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ARGENTINA EXPELS JEWS; DEPRIVES NATURALIZED JEWS OF THEIR CITIZENSHIP

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Oct. 31.(JTA)-- Following the order closing down Jewish relief and social organizations in Argentina, the Ramirez government is reported today to have embarked on a policy of depriving naturalized Jews of their citizenship in preparation for expelling them from the country as "aliens."

This report was brought here by Jews who fled from Argentina as a result of the increased anti-Jewish persecution there. The refugees declare that life has become very difficult for Jews in Argentina during the last few weeks and that many prominent Jews are fleeing to Uruguay and Chile in order to avoid persecution.

The arrivals quoted Buenos Aires newspapers as reporting that among the prominent Jews whom the Argentine government intends to deprive of citizenship is Alberto Gorchunoff, prominent Argentinian political writer who recently spent several months in the United States as the guest of the State Department. The Argentine newspapers indicate that Gorchunoff will be expelled as an "alien" because he was one of the 150 signatories to an appeal asking the present government to break relations with Germany. Mr. Gorchunoff was born in Russia and was brought to Argentina as an infant.

Many of the denaturalized Jews have already been deported from Argentina, the Jewish refugees arriving here stated. The increased anti-Jewish measures of the government were initiated immediately after a group of Jewish leaders in Buenos Aires were summoned to the Ministry of Interior and asked to sign a statement saying that there had never been any racial discrimination in Argentina. The statement, which was issued later through government channels, was intended to counteract President Roosevelt's denunciation of the Argentine Government for closing down the Jewish newspapers in Buenos Aires, which were reopened six hours after the President issued his statement in Washington.

EGYPTIAN PREMIER REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD ARAB LANDS THEY MUST MAKE PEACE WITH JEWS

CAIRO, Oct. 31.(JTA)-- Premier N. has Pasha of Egypt has told Arab leaders with whom he conferred recently in connection with the formation of a Pan-Arab federation that the Arab world must recognize the presence of the Jews in Palestine as a continuing factor in its plans for the future and must seek some way of cooperation with them, it is reported here today by informed sources.

It is also reported that N. has Pasha would welcome a delegation from Palestine to join in the Arab federation talks here, provided the Palestinian Arab leader can agree on the composition of such a delegation. No official invitation has been extended to the Arabs in Palestine.

The Egyptian premier's talks with the Syrian delegation, which were scheduled to end last night will be concluded on Wednesday, it was announced today. There is no indication yet as to if and when the Lebanon or Yemen delegations will arrive here nor when the conferences with the emissaries of Ibn Saud will be resumed.

WEIZMANN UNLIKELY TO GO TO PALESTINE SOON, BRITISH ZIONIST CIRCLES SAY

LONDON, Oct. 31.(JTA)-- Zionist circles here today stated that it is very unlikely that Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, would go to Palestine within the next few weeks as demanded in the virtual ultimatum presented by David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Agency executive, when he tendered his resignation from that body early last week. The Zionist leaders said that Dr. Weizmann's presence here was indispensable at the present time since he is engaged in negotiations of major importance.

The Manchester Guardian, leading liberal daily, states in a lead editorial that only the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine can provide a permanent remedy for the present conflicts there. Expressing strong opposition to the White Paper, the editorial states that "it is inconceivable that the present government would petrify the Jewish national home at a certain fixed Jewish population figure and hand it over to the Arabs as a permanently inferior minority."

Recalling the opposition to the White Paper voiced in the past by Prime Minister Churchill, Herbert Morrison, Col. Leopold Amery, and Sir Archibald Sinclair and by the Mandates Commission, the Guardian declares that "it is for the present government to say clearly that the sentence pronounced in 1939 on the promised national home cannot and will not be fulfilled."

