAFLETS OVER MOSCOW

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 17. (JTA)-- Nazi planes today dropped anti-Jewish leaflets over Moscow asserting that "every seventh person in Moscow is a Jew" and telling the population that "the German army aims to liberate the Russian people from Jewish slavery."

With the evacuation of all foreign diplomatic missions from Moscow to Kazan, the Soviet capital is now being fortified day and night by the civil population, with every able-bodied Jew volunteering for participation in the defense of the city.

U.S. CONSUL EULOGIZES BRANDEIS AT CEREMONIES IN PALESTINE COLONY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17. (JTA)-- Hailing the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis as one "who enriched not only the Supreme Court but also the Government by his way of life," Lowell C. Pinkerton, United States Consul General in Palestine yesterday eulogized the noted jurist in an address delivered at memorial services in the En Ha'Shophet (Judge's Well) colony whose tower was draped in mourning black.

The meeting which was opened by Jossua Leibner, formerly of New York City who now resides in the En Ha'Shophet colony, heard addresses by Henrietta Szold, Bernard Joseph, Julius Simon, Isaac Ben-Zvi, and others. Miss Szold declared that Brandeis' death closed an epoch in Zionism but that by his work he had cleared the way for new vistas. Mr. Simon said Brandeis was "a synthesis of Herzl's political conception and Achad Haam's principle that quality was more important than quantity."

Mr. Leibner concluded the addresses with the pledge that En Ha'Shophet would proudly uphold the lofty principles of Brandeis and continue the work along the lines he had outlined. A hymn sung by a quartet chosen from among the members of the colony's choir concluded the simple services.

Winant to Address Brandeis Memorial Meeting in London

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA)-- John G. Winant, United States Ambassador to Great Britain will be the principal speaker at a memorial meeting to the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis, which will be held here on Tuesday under the auspices of the Jewish Agency, it was announced today.

LEEDS SYNAGOGUES PROCLAIM SANCTIONS AGAINST MEMBERS VIOLATING WAR REGULATIONS

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA)-- For the first time in the hundred-year history of the Leeds Jewish community sanctions have been adopted against members guilty of disgracing Jewish honor.

The Council of the Leeds United Hebrew Congregations unanimously decided not to extend the rites of the synagogue to any person convicted of violating any of the war regulations. Steps have already been taken to exclude offenders from all synagogue honors.

BRITISH OFFICIAL IMPRESSED BY PALESTINE PRODUCTION OF WAR MATERIALS

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA)-- The London Times today reports that Lord Carlisle, chairman of the United Kingdom Corporation, which recently concluded a British Empire Trade Conference in Jerusalem, returned from Palestine to Turkey with an extremely favorable impression of Palestinian industrial activity. Lord Carlisle was particularly pleased with the production of boots, mess tins, waterbottles and nails, all essential war materials.

PROGRESS OF JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGED BY GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA)-- Leon Falk, Jr. has been elected president of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, and James N. Rosenberg has been elected chairman, it was learned here today following the publication by the Association of a report on the progress of settling Jewish refugees in Sosua, the Dominican Republic. William Rosenwald, New York, and Louis Caplan and William K. Frank, of Pittsburgh, joined the Board of Directors as new members. Dr. Joseph A. Rosen was elected vice-president and Dr. Bernhard Kahn, treasurer.

In reviewing the achievements in Sosua, the report states that mechanization, cooperation and the introduction of new crops are the keystone of Sosua's development. The fertile soil is capable not only of feeding the settler and his family, but of yielding surplus crops for which the Dominican Republic Settlement Association is seeking and finding markets. In little more than a year the Association has built 60 settler homesteads, 20 worker's houses, 12 workshops and warehouses, 9 dormitories, a small hospital and a school building which serves as a community center as well. The settlement has its own power plant, contributed anonymously.

Scientific dairy farming is also a growing factor in the life of Sosua, the report points out. The settlers under expert guidance provided by the Association, are constantly experimenting to improve the fine native Dominican livestock. The mild climate makes possible year-round outdoor grazing. The richness of the pasture is reflected in the abundant butter-fat and milk yield. Cheese produced by the Jewish settlers is being sold in the Dominican Republic. Under regular medical supervision, the settlers learn to adjust their habits of living and working to sub-tropical conditions.

Government Expresses Satisfaction to Rosenberg

Satisfaction of the Dominican Government with the refugees in Sosua is expressed in a letter addressed to James N. Rosenberg by Andres Pastoriza, Dominican Minister in Washington who retired this month from his diplomatic post to become a member of the Dominican Cabinet.

"We of the Dominican Republic," the letter reads, "would like the friends of Sosua to know that our Government has decorated Mr. Falk, yourself and others of your colleagues with the rarely granted Order of Duarte, and that our University, the oldest in the Western Hemisphere, has conferred on you the Degree of Doctor Honoris Causa. We should like the friends of Sosua to know of these honors not merely as symbols of our personal regard, but because they are in recognition of the services of your colleagues and yourself to the cause of refugees, and most of all we wish them to know of this significant evidence of our hearty welcome to the refugees. It was with this viewpoint and purpose that Generalissimo Trujillo made his historic proposal to the Evian Conference called by President Roosevelt. The progress already made by DORSA and the character of the refugees who have come to Sosua have convinced us that we were right in offering asylum to the oppressed refugees of Europe."

Mr. Falk, the new president of the Association, has visited the Jewish settlement of Sosua four times in the course of this year. He expects to proceed to Sosua again early in December.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINE TO BE HELD IN CLEVELAND

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA)-- The annual National Conference for Palestine, sponsored by the United Palestine Appeal, will be held at the Hotel Statler, Cleveland, on January 17th and 18th, 1942, it was announced today by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman.