

JEWISH ARMY, PALESTINE JEWISH COMMONWEALTH URGED AT BALFOUR DAY MEETING

NEW YORK, Nov. 2. (JTA)-- A resolution urging reconstitution of Palestine as a Jewish commonwealth after the war and calling upon the British Government to form a Jewish army for service in the Middle East was adopted by a Balfour Day-Brandeis mass meeting at Carnegie Hall last night. The meeting marked the twenty-fourth anniversary today of the Balfour Declaration and also was a memorial to Justice Brandeis.

The meeting heard Senator Alben W. Barkley, of Kentucky, Senate majority leader; Sir Norman Angell, British publicist, and other speakers declare that fulfillment of the British pledge should be an integral part of the next peace settlement. The speakers also demanded creation of a Jewish army in the Near East.

Governor Herbert H. Lehman, who was unable to attend, sent a message in which he paid tribute to the late Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis as "a wise and powerful collaborator in the formulation of the Balfour Declaration." The Governor also praised those Jewish pioneers who have gone to Palestine.

Another message from Senator Robert F. Wagner, Democrat, of New York, said that the American Palestine Committee, of which he is chairman, declares Palestine to be "an important bulwark on the democratic front" and that if the next peace is to be equitable and lasting, the Jewish national home must be an "integral part of the new world order." Senator Wagner said the Jews of Palestine should be allowed to place a substantial armed force in the Middle East.

Senator Barkley urged admission into the British Middle Eastern command of a Jewish army under its own flag, as are the forces of the exiled French, Poles and Czechs. The meeting, which was under the chairmanship of Rabbi Stepehn S. Wise, also heard Jan Masaryk, Foreign Minister of the exiled government of Czechoslovakia; Count Carlo Sforza, former Foreign Minister of Italy, and Count Jacques de Sieres, representative in the United States of General Charles de Gaulle's Free French movement.

HADASSAH CONVENTION URGES MEMBERSHIP TO "MOBILIZE FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE"

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 2. (JTA)-- A resolution urging the 100,000 members of Hadassah to "mobilize for national defense and protection of American democracy," was adopted at the 27th annual Hadassah convention which ended its sessions here today. Mrs. David de Sola Pool, president of Hadassah, said that the resolution was in answer to President Roosevelt's letter to the convention appealing for the "defeat of the forces of aggression."

Dr. Abram L. Sachar, addressing the convention, said: "The overwhelming pressure upon the American-Jewish community for resources to support relief and defense needs and the institutional fabric of Palestine has inevitably shunted into the background the claims of Jewish education. Yet it requires no prescience to realize that, even in the heart of crisis, there can be no moratorium on the cultural activities which give cohesion and stamina to the American-Jewish community."

Dr. L. M. Birkhead, national director of the Friends of Democracy, told the convention that the United States should create a ministry of information to combat Nazi propaganda and to spread propaganda for democracy. Describing anti-Semitism as the "spearhead of fifth-column activities," Dr. Birkhead said that the "American Nazi movement" has become respectable. It drapes its program, not in the swastika, but in the Stars and Stripes, he said. A memorial meeting to the late Justice Brandeis and a Balfour Day celebration both held today marked the closing of the five-day convention.

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15-HOUR CURFEW IMPOSED ON JEWS IN SLOVAKIA IN PREPARATION FOR WHOLESALE EXPULSIONS

ZURICH, Nov. 3. (JTA)-- Sweeping anti-Jewish measures, including an order prohibiting Jews from leaving their homes between three o'clock in the afternoon and six in the morning, were proclaimed today in the Nazi-puppet state of Slovakia, it was announced over the Bratislava radio station.

The measures amount to virtual confiscation of Jewish wealth and real estate. Jews are ordered to surrender their valuables, including jewelry, stocks, bonds, while those who own buildings are to be dispossessed by special "Aryan" administrators appointed as managers of Jewish real estate. Jews have also been informed that they are to do their shopping before 10 A.M. only.