Weizmann Lauded and Criticized in Connection with Ben-Gurion's Resignation

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31.(JTA)-- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the world Zionist movement, is both criticized and defended in the Jewish press here in connection with David Ben-Gurion's resignation from the executive of the Jewish Agency as a result of the latter's dissatisfaction with Dr. Weizmann's political activities.

The issue which is still under discussion in the Palestine press is discussed today in the Hatzofeh, organ of the Mizrahi, and in the Mishmar, organ of the Hashomer Hatzair. While the Mishmar, expressing the sentiments of the left wing of the Palestine Labor Party, lauds Dr. Weizmann and says that his policy is "most sound," the Mizrahi paper writes: "The cause of Ben-Gurion's resignation should not be sought in divergencies based on principles. The resignation resulted from Dr. Weizmann's disregard of the opinions of other members of the Zionist executive. For many years he has not consulted these members even on the most important problems. It must be added that the same policy prevails in the Zionist executive in Jerusalem with regard to members who do not represent the Labor Party."

Acting under pressure from the Labor Party, the Mizrahi and the General Zionists group "B," the Asefath Hanivcharin, the Jewish National Assembly of Palestine, today decided to postpone its forthcoming session "until further notice." The session was to open on Monday for the purpose of clarifying the present situation in the Zionist movement and deciding on a political line of action with regard to Jewish interests in Palestine.

SENTENCE OF DEFENDANTS IN PALESTINE ARMS TRIALS UPHELD BY BRITISH COMMANDER

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31.(JTA)-- The conviction of Iab Sirkin, Abraham Rachlin and Elichu Sacharov for alleged complicity in a gun running conspiracy in Palestine has been confirmed by the General Officer Commanding British troops in the Middle East, it was announced here today. The GOC also denied the appeals of Christopher Harris and Charles Stoner, the two British soldiers, who are alleged to have sold arms to Rachlin and Sirkin. The attorneys for the Jewish defendants had appealed for reversal of the sentences of ten years imprisonment imposed on Sirkin and seven years on Rachlin and Sacharov.

POLISH, CZECH AND FRENCH JEWS FORM MAJORITY OF PERSONS LIBERATED FROM ITALIAN CAMP

LONDON, Oct. 31. (JTA)-- The majority of the 2,000 interned Jews liberated from the "Jewish internment camp" at Ferramonte, Southern Italy, are nationals of Czechoslovakia, Poland and France, it was reported here today.

The liberated Jews are still being housed in the camp, the report said. It added, however, that all possible assistance is being given to them by the Allied armies. Most of them were interned when Italy entered the war.

FEPCC OPENS FIGHT AGAINST RULING STRIPPING IT OF POWER TO BAR DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31. (JTA)-- The Fair Employment Practice Committee, threatened with loss of the power to enforce its rulings, has appealed to Attorney General Biddle to reverse the recent decision of Solicitor-General Warren which held that the President's order barring racial discrimination by firms doing business with the government was merely advisory and not a mandatory requirement. A decision from Biddle is expected during the week.

In making public the FEPC's decision to fight for its existence, the committee's new chairman, Malcolm Ross, stated:

"The Comptroller General has recently held that the obligation implied by Executive Order 9846 upon contracting agencies to incorporate a non-discrimination clause in each contract awarded by them was not a mandatory requirement but merely a directive. In view of the doubt which this ruling has cast upon the powers and duties of the FEPC, the committee is seeking consideration by the Attorney General of the scope and meaning of the Executive Order."

MOSCOW CONFERENCE URGED TO TAKE MEASURES TO SAVE THE JEWS OF EUROPE

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA)-- An appeal to the conference of Allied foreign ministers in Moscow for action by the United Nations to save the Jews of Europe was made from here tonight by more than 2,000 persons gathered in Carnegie Hall at a meeting called to pay tribute to Sweden and Denmark for the assistance the peoples of both countries have given to the Danish Jews. The meeting was arranged by the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe.

