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AMERICAN ZIONIST CONFERENCE DEMANDS PALESTINE AS JEWISH COMMONWEALTH

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA)-- A declaration demanding the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth and free Jewish immigration into the country under the sole control of the Jewish Agency was adopted here today at the closing session of the three-day Extraordinary Zionist Conference which was held in the Biltmore Hotel here in lieu of the World Zionist Congress. Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Chaim Weizmann delivered the closing addresses.

Pointing out that a post-war democratic world order cannot be established on foundations of peace, justice and equality unless the problem of Jewish homelessness is solved, the declaration calls for the "fulfillment of the original purposes of the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate which, recognizing the connection of the Jewish people with Palestine, was to afford them the opportunity as stated by President Wilson to found there a Jewish Commonwealth."

The declaration expresses the desire of the Jewish people to work in full cooperation with their Arab neighbors. It reaffirms the Jewish rejection of the White Paper issued by the British Government in May 1939 "which seeks to limit and in fact nullifies Jewish rights to immigration and settlement in Palestine and, as stated by Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons in 1939, constitutes a breach and a repudiation of the Balfour Declaration."

"This Conference," the declaration reads, "urges that the gates of Palestine be opened, that the Jewish Agency be vested with control of immigration into Palestine and with the necessary authority for upbuilding the country, including the development of its unoccupied lands, that Palestine be established as a Jewish Commonwealth integrated in the structure of the new democratic world."

The Declaration conveyed the greetings of the Conference to the Jews of Palestine and expressed admiration for the steadfastness of the Yishuv in the face of its peril and great difficulties. "The Jewish men and women in field and factory and the thousands of Jewish soldiers of Palestine in the Near East have acquitted themselves with honor and distinction in Greece, Ethiopia, Syria, Libya and other battlefields."

Silver, Neumann Speak on Need of Zionist Education in USA

The need of educating the American public regarding Palestine and the Jewish problem was emphasized by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in a speech at the concluding session of the Conference. "It is of utmost importance," said Dr. Silver, "to intensify the education of American Jews as well as our non-Jewish friends, if we are to avert a colossal Jewish tragedy after an Allied victory." Pointing out that "Jews today are fighting on every front of the United Nations," Dr. Silver stated: "Our casualties have mounted in the millions. An Allied victory promises all nations freedom and restitution. The Jewish people alone is in danger of coming out of this

war, after an Allied victory, unrequited and in a worse status than before, unless provision is made for the solution of the peculiar problems of Jewry in Central and Eastern Europe, which an Allied victory in the last war failed to achieve."

The need for a campaign of education for all America on the Jewish question and Palestine was also the major theme of the address of Emanuel Neumann, Executive Director of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs. Mr. Neumann expressed the view that "Christian America is instinctively pro-Zionist" but requires education. He predicted that it was not unlikely that there would be a Gallup poll of the American public on the question of the Jews and Palestine and the education of the public was therefore of paramount importance.

#### Federation of All Zionist Groups in America Proposed

A lively discussion was precipitated on the proposal by the Zionist laborite representation that an overall Zionist federation be formed in America, including all the various Zionist groups. Prof. Hayim Fineman and Isaac Hamlin were chief spokesmen for the proposal. Gedalyah Bublick, representing the orthodox Miz-rachi wing, spoke in opposition, declaring that while it was possible to work together in such matters as the collection of Zionist funds, the different parties had diverse ideologies which could not be united in this country. Mrs. David de Sola Pool, speaking for Hadassah, declared that her organization had not fully gone into the matter as yet, but one objection to such a union was the danger that in such a Federation, the Hadassah wing, by the larger number of its shekel paying members, would reduce the men's Zionist organization to a comparatively inferior position.

Judge Levinthal, President of the Zionist Organization of America, ~~stated he was in favor of the plan.~~ The Conference decided to refer the question to the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs in which all Zionist groups are represented.

#### NAZI PRESS TURKEY TO INTRODUCE ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES

ISTANBUL, May 11. (JTA)-- Germany is pressing the Turkish Government to dismiss all Jewish employees from public institutions and to forbid state institutions to place orders with Jewish firms, it was learned here today following a broadcast from the Nazi-controlled Paris radio station.

Announcing the dismissal last week of some Jewish employees of the Turkish news agency "Anatolia," the Paris radio stated that "this is merely the prelude to the introduction of the Nuremberg Laws in Turkey." It indicated that Germany is determined to press the "Jewish issue" upon Turkey under the pretext that normal diplomatic and commercial relations between Turkey and the Reich are suffering "because German officials cannot have dealings with Jews who represent Turkey's interests."

#### NEW YORK LAW FORBIDS EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES TO INSERT DISCRIMINATORY ADVERTISEMENTS

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA)-- A City Council bill aimed at barring employment agencies from inserting discriminatory advertisements in newspapers has been signed by Mayor LaGuardia, it was announced today.

The measure prohibits employment agency ads which limit the applicants to any race, creed, or color, or exclude anyone for the same reasons, unless the agency has instructions in writing from the employer for whom the ad is placed. Where an employer orders the agency to place a discriminatory ad, his name must be given in the ad.

HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES RESCIND CITIZENSHIP OF JEWS

ZURICH, May 11. (JTA)-- The Budapest radio today announced that the citizenship of 150 Jews in Hungary had been revoked. No reasons for the measure were given. The broadcast did not explain whether those affected are Hungarian-born or naturalized citizens or people who automatically acquired their Hungarian citizenship when Hungary annexed the areas in which they were born.

A broadcast today from Bratislava, capital of the Nazi puppet-state of Slovakia, stated that 1,600 more Jews have been "evacuated" from the city to internment camps. The broadcast added that raids on Jewish homes took place during the week-end throughout Slovakia and that "much goods found there ~~were~~ confiscated."

