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AMERICAN DELEGATION ARRIVES IN BERMUDA; SENATE GETS RESOLUTION ON SPEEDY AID TO JEWS

WASHINGTON, April 16.(JTA)-- Only small immediate results from the Anglo-American conference on refugees were expected by diplomatic circles here today as the American delegation arrived in Bermuda.

One diplomatic source here pointed out that supply and shipping difficulties lay in the way of any large-scale rescue of victims from Nazi countries. He did not think it would do any good to appeal to the Nazis to release refugees.

A resolution designed to put the United States Senate on record as favoring speedy action on the refugee problem was introduced today by Sen. Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado. The resolution provides that the Anglo-American refugee conference at Bermuda "be advised that the Senate of the United States advocates an immediate and stern policy of action to save the remaining millions of the Jewish people in Europe, and that this humanitarian objective be consummated speedily in a manner that will restore to the helpless victims of Hitler the rights and dignity of a free people."

American Jewish Organizations Submit Plans to the Bermuda Conference

NEW YORK, April 16.(JTA)-- The Joint Emergency Committee for Jewish Affairs, consisting of the leading national Jewish organizations in the United States, today announced that it has submitted to the State Department - for transmission to the Bermuda Conference - a far-reaching program which includes a number of specific proposals on rescuing the Jews in Europe.

The Committee's program, developed in a comprehensive memorandum, proposes that the United Nations approach Germany and other Axis countries on the matter of permitting Jews to emigrate, and that a number of sanctuaries be set up for refugees in Allied and neutral countries. To provide such sanctuaries, the committee urges that immigration barriers in the United States, England, Latin America and Palestine be adjusted, and the possibilities in several British territories, in Africa and the Caribbean, be explored. Financial guarantees are suggested for "such neutral states as have given temporary refuge to Jews coming from Nazi-occupied territories and to provide for their feeding and maintenance and eventual evacuation."

The memorandum also proposes the establishment of an intergovernmental agency fully empowered to take appropriate measures for the provision of international identification passports for stateless refugees, and for the organization of a system for the feeding of Jewish persons held within Axis countries. The Joint Emergency Committee consists of representatives of the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, Synagogue Council of America, Union of Orthodox Rabbis, the American section of Agudath Israel and United Palestine Appeal, with the Joint Distribution Committee and the General Jewish Council represented by observers.

The World Jewish Congress today announced that it has addressed a memorandum to the Bermuda Conference asking for effective measures to save Jews in Nazi countries as well as the delivery of food to Jews in the ghettos. A memorandum to the Bermuda parley was also sent by the ORT.

STOCKHOLM PRESS WELCOMES RETURN OF SWEDISH JEWS FROM NAZI LANDS

STOCKHOLM, April 16.(JTA)-- Articles welcoming the return to Sweden of thirty Swedish Jews from Germany who were told that their Swedish citizenship would no longer serve as protection for them, are published today in the press here which also reports that more Swedish Jews are en route to Sweden from France and Nazi-occupied Holland.

"Swedish Jews," the newspaper Nya Daglight Allehanda writes, "threatened with deportation and by the Star of David are now returning here. It is hoped that they will feel that they have returned to a people who are still able to judge them on what they are, irrespective of race."

Other Swedish newspapers point out that the return of the Jews to Sweden should make Swedes feel proud of the part they play as the last outpost for people in despair in Nazi Europe. They report that under Nazi pressure, the authorities in France have deported Jewish wives of Swedish non-Jews working in Swedish enterprises in Paris and other French cities. The Jewish women were informed that if they did not leave for Sweden before April 1, they would have to wear a yellow Mogen David and become subject to deportation to occupied territory in the east.

FIGHTING FRENCH VOICE SEVERE CRITICISM OF ABROGATION OF CREMIEUX DECREE

LONDON, April 16.(JTA)-- The Fighting French here today formulated their opposition to Gen. Giraud's abrogation of the Cremieux decree in an article written by Capt. Pierre Bloch, an army officer attached to Gen. de Gaulle's headquarters in London, which will be published on Sunday in their organ La Marseillaise.

"It is untrue to say that the abrogation of the Cremieux decree has established equality between Moslem and Jewish natives," the article says. "On the contrary, this abrogation has created an inferior situation for the Jewish native in regard to the Moslem native. Today, several months after the landing of the liberators, the position of Algerian Jews has become worse. Gen. Giraud goes further than the Vichy government. By a play of words and under the pretext of no racial distinction, he declares the abrogation of the Cremieux decree.

"Thus the Jews, hit by the Vichy government, no longer have a political status (which in wartime is not very important), but they also lose their French status. Furthermore, they now find themselves deprived of citizenship. Algerian Jews who had been subject to French civil law for three generations now find themselves once more governed by their Moslem and personal statutes. In their business Jews are now wholly dependent on the Tribunal of the Rabbi," the article points out, adding that they have less rights than ever before.

PLAN POST-WAR RESTORATION OF CONFISCATED JEWISH HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS

LONDON, April 16.(JTA)-- Plans for salvaging and restoring collections of Jewish historical and cultural material destroyed or confiscated by the Nazis, after the war, were discussed here today at a meeting of the Jewish Historical Society.

The gathering proposed that after the Axis is defeated the following actions be taken: Restore collections to their original owners, if they can be located; Compel payment of damages and losses by the state responsible. Wherever the individual or institution from whom the material was taken cannot be found or no longer exists, the collections should either be deposited in trust with the Jewish community or an institution able to care for them, or sent to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

CANADIAN CONFERENCE ASKS FOR IMMEDIATE ADMISSION OF REFUGEES TO CANADA

MONTREAL, April 16.(JTA)-- A program outlining what Canada can do, immediately, to relieve the position of the Jews in Europe - with emphasis on the admission of Jewish refugees - was adopted this week in Ottawa at a conference arranged by the National Committee on Refugees; it was disclosed here today. Members of parliament and Jewish leaders participated.

