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JEWISH CONFERENCE IN GENEVA DISCUSSES 25-YEAR ADJUSTMENT PLAN FOR EUROPEAN JEWS

GENEVA, Aug. 18.(JTA)-- A twenty-five year plan for proportional distribution after the war of all the Jews in Europe among all branches of national economy in various countries was presented here today by Dr. Aaron Syngalowski, leader of the world Ort, at a conference of representatives of Jewish organizations in Switzerland.

The plan, which attracted attention in non-Jewish circles in Switzerland, as well as in the Jewish circles of the country, is based on the theory that Jewish political security is dependent on economic assimilation of the Jew. "Only in times of unrestricted economic liberalism can formal equality rights have a value without vocational parity with the non-Jewish population," Dr. Syngalowski told the conference.

The realization of his plan is not easy, but, Dr. Syngalowski added, it is incumbent on leaders interested in post-war Jewish policies to see that this proposal is included in the state programs of all European countries. The conference adopted a resolution urging the need of a constructive program designed by leading Jewish organizations "to ward off the danger of a growing refugee generation which may become incapable of doing any work."

A Swiss Ort Committee was constituted here today composed of the most important Jewish leaders in the country, under the presidency of Armand Braunschwig, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities. The committee will be assisted in its plans for vocational re-training of Jewish refugees by a council of experts composed of prominent engineers, technicians and industrialists.

RUMANIA MOBILIZES JEWS OVER 50 FOR FORCED LABOR; ORDERS CENSUS OF CRAFTSMEN

ZURICH, Aug. 18.(JTA)-- The Rumanian Government today issued an order calling all Jews in the country of the ages of 51 and 52 to register at once for labor service. The Rumanian authorities have also ordered a second census made of Jewish craftsmen.

The Bucharest radio today announced that while the individual sugar ration for the month of September will be 600 grams, Jews of "Rumanian origin" will receive only 100 grams. Other categories of Jews will receive no sugar at all.

The Nazi Balkan newspaper, Donau Zeitung, which reached here today, carries an announcement issued by the Agrarian Ministry in Slovakia stating that the total of Jewish land which passed into "Aryan" hands is 104,000 coastal yokes. Of this area 43,000 yokes of Jewish land have been acquired by "Aryans" as their property, 16,000 yokes have been leased by the government to "Aryans" and 45,000 yokes have been taken away from Jews by the Agrarian Ministry through annulling the contracts under which the Jews leased the land to non-Jews.

POPE INTERVENES WITH BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT IN BEHALF OF JEWS

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 18.(JTA)-- The Jewish Central Committee here was informed today that the Pope has intervened with the Bulgarian Government in behalf of the Jews in Bulgaria and especially on the question of permitting several thousand Jewish children to leave Bulgaria for Palestine.

The news of the Pope's action was transmitted to the Jewish organization by Archbishop Martinez of Mexico before whom a Jewish delegation appeared some time ago asking that the Pope be requested to intervene with the Bulgarian Government against the anti-Jewish persecutions.

FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION REPORTS ON JEWISH POST-WAR SETTLEMENT IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.(JTA)-- The prospects of Jewish settlement in Palestine are discussed in a survey on post-war settlement of refugees published here by the Foreign Policy Association. Referring to Dr. Chaim Weizmann's estimate that two million Jews could rapidly be settled in Palestine if funds were made available, the report declares:

"Whether Palestine can offer permanent settlements for Jewish refugees depends not only on its economic absorptive capacity, but on the prospect of solving the vast political problems at issue between the Palestine Arabs and Jews. Both peoples regard Palestine as their home by right of actual possession and historical development; both have cultural and religious ties to the land; and both demand political ascendancy.

