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#### FOLISH GOVERNMENT MAY INCLUDE JEW IN CABINET; SEVERAL CANDIDATES MENTIONED

LONDON, July 9.(JTA) -- The possibility of a Jewish ropresentative being included in the Polish Cabinet as a full-fledged member was discussed in Polish Government circles here today in connection with the reorganization of the Cabinet resulting from the sudden death of Gen. Sikorski.

It is understood that the step will be taken in order to assure proper Jewish representation in the Polish Government. Among the candidates mettioned are Dr. Henryk Rosmarin, former member of the Polish Parliament who is now Polish Consul in Tel Aviv, Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbart, the Jewish member of the Polish National Council, Dr. Emanuel Szerer, the Jewish labor leader who was recently named a member of the Polish National Council, Judge Maximilian Friede, who is now in New York, and Rabbi Rubenstein, former member of the Polish Senate.

The Polish Ministry of Commerce and Industry today announced that Dr. Schwartzbart has been appointed by the government as a member of the commission for post-war economic planning.

#### COMMITTEE SEEKS TO AVOID SPLIT IN BRITISH JEWRY; ZIONISTS URGED TO BE "GENEROUS"

LONDON, July 9.(JTA) -- Last minute efforts are being made here to avoid a serious split in the ranks of British Jewry as a result of the decision taken last Sunday by the annual meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews to break the 65-year old agreement with the Anglo-Jewish Association which was founded in 1871 to obtain protection for oppressed Jews in Eastern Europe.

Faced with the decision of the Deputies, which was adopted by 154 votes to 148, the council of the Anglo-Jewish Association today appointed a committee to consider the situation and make such recommendations to the council as it deems advisable. The committee consists of Chief Rabbi Hertz, Lord Bearsted, Sir Robert Waley Cohen, Sir Philip Hartog, Neville Laski, Leonard Monteflore, Anthony de Rothschild, Leonard Stein, and others.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Chronicle, leading organ of British Jewry, publishes an editorial today declaring that "under the impact of a Zionist caucus, the Board of Deputies is no longer a free representative body of the Jews of Britain, but a partisan committee meddling in Anglo-Jewish communal affairs.

"The Board of Deputies," the article says, "is to all intents and purposes a defunct body. The Zionist caucus captured a corpse." The paper warns that unless those who triumphed at Sunday's meeting seek "wise and generous accommodation" with those whom they have defeated, not only the Jews in Britain will suffer, but also the oppressed Jews abroad, and most serious of all the Zionist cause itself.

#### GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND PROMISES ALL POSSIBLE-AID TO REFUGEES

BELFAST, Ireland, July 9.(JTA) -- The Government of Northern Ireland has pledged itself to extend all possible support to refusees from Nazi-held countries, it was stated here today by Minister of Labor Grant, a ressing a luncheon of the Jewish Refugee Committee in honor of Sir Herbert Emerson, director of the Inter-Governmental Refugee Committee.

Sir Herbert told the luncheon that as a result of the Bermuda Refugee Conference, the American and British governments will do all they can to "alleviate the appalling fate of the Jews in Europe." Minister of Public Security H. C. Midgley also spoke. Pollowing the luncheon, Sir Herbert visited the refugee settlement farm at Mil Isle.

#### AMERICAN JEVISH CONFERENCE FORMS COMMITTEE TO STUDY VIEWPOINTS ON POST-WAR PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, July 9.(JTA) == The executive committee of the American Jewish Conference has appointed a special committee to analyze and summarize existing viewpoints on Jewish post-war problems and their solution, it was announced here today. The committee will have the close cooperation of the three existing research bodies, the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the American Jewish Committee on Jewish Studies of Peace and Postwar Problems of the American Jewish Committee; and the research department of the Jewish Labor Committee.

Methods of procedure are now being worked out by the committee in order that summaries, information and documentation can be made available to the Conference delegates before the Conference convenes. Each of the Jewish political graups will be asked to submit its program to be analyzed by an editorial committee, which will indicate where there is agreement and where there are differences and what they are. Following this procedure the editorial committee will submit, along with statements of agreements and disagreements, documentation which will be a summary of the material made available by the different Jewish research institutes. Pumphlets already prepared by the different research institutes will be sent to the delegates in advance of the Conference provided the material contained therein is of the type that should be distributed under the auspices of the committee.

The work of the committee is to be directed along the following broad lines:

1. The position of the Jews after the war; 2. Rights and status of Jews in the
Western world and in the East European countries; 3. Problems of Falestine. Rabbi
Milton Steinberg was elected chairman of the committee whose members include noted
experts on all aspects of current Jewish problems.

#### JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE ASKS U.S. TO SEEK RESTORATION OF CREMIEUX DECREE

NEW YORK, July 9.(JTA) -- In connection with the visit of Gen. Giraud to the United States, the Jewish Labor Committee today issued a statement asking for the restoration of the Cremieux Decree which Gen. Giraud abrogated. The Committee termed the abrogation an illegal act "which deprives of French citizenship 120,000 French Algerian Jews born as Frenchmen."

"The Jewish Labor Committee, representing 500,000 organized Jewish workers in the United States, appeals to the government of the United States to use its good offices with the present French administration in Algeria so that the latter will once and for all wipe out the shameful Fascist anti-Jewish laws of the Nazi-Vichy regime," the statement reads. "American labor which is devoted soul and body to the cause of democracy and to winning our war against the Axis powers is vitally concerned in this matter. Now is the time to acts 120,000 Jewish citizens of France must at once regain all their constitutional rights.

"We are confident that the great American and British democracies will exert effective pressure upon the present French administration of Algeria and force it to adhere to the declaration of Four Freedoms proclaimed by President Roosevelt, Thus, the United Nations will once again reaffirm the basic principles of freedom and democracy before the entire world, particularly before the nations enslaved by the Axis,"

(French circles in New York today stated that Gen. Giraud is expected to announce a reversal of his position on the Cremieux Decree while in the United States.)

## JEWISH DELEGATION FROM RUSSIA TELLS HOW JEWS WERE SAVED FROM NAZIS THROUGH EVACUATION

NEW YORK, July 9.(JTA) -- Pleading for Jewish unity as an essential element of Allied unity in the fight against Hitlerism, Prof. Solomon Michoels and Lieut. -- Col. Itzik Feffer, the Jewish delegation from Russia, last night reported how huge numbers of Russian, Polish, Rumanian and German Jews were saved from Nasi extermination through timely evacuation by the Soviet authorities.

Speaking before an audience of 47,000 people who came to welcome them at the Folo Grounds, the two Russian-Jewish representatives also pictured the heroism of the Jews in Russia both on the battlefield and on the home front and emphasized that if the Russian Army had not defeated the Nazis at Stalingrad, Palestine and other countries in the Middle East would have suffered the same fate as many Russian cities now under Nazi occupation.

"As long as a single Fascist lives, our lives are insecure and all peoples, especially the Jews, are in danger," Feffer said. "The Jews of the Soviet Union and the United States are the majority of the Jewish people. Together we are ten million Jews. Upon us lies the responsibility of the fate of the Jewish people. The enemy has already destroyed about four million of our people, almost a fourth. Unity is the surest guarantee of victory. He who speaks against the unity of our people aids the enemy."

Prof. Mikhoels said that "the Red Army avenges the bestial atrocities of the Nazi enemy. Shoulder to shoulder with all the peoples of the Soviet Union, the Jews of our country wage bettle against the enemy. We are witnessing now the most righteous, yea, the holiest but also the bloodiest and most gruesome, war. The unity and brotherhood of the United Nations will decide the struggles"

# J.D.C. EUROPEAN CHAIRMAN WILL PROCEED TO PALESTINE FOR RELIEF TALKS

NEW YORK, July 9.(JTA) -- Difficulties, due to war conditions, have compelled an indefinite postponment of the departure of Joel Gross, Newark Jewish leader, to the Near and Middle East, as the special representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, it was announced today.

In order to meet the pressing problem of the Jews in that area, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, the J.D.C.'s European chairmen who is now in North Africa, has been asked to proceed to Palestine for consultation with Jewish leaders there. In addition, Charles Passman, an American residing in Jerusalem, has left for Teheran and India on behalf of the J.D.C. and other agencies, to explore possibilities for the purchase of foods and other commodities in these countries which will be sent in individual packages to European refugees in Asiatic Russia. Cabled reports just received indicate that 3,000 such food packages have already been sent from Teheran and 5,000 additional packages are now being dispatched.

## World Jewish Congress Sends Food-and-Clothing Parcels to Russia

NEW YORK, July 9. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today announced that American Jews can now send food and clothing packages to their refugee relatives and friends in Russia and that people who are uncertain of the addresses of their relatives in the U.S.S.R. can have them verified by the Congress through the Moscow Jewish Community offices.

"Parcels amounting to \$200,000 can be sent to the Jewish refugees in the U.S.S.R. via Palestine, Iran, and India," the announcement says. "There are now 2,000 clothing packages ready to be sent from Palestine, 2,100 from Teheran, 3,000 food-and-clothing parcels from India. The Jewish Agency sees to it that the food parcels sent from Palestine contain products of best quality and are dispatched with the gratest care and efficiency. The Jewish Agency has received confirmation that packages reach their destination in good condition and with a fair amount of speed,"