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ROOSEVELT READY WITH PRACTICAL PLANS FOR ANGLO-AMERICAN REFUGEE CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, April 6.(JTA)-- President Roosevelt has prepared practical plans for the rescue of refugees from Europe and they will be submitted to the forthcoming Anglo-American conference on refugees in Bermuda, it was learned today.

The President outlined his plans in confidence to recent callers, who reported they found him amazingly well informed on the refugee problem. He is expected soon to announce the date of the Bermuda conference and the personnel of the American delegation.

Bermuda Conference to Occupy One Month; Fifteen Delegates Will Participate

LONDON, April 6.(JTA)-- The Anglo-American conference on refugees which is scheduled to be held shortly in Bermuda is expected to occupy about one month, the British press reported today. Not more than fifteen delegates will participate in the conference, the report said.

The delegates will be guests of the Bermuda Government, it was announced yesterday at a session of the Bermuda Assembly. Their maintenance and inland travel expenses will be provided for by the Bermuda administration.

The London News Chronicle, a leading English newspaper, today editorially demanded that the British Government take the lead at the Bermuda Conference by announcing its own plans for admitting refugees from Nazi countries. It points out that anti-Semitic elements in the country have stepped up their propaganda with the view of obstructing the efforts to alleviate the plight of Jews in Nazi Europe. "But the Government need not fear these elements," the paper writes. "Speed and energy must be displayed in all measures which can lead to the saving of Hitler's victims."

PAN-ARAB CONFERENCE WILL BE ECONOMIC, NOT POLITICAL, ARAB ORGAN SAYS

JERUSALEM, April 6.(JTA)-- The conference of Arab leaders from Palestine, Syria and other countries which has been convoked by the Egyptian Government in Cairo will not discuss any plans for political amalgamation, but will limit itself to economic questions only, it is reported today in the Falastin, leading Arab newspaper in Palestine.

The project for the establishment of a pan-Arab Federation which will be taken up at the Cairo conference will deal solely with the creation of an economic union between the interested Arab countries, the paper declares. While seeking to adjust their economic system, there is no intention of circumscribing the political independence of any of the Arab countries participating in the Cairo meeting, it is emphasized.

Brigadier-General Patrick Hurley, who is now on a special mission in the Middle East as President Roosevelt's personal envoy, yesterday conferred with Jewish and Arab leaders separately on the question of Arab-Jewish relations in Palestine. His conference with David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, lasted for two hours. He also held a lengthy talk with Auni Abdul Hadi, the Arab nationalist leader.

AMERICAN JEWISH ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE JULY 1; ELECTIONS NOT LATER THAN JUNE 14

NEW YORK, April 6.(JTA)-- The Executive Committee of the American Jewish Assembly today announced July 1 as the tentative date for the convening of the Assembly. The election of the 375 delegates to the American Jewish Assembly to be chosen from Jewish communities by democratically convened conferences or representatives of organizations in communities and regions, will take place not later than June 14. The remaining 125 delegates will be chosen by the national membership organizations participating in the Assembly.

Decisions to this effect were adopted this week at a session of the Assembly's Executive Committee, presided over by its temporary chairman, Henry Monsky, president of the B'nai B'rith, who called the Pittsburgh conference at which representatives of 32 national Jewish membership organizations voted to convoke an American Jewish Assembly. Ten additional organizations have since been admitted to the Assembly; today's announcement said. They are the Rabbinical Council of America, National Council of Young Israel, Hapoel Hamizrachi, Histadruth Ivrit, Union of Sephardic Congregations, Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs of the United Synagogue of America, American Federation of Polish Jews, the Federation of Galician Jews and the Council of Fraternal Federations.

The American Jewish Assembly, when it meets, will (1) consider and recommend action on problems relating to the rights and status of Jews in the post-war world; (2) consider and recommend action upon all matters looking to the implementation of the rights of the Jewish people with respect to Palestine; and (3) elect a delegation to carry out the program of the American Jewish Assembly in cooperation with the duly accredited representatives of Jews throughout the world.

