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PROBLEM OF CITIZENSHIP OF POLISH JEWS IN RUSSIA WILL BE DISCUSSED IN MOSCOW

LONDON, Nov. 3, (JTA)-- The question of whether Jewish, Ukrainian and White-Russian refugees from Poland who are now in Russia are to be considered Soviet citizens or are to retain their Polish citizenship will be taken up by Tadeusz Romer, the new Polish Ambassador to Moscow, the Polish Government-in-Exile announced here today.

The announcement was made at the same time that a report reached the Polish Government here disclosing that the new ambassador has succeeded in securing the release of eighty-four Polish officials who acted as administrators for the Polish Government in distributing relief to refugees from Poland now scattered throughout Russia. The officials were charged by the Soviet Government with conducting espionage, utilizing their freedom to travel in various sections of the U.S.S.R. Fourteen other relief officials are still under arrest on the same charge, and the Soviet authorities refuse to release them, claiming that they have sufficient evidence to prove that these Polish citizens were using their relief positions to cover up espionage.

The report of the new Polish Ambassador revealing the release of the eighty-four relief workers did not indicate whether any Jews were among them. Previous Polish reports claimed that a certain number of Polish Jews had been assigned to assist the relief administrators in remote parts of Russia. Recent reports, however, stated that the Russian Government held that Polish Jews in Russia were Soviet citizens and consequently were not able to accept any Polish positions or Polish relief. The eighty-four released officials have been granted exit visas by the Soviet authorities and will soon proceed to Persia, the Polish ambassador stated.

At a session of the Polish National Council this week, the Minister of Social Welfare, Jan Stanszyk, reported that the Russian Government refuses to recognize the Polish citizenship of Jews, Ukrainians and White-Russians who are holders of Polish passports and considers them to be Soviet citizens by virtue of the plebiscite which was held in Eastern Poland in November, 1939, during the Soviet occupation of that territory. He added that this development, coupled with the fact that a very large number of refugees from Poland are scattered throughout Asiatic Russia, makes it impossible for many refugees to receive relief from abroad.

In the report of Ambassador Romer the number of refugees from Poland whom the Russian authorities consider to be Soviet citizens is estimated at about 400,000. A majority of these people are Jews. They are reported to be working either on collective farms in the distant parts of Russia, or in labor battalions behind the Russian lines, constructing roads and maintaining lines of transportation for the Red Army.

SAVE JEWS IN NAZI EUROPE NOW, OTHERWISE THEY WILL BE EXTERMINATED, APPEAL ASKS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- Emphasizing that post-war retribution for Nazi atrocities against Jews "will not revive the dead nor heal the wounded, nor cure the crushed," the central committee of the World Agudas Israel Organization today issued an appeal to all Jewish groups in the democratic countries urging them to unite in an effort to save the Jews of Europe from being completely exterminated by the Nazis before the war is over.

"The situation does not allow postponement of an attempt to rescue the Jews in Nazi-held Europe," the appeal states, pointing out that information coming from the occupied parts of Europe leaves no doubt that millions of Jews there are in imminent danger of being annihilated by the Nazis. "We, therefore, urge all Jewish organizations throughout the world and in Palestine to create with us a united representation to appeal to the leaders of the democracies and those whose hearts still respond to human feelings, to ask them to use, without delay, all means to halt the extermination of Jewry," the call concludes.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT RELEASES ZIONIST EDITOR; FIFTY JEWISH REFUGEE WRITERS ASK AID

MOSCOW, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- Dr. Reuben Rubinstein, one of the Zionist leaders in Lithuania and editor of the Zionist daily "Die Shtime" in Kaunas, who was arrested by Soviet authorities when they governed Lithuania prior to the German-Russian war is now free, and safe in the city of Tashkent, according to reliable information reaching here today.

Dr. Rubinstein and other Jewish writers from Lithuania and Poland now in Soviet Turkestan were given permission by the Russian authorities in Tashkent to cable an appeal to Jewish relief organizations abroad asking for urgent relief for fifty Jewish refugee writers now in Tashkent. It is understood that a Jewish committee in Palestine replied to his appeal by cabling Dr. Rubinstein that arrangements are being made to send food parcels and other aid. Among the Jewish refugee writers now in Tashkent are Noah Prilutzki, N. Schwalbe and Moshe Broderson.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT GRANTS \$120,000 LOAN TO TEL AVIV TO EXTEND CITY LIMITS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- The Palestine Government has granted a \$120,000 loan to the municipality of Tel Aviv, for the purpose of acquiring additional land to increase the city's area, it was disclosed today by Mayor Israel Rokach at a meeting of the municipal council. Thanking the Government for the loan, Mayor Rokach expressed the hope that further loans for the same purpose will be forthcoming since "the city is strangled within its narrow boundaries."

At the same time it was reported here that a new colony, Kfar Szold, named after Miss Henrietta Szold, veteran Hadassah leader, will be established on 2,800 dunams of Jewish National Fund land north of Lake Huleh, bordering the Syrian frontier. The new settlement will accommodate 100 families. A contingent of Youth Aliyah members are already at the site preparing it for the colonists.

PALESTINE FIRM SENDS TWO TONS OF BROMINE TO RUSSIA AS GIFT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- The Palestine Potash Co. today dispatched to Russia two tons of bromine, which is used in the manufacture of medicinal and anti-septic products. The gift was sent through the Victory League for Russia here, of which Arnold Zweig is president.