"Zionists support their claims to large-scale immigration and unlimited purchase of land by pointing out that Palestine is their ancient fatherland and that Britain, the United States and the League of Nations have all conceded this claim by endorsing the British Mandate, established in 1922, which gave the Jews the right to establish a national home there," the report continues. "Moreover, they declare that, whereas the Arabs secured several national states during and after World War I, the Jews have no place of their own except this tiny area that is only one-twentieth the size of the Arab territories. They also point to their achievements of the past 20 years, during which they have increased their population from 50,000 to over 500,000, invested \$500,000,000, established industries, and reclaimed the lands which had so long gone to waste under Arab cultivation. As a result, the Jews declare, Palestine has achieved prosperity and increased public services, from which Arabs as well as Jews have gained improved living standards.

"Convinced that the Jews' survival is at stake in the Palestine issue, Zionist leaders state they will use every means at their disposal to make Palestine their national home, and recent observers report that there is now a group of young persons who appear willing to use open force as 'the best means of settling the thing once and for all.' Meanwhile, most of the Zionists place much hope in the eventual peace conference and emphatically urge the United Nations to establish a Jewish-controlled state," the report points out.

"Palestine Arabs are not welded into as compact a group as the Zionists, but their leaders in Palestine and throughout the Arab world speak with equal vigor. Although at the end of World War I a number of Arab spokesmen welcomed the establishment of the Jewish homeland as a means of securing capital, technical skill and connections with the outside world which might otherwise be lacking, attainment of these material advantages has not created harmony between the two peoples. Today, in fact, it is extremely doubtful if there are many Arabs who feel inclined to allow further Jewish immigration," the report says.

62 PERCENT OF ALL ELECTED DELEGATES TO AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE ARE ZIONISTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.(JTA)-- Sixty-two percent of the 375 delegates elected throughout the country to the American Jewish Conference are members of the Zionist Organization of America, Mr. Simon Shetzer, executive director of the ZOA, announced.

The announcement points out that the 231 Zionists who will attend the Conference as delegates representing various organizations, include also 25 members of the national executive of the ZOA.

The headquarters of the American Jewish Conference announced that during the sessions which open at the end of this month, a daily publication will be issued by the Conference containing information on the gathering as well as the most important reports and speeches.

BRITISH KING SENDS MESSAGE OF THANKS TO JEWISH WAR VETERANS

LONDON, Aug. 18.(JTA)-- King George today sent a message of thanks to the organization of Jewish ex-servicemen for their expressions of loyalty and for the invitation to attend the 25th anniversary celebration of the formation of the Jewish Legion.

JEWISH GROUP OPENS CAMPAIGN FOR \$100,000 FOR RELIGIOUS WORK AMONG SOLDIERS

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.(JTA)-- A campaign to raise \$100,000 for religious work in the armed forces was opened last night by the National Council of Young Israel.

Major General J.A. Ulio, speaking for the War Department, today informed the Agudath Israel Youth Council of America that all men serving in the U.S. armed forces, who observe their Sabbath on a day other than Sunday will have the opportunity to do so to the maximum extent possible under military circumstances.

DAVID ADAMS, PRO-ZIONIST MEMBER OF BRITISH PARLIAMENT, DEAD

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18.(JTA)-- David Adams, pro-Zionist laborite member of the British Parliament, died here last night at the age of 68.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine today issued a statement describing Adams as "a warm devoted friend of the Zionist cause who for many years followed the development of the Jewish National Home with the closest interest."

CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN-BORN REPRESENTATIVES CALLED TO SUPPORT U.S. WAR POLICIES

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.(JTA)--A National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born will be held at the Hotel Commodore on October 30 and 31, to help rally all foreign-born Americans in all-out support of President Roosevelt's win-the-war policies, it was announced here today. The Conference will be attended by 500 representatives of foreign born, church, labor, youth, women and fraternal organizations.

FIVE THOUSAND JEWS IN SOUTH AMERICA READY TO JOIN JEWISH ARMY

LONDON, - By Airmail - (JTA)-- The British Section of the Anglo-American Committee for a Jewish Army has received a cable from Mr. Jose Mirelman, chairman of the South American Committee for a Jewish Army, informing them that the first 5,000 young Jews of Latin America are ready to join the Jewish Army wherever it may be established.