PALESTINE JEWS SEND RELIEF MISSION TO TRIPOLITANIA;

JERUSALEM, April 6.(JTA)-- The Jewish National Council of Palestine today decided to send a special delegation to Tripolitania to organize economic aid and social welfare for the liberated Jews there.

Relief funds have been allocated by the Jewish Agency for Palestine and by the Jewish National Council. It is, however, hoped that the American Joint Distribution Committee and Herbert H. Lehman's office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation will find it possible to provide supplementary assistance.

LEHMAN ANNOUNCES JDC CONTRIBUTION OF \$25,000 FOR RELIEF IN NORTH AFRICA

WASHINGTON, April 6.(JTA)-- Receipt of a \$25,000 contribution from the Joint Distribution Committee for relief in North Africa was announced today by Herbert H. Lehman, Director of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations.

The money was turned over to the United States treasury by Paul Baerwald, honorary chairman of the J.D.C. With a similar gift from the American Friends Service Committee, Lehman said, the sum will be used for relief on the basis of need, without regard to race, nationality or political affiliation. The funds will be under the complete control of Mr. Lehman's office, under the terms of their acceptance.

PALESTINE JEWS READY TO DONATE BLOOD FOR RUSSIAN ARMY MEN

TEL AVIV, April 6.(JTA)-- The Jewish Blood Donors Organization here today announced that its members are ready to donate blood for the fighters in the Russian Army. The announcement was made at a ceremony marking the completion of two ambulances and one field hospital which will be sent shortly as gift of the Palestine Jews to the Russian Army.

ABROGATION OF CREMIEUX LAW IS "CRIME AGAINST FRANCE," SAYS LEADING FRENCH SCIENTIST

NEW YORK, April 6.(JTA)-- General Henri Honore Giraud's abrogation of the Cremieux law for Algeria, which has become the subject of controversy involving the State Department, drew condemnation today as "an iniquity and a crime against France" from a leading French scientist now in the United States. He is Professor Francis Henri Perrin, professor of physics at the Sorbonne in Paris and visiting professor at Columbia University, a son of the late Jean Perrin, Nobel prize winner and one-time president of the French Academy of Science.

"It is not possible to state in a few words all the reasons for my indignation when I read in the speech of General Giraud that he had decided to abrogate the Cremieux decree," Prof. Perrin said in a statement. "Firstly, General Giraud has no right, when he pretends to return to Republican legality, to repeal one of the oldest laws of the French Republic, maintained during 70 years by all the Republican governments whatever their political slant -- a law of great importance in the only part of France now liberated.

"Secondly, from the point of view of fundamental rights, it is difficult to admit that the few Algerian Jews born before 1870 and still living, to whom French citizenship had been granted by the Cremieux law could be deprived of this citizenship (except in individual cases as a penalty for criminal activities.) But it is certainly a scandalous violation of the basic laws of the French constitution, and indeed, of the constitution of any civilized country, to deprive a group of born citizens of their citizenship -- and most of the French Jews in Algeria are now born French citizens.

"Thirdly, the word 'natives' applied to Algerian Jews is purposely deceitful. The Algerian Jews have enjoyed French citizenship for three generations, they have been taught in French schools, they have fought as French soldiers during the first and second World Wars, they have fully acquired French civilization, they speak French, they think and feel as other Frenchmen, they are French. The Arabs who desired to keep, mostly for religious reasons, their old customs, laws and language, may be called natives; they are the majority in North Africa and the situation of the French minority will be difficult if more political rights are too quickly extended to the Arabs. In such a situation, to try to reduce the French groups to a still smaller minority is tantamount to displacing the equilibrium dangerously.