The 15-hour curfew imposed upon the Jews is to be applied in the districts of Bratislava, Presov, Trnava, Nitra, Zlate-Moravce, Zvolen, Zilina, Sabinov, Bardiov, Giratovec, Stropkov, Humenne-Vranov, Michalovec, Trebisov, Topolcan and Banska-Bystrica. Police authorities are instructed to visit Jewish homes in these cities, in collaboration with the Hlinka Guards and Nazi stormtroopers, and check whether the Jews are remaining at home during the forbidden hours. Only in cases where medical aid is required are Jews permitted to leave their houses, the order states.

While the decree does not disclose the reason for prohibiting Jews from appearing in streets after three in the afternoon, it is believed that the new measure is issued in connection with the preparations which are now being made in Slovakia for the wholesale expulsion of Jews from the country along the same lines as this is now being done in Germany. There are about 80,000 Jews in Slovakia today.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS TO ESTABLISH OFFICE IN RUSSIA FOR CONTACTING RELATIVES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA)-- Jewish organizations have approached the Soviet Government with a project to establish an office in the Soviet Union for the purpose of reestablishing contact between Russian Jews and their relatives in America and Palestine in order to secure individual relief for them, it is reported today in Davar, Palestine Labor organ.

The report states that the project is awaiting the approval of the central Soviet authorities. It is expected that such an office will reunite many Jewish families separated during the retreat of civilians from Russian territory now under Nazi occupation.

JEWS EXECUTED IN BELGRADE FOR ALLEGED ATTACK ON NAZI SOLDIER

ISTANBUL, Nov. 3. (JTA)-- A broadcast on the Belgrade radio today announced that "100 Jews and Communists" had been executed in the former Yugoslav capital in reprisal for an alleged attack on a Nazi soldier.

COLONY NAMED IN HONOR OF JUDGE MACK OPENED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA)-- A new settlement "Ramath Hashophet" ("Judge's Heights") named in honor of Judge Julian W. Mack of the U.S. Court of Appeals, prominent leader of American Jewry, was formally opened here today.

The new colony, covering about 5,000 dunams of land, is situated not far from the settlement "Ain Hashophet" established in 1937 in honor of the late Justice Brandeis. Sixty-seven families are already settled in Ramath Hashophet.

COLORFUL CEREMONY MARKS "SHELOSHIM" OF USSISHKIN'S DEATH

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA)-- Nikanor's Cave, the ancient crypt on Mount Scopus in which lies buried Menahem Mendel Ussishkin, yesterday was the scene of a moving ceremony when representatives of 237 Palestine settlements, including Jews of every type - Ashkenazi, Yemenite, Greek, Bulgarian, Turkish, American and others, gathered to pay tribute to the late Zionist leader on the occasion of the "sheloshim" after his death.

Delegates from every rural and urban institution established on JNF land placed blue and white bags of earth from their respective settlement on Ussishkin's grave. Each bag bore a metal plate with the name of the place from which it came inscribed upon it. Earth from twelve locations which have just been redeemed but have not yet been colonized were laid upon the bier by Dr. Abraham Granovsky, one of the triumvirate that will guide the JNF until Ussishkin's successor is chosen by the next World Zionist Congress. The grave was covered with a carpet of blue-white bags after the ceremony.

BRITISH PRESS IGNORES SMUTS' ADDRESS ON BALFOUR DAY

LONDON, Nov. 3. (JTA)-- Zionist circles here today expressed disappointment over the fact that the English press, with the exception of the Manchester Guardian and the Daily Telegraph, did not carry the speech on the Balfour Declaration broadcast yesterday by Prime Minister Jan Smuts of the Union of South Africa, on the occasion of Balfour day.

The Zionist leaders interpret the English press' failure to publish the address as an indication that Zionism is "tabu" at the present time and under the present circumstances. Smuts, in his address, declared that "instead of the horror of the twentieth-century ghettos let us carry out the Balfour Declaration's promise to open the Jewish National Home in Palestine."