SECRETARY HULL, JUSTICE FRANKFURTER EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF BALFOUR DECLARATION

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- The importance which the U.S. Government attaches to the Balfour Declaration was emphasized today by Secretary of State Cordell Hull in a message in which he revealed that the State Department was ready to send a representative to the meeting held last Sunday at Carnegie Hall here to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the historic document under which the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish National Home was promised.

The message, addressed to Dr. Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, expressed regret that a telegram informing the State Department of the New York meeting reached Secretary Hull late. "Had the telegram been delivered to me earlier, I should have been happy to send a representative of the State Department to the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Balfour Declaration," the Secretary of State declared. Referring to the statement which he made last week to a rabbinical delegation that America has watched "with interest and sympathy" the implementation of the Balfour Declaration, Mr. Hull explained in his message that "this is in line with similar expressions of former Presidents and Congresses."

A message emphasizing the importance of the Balfour Declaration was also received by the Emergency Committee from Justice Felix Frankfurter. Recalling Lord Balfour's statement that the effect of Zionism "would be world-wide and that it was a serious attempt to mitigate age-long miseries created for Western civilization by the existence of the unsolved Jewish problem," Justice Frankfurter said; "Lord Balfour's prophecy has been underwritten by events never contemplated even by his imagination. But these events have also underscored the wisdom that underlies the Balfour Declaration and the civilized purposes at which it aimed."

Dr. Weizmann Cables to Heads of Governments

The text of a message cabled by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, to the heads of various nations which have endorsed and supported the Balfour Declaration, was made public here today by the Committee. Thanking these governments for their help in establishing the Jewish Homeland in Palestine, Dr. Weizmann said that the Balfour Declaration today is a "beacon of hope" for the Jews in Nazi-enslaved Europe. He emphasized the Jewish people's solidarity with the United Nations.

The Committee today also released messages to Dr. Weizmann and to Dr. Wise from leaders of many of the United Nations, including Polish Foreign Minister Raczynski; Jan Masaryk, Foreign Minister of the Czechoslovakian Government-in-Exile; Dr. Juarj Krnjevic, Vice-Premier of the Yugoslav Government-in-Exile; and Prime Minister Jan Smuts of the Union of South Africa. Similar congratulatory messages were sent by Viscount Robert Cecil; Henry Moncky, president of the B'nai B'rith and J. Galbe, charge d'affaires of the Norwegian embassy in Washington.

GERMAN-JEWISH REFUGEES IN ENGLAND OFFERED JOBS IN NEAR EAST WAR PLANTS

LONDON, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- Jewish refugees from Germany and other Axis-occupied countries who have completed special engineering courses conducted by the Ministry of Labor have been offered positions in war plants in the Near East, it was reliably learned here today.

JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN AMERICA URGED TO ESCHIEW PARTISANSHIP

CINCINNATI, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- A call to Jewish religious leaders to stand together and "to sacrifice personal pride and interest for the common good" was issued here by Adolph Rosenberg, chairman of the executive board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, following the all-day session of the board on Sunday at which the activities of the Union for the past six months were reviewed.

"Religion today has a great responsibility, and the part which it will play in the peace that is to come will be a test of its validity and power in influencing human life," Mr. Rosenberg stated. "This is a time when religious leaders must stand closely together in preserving for mankind the religious interpretation of life. We must be careful not to permit our ranks to be split by lesser issues. These times do not call for passion and emotion, but for calmness and intelligence. Leadership must be ready to sacrifice personal pride and interest for the common good."

"Wise leadership must recognize the great stresses and strains in the present world situation, and must strive to understand the impulses and the needs which urge various groups to specific action. Violent partisanship must be eschewed in favor of statesmanship of the highest order. Let us, therefore, strive mightily for peace and understanding," the statement concluded.

CENTRAL ORGANIZATION TO COORDINATE SERVICE TO JEWISH TUBERCULOUS ESTABLISHED

DENVER, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- The creation of a central planning organization "to bring about a systematic and coordinated plan of service" to Jewish tuberculous in this country was voted at a two-day meeting here of representatives of three Jewish national TB institutions and of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

The conference climaxed several years of negotiations and efforts by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to bring the Jewish TB institutions together for a discussion of common problems and to evolve satisfactory methods of planning for the care of Jewish tuberculous.

The new central organization, which will be composed of five representatives of each of the national TB agencies, was established, according to the resolution, "to recommend betterments in operation and procedure, and in its discretion, to engage the services of a competent coordinator and of such other professional personnel as will more effectively enable the agencies to carry out the recommendations of the Dr. Philip Klein report." Dr. Klein's report, prepared in 1938 at the joint request of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and the Council of National Jewish Agencies of Denver and Los Angeles, found that there was no systematic and coordinated plan for the care of Jewish tuberculous in the United States.

RABBIS WILL COMMEMORATE ANNIVERSARY OF NAZI BURNING OF SYNAGOGUES

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- A call to American rabbis to commemorate during Sabbath services this week the anniversary of the burning of the synagogues in Nazi Germany on November 10, 1938, as a token of sympathetic understanding and cooperation toward the refugees in our midst was made today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Synagogue Council of America. The message is being sent to members of the American rabbinate by William Rosenwald, president of the National Refugee Service.

In urging American rabbis to observe the anniversary, Dr. Goldstein paid tribute to the efforts the National Refugee Service is making on behalf of the 207,000 Jewish refugees in this country.