"Fourthly, the abrogation by Giraud of the Cremieux decree, is an iniquity and a crime against France, and will render much more difficult the agreement with General de Gaulle and the reconstruction of French unity. It has only mean political reasons. Aside from an expression of anti-Semitism, it is a means to get rid immediately of the Jews who were elected before the war as members of governmental assemblies, and to eliminate a group of electors which in the majority supported the liberal and more democratic parties. Even if some of them could recover their citizenship before the next election, many would still be unable to vote, and it would give the reactionary parties a considerable advantage in a region in which they are already abnormally strong.

"Perhaps the following comparison may help some Americans to understand the meaning of the decision taken by General Giraud: If the fear of the electoral influence of a Catholic group in Texas led to a law depriving of their citizenship all the American citizens of Spanish origin whose ancestors had become citizens when Texas was integrated into the United States, and if this law was presented as suppressing some racial discrimination between the Spanish Americans and the Indians, such a law would be similar to the abrogation of the Cremieux decree."

LEADING ITALIAN NEWSPAPER IN AMERICA CONDEMNS MUSSOLINI'S ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, April 6.(JTA)-- Speaking in the name of Americans of Italian origin, *Il Progresso Italo-Americano*, foremost American newspaper published in the Italian language, in an editorial today sharply condemns Hitler's and Mussolini's anti-Semitism, asserting that "Americans of Italian origin want none of this barbarism in the United States."

"Among the blackest crimes committed by the Fascist regime against the Italian people was Mussolini's importation of anti-Semitism from Nazi-Germany," the editorial says. "When the Italian nation was free, it was proud of its Israelite sons like Prime Minister Luigi Luzzatti, the steadfast champion of the common man for half a century, brilliant, incorruptible financial genius, and Foreign Minister Sidney Sonnino. Independent Italy revered its Lord Mayor Ernesto Nathan as head of the Metropolis of the Catholic world. Fervent pride runs through us as we recall Daniele Manin, that courageous leader of the Venetian Republic in its heroic defense against Austrian tyranny. Only the Nazi race rioters and their squirming Fascist imitators, can deny the great credit brought to Italy by such Israelites as the world-famous criminologist Caesar Lombroso; the great jurist Mortara, and the renowned associate of Marconi, Dr. Alessandro."

"Hitler's gauleiters have robbed at least 15,000 Italian Jews of their jobs. Among those whom Mussolini has driven out is the doctor who delivered the babies of the royal family, Doctor Artom, now in Philadelphia. Italy has been deprived of the services of Tullio Levi-Civita, its greatest mathematician and member of the Vatican Scientific Academy and Admiral Paolo Maroni amongst many other notables."

"Divide and destroy! This is the driving force of Nazism-Fascism. It breeds oppression and tyranny. It sends whole nations reeling backward into barbarism. It destroys the real and profound unity of free peoples and replaces it with a brutally enforced national uniformity and regimentation. It comes to a ghastly climax in rapacious racism. Its prologue is anti-Semitism; its epilogue is anti-human. In its wake follow explosive divisions, paralyzing fear, and undying hatred. Dictatorship brings only stewing dissension and embittered antagonism - bound to boil up in blood."

"We Americans of Italian origin want none of this barbarism in the United States. We say: the whole world has had more than enough of it. The more we do to banish this plague from the face of the earth, the sooner will the world be a better place to live in. Towards the triumph of tolerance, freedom and civilization, none of us can do too much too soon."

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION GIVES \$17,000 TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, April 6.(JTA)-- The Rockefeller Foundation today announced a grant of \$17,000 for jaundice research at Hebrew University. The research will be carried on at the department of hygiene and bacteriology of which Dr. I. J. Kligler is the head. The Foundation is trying to obtain clues to the origin and characteristic tendencies of jaundice, about which very little is known.

Fighting French authorities have assumed responsibility for the maintenance of the Hebrew University's Department of French Civilization, it was announced here today by the American Friends of the Hebrew University. It was established in 1937 by the French Government, which also endowed it with a valuable library. The Department is headed by Dr. A. Duff.