A delegation representing all leading political parties in the country will meet with Prime Minister MacKenzie King shortly to discuss with him immediate action on the program.

LEADERS OF JEWISH AGENCY EULOGIZE BRIGADIER KISCH AT MEMORIAL MEETING IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 16.(JTA)-- The death of Brigadier Frederick H. Kisch, chief engineer of the victorious British Eighth Army, who was killed in action at Sousse, Tunisia, was mourned today at a memorial meeting arranged by the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs at its offices here. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, member of the executive of the World Zionist Organization, presided.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann referred to the synthesis of General Kisch's loyalties as a Jew and as an Englishman, and said that he had demonstrated in his own life the harmonious combination of one who was a true Jew and a great patriot of the country of his birth. He related that General Kisch belonged to an old British-Jewish family, civil servant of the British Crown in India and throughout the Empire. His father occupied a high position in the Post Office in India, where General Kisch was born in 1888. His older brother, Sir Cecil Kisch, recently retired from office, was Secretary of the Treasury in England for many years.

Dr. Maurice Hexter, executive director of the Federation of Jewish Charities, formerly a colleague of General Kisch in Jerusalem as a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, stressed his industry and executive ability. He emphasized the great skill and diplomatic tact which he displayed in dealing with the many difficult problems with which he had to deal in Palestine. Rabbi Meyer Berlin of Jerusalem, president of the World Orthodox Zionist Organization, Mizrahi, who also served with Brigadier Kisch in Palestine, was the last speaker. He said that Palestine mourns his heroic death and will never forget his devotion and loyalty to the country both when he served with the Agency and afterwards, when he lived in Palestine as a private citizen.

Promotion Awaited Brigadier Kisch, Palestine Hears; Zionist Flag at Half Mast

JERUSALEM, April 16.(JTA)-- An important promotion awaited Brigadier Frederick H. Kisch, chief engineer of the British Eighth Army who was killed in action when a mine exploded on the Tunisian front, it was learned here today.

The entire Hebrew press today publishes lengthy black-framed articles on Brigadier Kisch, emphasizing that he was the first British Jew to become a Palestine citizen. The Zionist flag hung at half-mast today over the premises of the Jewish Agency. Kisch was a member of the executive of the World Zionist Organization from 1923 to 1931.

DUTCH JEW HONORED AT SERVICES IN PROTESTANT CHURCH IN BRITAIN; HATIKVAH SUNG

LONDON, April 16.(JTA)-- The memory of Dr. Henri Polak, Dutch Jewish labor leader and former member of the Netherlands Senate, was honored today in a special service at the Dutch Protestant Church here featured by the singing of Hatikvah. Dr. Polak died in Amsterdam, at 75, two months ago after imprisonment by the Germans. Dutch and Belgian ministers attended the services.

ANTI-SEMITES BARRED FROM MEMBERSHIP IN STUDENTS' UNION IN BRITAIN

LONDON, April 16.(JTA)-- Students at the Manchester College of Technology have barred persons spreading anti-Semitic propaganda from membership in the National Union of Students, it was reported today at the 21st annual congress of the Union.

One delegate reported that there has been an upsurge of pro-Fascist anti-Jewish agitation in both Oxford and Cambridge Universities recently. Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair, addressing the congress, told the students that they must "fight bad ideas with good ones."

NAVAL ACADEMY MUSEUM GETS FIRST INSIGNIA WORN BY JEWISH CHAPLAIN IN U.S. NAVY

WASHINGTON, April 16.(JTA)-- The first corps insignia worn by a Jewish chaplain in the navy has been presented by its only wearer, Lieut. Commander H. Cerf Straus of Los Angeles, to the Naval Academy Museum at Annapolis.

Chaplain Straus joined the naval reserve 14 years ago and was recalled to active duty in 1941. The insignia was designed at that time, in the shape of a shepherd's crook. As he was the only Jewish chaplain in the navy, he had it all to himself. Last year it was decided that the device bore too close a resemblance to a wisp of spaghetti left on the shoulder boards by contorted inadvertence. The navy designed a new insignia, consisting of the Mogen David and the tablets of the law, similar to that used by chaplains in the army. Chaplain Straus gave his old shoulder-boards to the museum. There are many Jewish chaplains in the navy now, all wearing the new device.

NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATIONS MERGE

NEW YORK, April 16.(JTA)-- Agreement to merge the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies of New York City and the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities into a single organization, making possible broader, more integrated and more effective meeting of Jewish welfare needs of the greater city, was announced last night.

The announcement came in a joint statement issued by George Z. Medalie, president of the New York Federation, and Michael G. Appel, president of the Brooklyn Federation. The merger will create the largest single philanthropic structure in the world. Included in the new set-up will be the 91 institutions of the New York Federation and the 25 constituent agencies of the Brooklyn Federation, which together have a record of serving each year more than 300,000 men, women and children.

POLISH NATIONAL COUNCIL MOURNS ALTER AND ERLICH

LONDON, April 16.(JTA)-- The Polish National Council stood in silence today to honor the memory of Henryk Erlich and Victor Alter, Polish-Jewish Socialist leaders who were recently executed in Russia. A resolution expressing the Council's sympathy and regret was passed unanimously.

PROF. MILIUKOFF, FIGHTER FOR JEWISH RIGHTS IN CZARIST RUSSIA, DIES IN FRANCE

ZURICH, April 16.(JTA)-- Prof. Paul Miliukoff, foreign minister in the first Russian revolutionary government and one of the champions of Jewish emancipation in Czarist Russia, has died at Aix-les-Bains, France, the Swiss press reported today. He was 84 years old.