JEWSH WOMAN SCIENTIST AWARDED GOLD MEDAL IN MOSCOW FOR IMPORTANT DISCOVERY

MOSCOW, May 11. (JTA)-- Lena Stern, a Jewish woman scientist, has been awarded the Gold Medal in recognition of her discovery of what Soviet doctors term "the Elixir of Life," it was announced today.

The discovery of the Soviet-Jewish woman who is a member of the Moscow Academy of Science, brings back to life within a few minutes people killed by shock. Tetanus and shock have always reaped a huge harvest of human life upon the battlefield. A state of shock occurs usually in cases of severe contusions and burns.

Experimenting upon shock in animals, Lena Stern ascertained that action of one and the same substance may have entirely different effects, depending upon the path by which it is injected into the organism. It may have a marked depressing effect if it reaches the general circulation system, and a marked excitatory effect when injected directly into the nourishing medium of the brain.

Illustrating the success of her experiments, Miss Stern injected a dose of tetanus bacilli into her own dog to whom she is very much attached. The animal lay stretched out without any visible sign of life. To all intents and purposes it was dead. Precise measuring instruments showed that the blood-pressure had fallen below the point which separates life from death. But Stern injected into the lateral ventricle of the brain an anti-tetanus serum which when injected into the general circulatory system produces, rather than alleviates shock and immediately the symptoms of shock began to disappear and the dog recovered consciousness and was alive and well as if nothing had happened.

NAZIS DELETE "JERUSALEM" FROM HYMNAL, BUT RESERVE "JERUSALEM STREET" FOR GERMANS ONLY

ZURICH, May 11. (JTA)-- The Nazi Governor of Warsaw has issued an order reserving Jerusalem Avenue "for the exclusive residence of Germans only," it is reported in Swiss newspapers today.

The order coincides strangely with a struggle reported to be going on between the Nazis in Germany and the Church there over the omission of the words "Jerusalem" and "Zion" from a hymn book which the Nazi authorities insist must be used in all churches. The words "Hallelujah," "Jehovah," "psalm" and many other biblical allusions have been deleted from the new hymnal which was issued under the auspices of the Institute for Research into Jewish Influence on the Church in Germany. All "Judaistic" words and all references to the Bible have also been omitted.

FORMER POLISH PREMIER BECOMES AIR RAID WARDEN IN PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, May 11. (JTA)-- Gen. Felicjan Slawski-Skladowski, premier of Poland at the outbreak of the war in Sept. 1939, who fled to Palestine shortly after the Nazi invasion, today enlisted for service in the ARP and Civil Guards.

NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FOREIGN-BORN AND OTHER AMERICANS, ROOSEVELT SAYS

CLEVELAND, May 11. (JTA)-- President Roosevelt, in a message to the Sixth National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign-Born which concluded here today, emphasized that "our country expects those who are known as its foreign-born to be accorded the right to go on as free people precisely as it has been and will be accorded to all Americans."

The President pointed out that America expects from its foreign-born "exactly what it expects from all Americans." The Conference to which President Roosevelt addressed his message was called in an effort to aid in complete mobilization of Americans of foreign birth for the victory program.

Wendell L. Willkie, in a message to the conference, stated that "the foreign-born within our borders are as important to the United States as a nation as were the pioneer settlers who came here so many years ago. They came in the same spirit as did those other lovers of freedom who made this nation great. Their loyalty and their devotion to this nation and its freedom are perhaps even greater because many of them have lived without freedom."

The conference was addressed by Earl G. Harrison, recently appointed Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization by the President, Harold Hoskins, of the Department of State; Dr. Malcolm S. MacLean, Chairman of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice; Frank J. Lausche, Mayor of Cleveland and others.

PALESTINE JEWISH JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE HAILS JTA'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

TEL AVIV, May 11. (JTA)-- Hailing the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, which is being celebrated this year, as a "holiday of the entire Jewish press throughout the world," the Jewish Journalists' Association at its annual meeting today adopted a resolution sending "warm greetings to the JTA."

Other resolutions adopted by the delegates urged all of the Association's members of military age to join the armed forces; declared that guidance of the Yishuv for increased war effort, for speedy victory of the democracies, for liberation of the Jewish people and for development of the Jewish homeland was the first duty of the journalists; and paid tribute to the Jewish heroes who have fallen on all fronts and to the Jewish writers fighting in the armies of the democracies.

MASARYK SAYS BENES PLAN TO EXCHANGE MINORITIES IS NOT MEANT TO AFFECT JEWS

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA)-- Dr. Jan Masaryk, Foreign Minister of the Czechoslovakian government-in-exile, today informed the Yiddish Scientific Institute here that the article by President Benes in the January issue of Foreign Affairs, urging the compulsory exchange of minority populations in post-war Czechoslovakia is not directed against the Jewish minority.

"It has been my honor and pleasure to work for Benes for the last twenty-five years and I know that when he speaks of "exchange of populations" he means that within the realms of possibilities we must - after this war - try to get rid of some of the Germans around the frontiers of Germany who have never been much good to us and I do not think they will be a great addition to Germany. Naturally - there are some decent people among them. We will find who is who when the war is over," Dr. Masaryk stated.

CONFERENCE OF LABOR UNIONS IN MONTREAL CONDEMNS ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

MONTREAL, May 11. (JTA)-- Representatives of international labor unions, participating in a local war production conference, tonight unanimously adopted a resolution condemning racial and religious hatred and calling upon the federal and provincial authorities to take the necessary steps to curb the anti-Semitic agitation being waged in certain quarters and which culminated in the recent anti-Jewish disturbances in this city.