The appeal asked that all the territories of the United Nations be made available as asylums for the Jews in occupied territory and that Palestine, "the nearest and most practical haven," be opened to unlimited Jewish immigration. Among the speakers who addressed the meeting, urging measures to facilitate the escape of the European Jews, were: Leon Henderson, former O.P.A. Administrator; Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen Rhode, former United States Minister to Denmark; Congressman Emanuel Celler; Senator William Langer; Mrs. Sigrid Undset and Peter Bergson, vice-chairman of the Emergency Committee. Stella Adler and Ralph Bellamy acted out an original script by Ben Hecht called "The Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto," and Orson Welles read from the Bible "Ezekiel 37" and did a dramatic reading of "The Second Moral Front" by Ben Hecht. Elizabeth Wasyer, Metropolitan Opera star, sang.

Letters expressing support of the efforts in behalf of the oppressed Jews were received from Ambassador Wilhelm Muntze de Morgenskiolds of Norway, Henrik de Kruffman, Minister of Denmark and Wollman F. Boström, Minister of Sweden, and read at the rally.

NATION-WIDE FIGHT AGAINST BRITISH WHITE PAPER WILL BE LAUNCHED TODAY

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.(JTA)-- A nation-wide campaign against the British White Paper will be launched here tomorrow evening at a mass-meeting at Carnegie Hall marking the 26th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. The principal speakers at the meeting, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, will demand the opening of Palestine for Jewish immigration and the reconstitution of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth.

In a statement issued today, the Zionist Organization of America, which arranged the meeting, said: "Under the terms of Chamberlain's White Paper, the gates of Palestine will close to Jewish immigration on April 1, 1944. This means that in less than six months a ghetto wall will be erected around the Jewish National Home. This cruel and indefensible blow against the Jewish people must be averted. The time has come to fight."

INTERNATIONAL ACTION TAKEN TO SAVE TWENTY-NINE PROMINENT RABBIS FROM NAZIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.(JTA)-- International action involving the cooperation of the British Foreign Office, the governments of Spain and Portugal and the services of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association, is now under way for the possible rescue of 29 spiritual leaders of the Jewish communities in Poland, Holland and Slovakia, Mr. Abraham Herman, president of Hias, stated yesterday.

Mr. Herman's statement is based on a report received from the headquarters of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association at Lisbon, Portugal, disclosing that the British Foreign Office has asked the British Ambassadors in Madrid and Lisbon to request the governments of Spain and Portugal to authorize the issuance of transit visas for the Rabbis and their families without personal application by them, in order to facilitate the rescue and emigration program if the Reich yields to a request through a neutral source and grants the persons named exit visas to a neutral country.

SECRETARY HULL LAUDS FOREIGN-BORN AMERICANS FOR THEIR PART IN WAR EFFORT

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.(JTA)-- Praise for the role played by foreign-born Americans in the war effort was expressed in a message by Secretary of State Cordell Hull read today at the national conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, held at the Hotel Commodore. Earl G. Harrison, U.S. Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, was one of the principal speakers.

Secretary Hull, in his message, said: "I should like to take this occasion to pay tribute to the foreign born Americans who are so valiantly supporting the United Nations' victory in the war against the Axis. There is no more inspiring feature of our national war effort than the wholehearted devotion with which Americans irrespective of race or religion are performing their duty of citizenship in this grave national crisis."

MAX REINHARDT, FAMOUS THEATRICAL DIRECTOR, DIES IN NEW YORK AT 70

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.(JTA)-- Max Reinhardt, noted Jewish theatrical director, whose productions were famous throughout Europe and the United States, died here last night at the age of 70.

First in Germany and then in Austria, where he was born in 1870, Dr. Reinhardt was instrumental in revitalizing the theater in the early part of the century and in the 'twenties. He gave new productions to classics which had been neglected and sponsored the works of new playwrights such as Ernst Toller. His companies toured the continent and he also directed dramas in English in London and New York. Since 1934 he had spent most of his time in the United States.