Palestine Press Demands Speedy Fulfillment of Balfour Declaration

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA)-- Jews will never give up their determination for a speedy fulfillment of the historic Balfour Declaration, declares the entire Hebrew press in Palestine today in editorials in connection with the twenty-fourth anniversary of the Declaration.

SUMNER WELLES TO ADDRESS PAN-AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA)-- Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State of the United States, will be the principal speaker at the opening public session of the Inter-American Jewish Conference on Sunday afternoon, November 23, it was announced today by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, President of the American Jewish Congress, under whose auspices the Conference is being arranged. The Conference in which delegates from 18 countries will participate will be held in Baltimore, at the Southern Hotel.

DR. WILLIAM FILDERMAN REPORTED BANISHED FROM RUMANIA TO GHETTO IN OCCUPIED UKRAINE

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA)-- Dr. William Filderman, outstanding leader of the Jews in Rumania and president of the Federation of Jewish communities there, has been arrested by the Rumanian government and sent to a ghetto camp in a section of the Ukraine occupied by German-Rumanian military forces, according to unverified information reaching Mr. Charles A. Davila, former Rumanian Minister to the United States, who is now organizing a Free Rumania movement in this country.

The United Rumanian Jews of America, interested in the fate of Dr. Filderman, today cabled the Jewish community in Bucharest for verification of this report, which Mr. Davila said had reached him directly from Rumania. Efforts are also being made to check the information through the State Department with the American Minister in Rumania. Dr. Filderman only last week protested to the Rumanian Premier Antonescu against the expulsion of Jews from Bessarabia and Bukovina to ghettos in the occupied Ukraine. Premier Antonescu answered this protest by attacking Dr. Filderman and the Jews of Rumania in a nation-wide broadcast from Bucharest.

A statement condemning the exile of Rumanian Jews to ghetto camps in the Ukraine was issued here today by Mr. Davila. "Such measures are equivalent to murder," the former Rumanian Minister said. He added that he still has "a faint hope that some kind of intervention of a great democracy will result in rescinding by the Rumanian government of their barbarous measures against the Jews." Mr. Davila is reported to have the support of 85 American-Rumanian organizations in the United States in his effort to organize a Free Rumanian movement in America.

PARAGUAY ADMITS 100 JEWISH REFUGEES DEPORTED FROM ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 3. (JTA)-- Active intervention on the part of the American Joint Distribution Committee resulted today in an announcement that the Government of Paraguay is willing to admit some 100 German-Jewish refugees who were threatened with deportation from Argentina by Nov. 12, after having wandered for about ten months after leaving France, without being admitted anywhere.

One group of 35 refugees arrived in Argentina about a fortnight ago on the Spanish freighter Cabo Buena Esperanza. They had left France last January for Brazil but had been imprisoned at Dekar for five months in a concentration camp. During these five months their visas had expired and Brazil subsequently refused to admit them. They were permitted to land in Argentina, but acting President Ramon Castillo ordered them deported and set Nov. 12 as the deportation date. Another group of 65 Jewish refugees, similarly imprisoned at Dekar, reached Argentine shores last week and faced a similar fate. Sufficient funds were raised to guarantee the Paraguayan authorities that the refugees will not become public charges when admitted to Paraguay.

NAZI FORCE JEWS TO WEAR YELLOW BADGE ON NIGHTSHIRTS

LISEON, Nov. 3. (JTA)-- Stormtroopers visit air-raid shelters in Frankfort-am-Main every night that an air-raid alarm is sounded there to check up on the Jews taking shelter and to see whether they are complying with the order to wear the Jewish badge on their outer garments, travellers from the German city reported here today.

The Jews in Frankfort, according to these reports, have now sewn the Jewish badges on their dressing-gowns and nightshirts to avoid arrest.