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## EDEN TO HELP SECURE EMIGRATION OF REFUGEE RABBIS FROM RUSSIA TO AUSTRALIA

LONDON, Nov. 4.(JTA)-- Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, who is now on his way back to London from the Moscow tri-partite conference, today informed Chief Rabbi Hertz, through the Foreign Office, that he will assist in the effort to secure exit visas from Russia for refugee rabbis stranded there.

The British Foreign Secretary also informed the Chief Rabbi that he will see to it that the rabbis permitted to emigrate from Russia are admitted to Australia. He indicated that negotiations to this effect are being conducted with the Australian Government.

## WEIZMANN WILL NOT GO TO PALESTINE; INVITES BEN-GURION TO COME TO LONDON

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4.(JTA)-- The executive of the Jewish Agency today received a cable from Dr. Weizmann expressing regret that he is unable to proceed to Palestine as he was asked to do in connection with David Ben-Gurion's resignation, since he is at present engaged in important political talks in London, the outcome of which may have an important effect on Palestine's post-war status.

Dr. Weizmann suggested in his cable that Ben-Gurion and other members of the executive come to London to participate in the political activities which he is conducting there. He urged the members of the executive to exercise their influence upon Ben-Gurion to have him withdraw his resignation.

Addressing the national conference of the new party, Aliyah Chadashah, which is composed of immigrants from Germany and Austria, Dr. Felix Rosenblueth, president, said that though the conference will not take any stand with regard to Ben-Gurion's resignation, it should, nevertheless, make support of Dr. Weizmann an integral part of its program. He demanded that new elections be held for the Jewish National Assembly and for the municipality of Tel Aviv, declaring that these two bodies no longer represent the actual sentiment within the Yishuv.

## PALESTINE GOVERNMENT FORMS ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF JEWS, ARABS AND ENGLISHMEN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4.(JTA)-- The formation of a new economic advisory council for the purpose of coordinating the work of various government departments in connection with civilian economic activities, was announced here last night by Sir Harold MacMichael, High Commissioner for Palestine.

The new body will be composed of four Jews, four Arabs and two Englishmen. It will be known as the War Economic Advisory Council. District Commissioner Ralph Crosbie will head the new agency. The other Englishman in the group will hold the post of secretary.

ITALIAN FASCIST CABINET DECIDES TO ARREST ALL JEWS IN GERMAN-HELD ITALY

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 4.(JTA)-- German newspapers reaching here today from Berlin report that the Italian Fascist government in the German-held part of Italy this week adopted a program which provides for the detention of all Jews in the section of the country which is still under German "protection."

Swedish newspapers today carry reports from Hungary stating that the well-known actor Sander Both who was dismissed from the Budapest Theater three years ago under the anti-Jewish laws, was re-employed this week by the same theater. He had been unemployed during the interval, since no theater in Hungary dared to engage him, lest it be charged with violating the anti-Jewish laws.

GOVERNMENT POLICY ON IMMEDIATE RELIEF FOR PEOPLE IN OCCUPIED EUROPE REMAINS UNCHANGE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.(JTA)-- A strong plea for the sending of immediate relief to starving people in countries of occupied Europe was made today by former President Herbert Hoover testifying before a sub-committee of the Senate Committee of Foreign Relations, in support of a resolution introduced jointly by senators Guy M. Gillette, Iowa Democrat, and Robert A. Taft, Ohio Republican.

Within ninety minutes after Hoover completed his testimony, Acting Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., said that the United States Government has not reconsidered its policy of refusing to breach the blockade of German-occupied Europe. He also announced that Assistant Secretary of State Dean Acheson would be our representative on the council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. The UNRRA, which goes to work at Atlantic City next Wednesday, will probably be asked to take up the problem of immediate relief.

In making his plea, Hoover said that any military opinion against sending relief at once to Nazi-occupied Europe should be overridden by civilian leaders. "We had military opposition at the beginning of the last war too," he testified, "but by the end of the war the British military men themselves protested against an attempt of the American general staff to halt relief work." Gen. John J. Pershing and Admiral William D. Leahy, the President's chief of staff, have both spoken out strongly in favor of immediate relief, Hoover said.

The former President attacked the idea that relief supplies sent through the blockade could materially help the Germans. He pointed to the system now working in Greece, by which we and the Canadians send relief supplies in chartered Swedish ships, to be distributed by neutral Swedes and Swiss.

SCHWEITZER DISCUSSES REFUGEE EMIGRATION PROBLEMS WITH JEWISH LEADERS IN LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 4.(JTA)-- David Schweitzer, special representative of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association, who arrived here this week from New York to discuss post-war emigration problems with Jewish organizations in England, today held a conference with Jewish leaders here. The representatives of the various Jewish groups expressed their readiness to cooperate with the Hias-Ica in plans for coordinating the work of refugee migration during and after the war.

In a move to intensify the campaign against anti-Semitism in Britain, representatives of congregations throughout the country met here today at the invitation of the Board of Deputies of British Jews to discuss the part the synagogue can play in combatting anti-Jewish propaganda. The meeting voted full support to the Board's efforts in this sphere.

WHITE HOUSE INDICATES DISPLEASURE WITH RULING AGAINST BAN ON RACIAL BIAS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.(JTA)-- A reversal of the recent ruling by Comptroller General Lindsay Warren which stated that President Roosevelt's order against racial discrimination in war jobs is not compulsory for firms obtaining government contracts, was foreshadowed today in a letter addressed by the White House secretary Stephen T. Early to the Pittsburgh Courier, a Negro newspaper. The case is now in the hands of Attorney General Francis Biddle.

The letter indicated White House displeasure with the ruling by saying that no White House official had asked Warren for a ruling on the issue. It also denied that a ruling was asked by the Office of War Mobilization. It assured the Courier that steps are being taken to investigate the impact of the ruling on the activities of the Fair Employment Practice Committee.

A delegation representing eight liberal groups yesterday urged Attorney General Biddle to investigate anti-Semitism in Boston, New York and in other cities and to prosecute those responsible for the disturbances. Biddle promised to "seriously consider" the request. "We wish to urge," the statement to Mr. Biddle said, "that you use the full powers of the Department of Justice to ferret out and bring to justice all groups and individuals responsible for creating national disunity and interrupting the war production program by inciting violence against and hatred of racial minorities."

DR. JOHN SLAWSON APPOINTED EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.(JTA)-- Dr. John Slawson, prominent social worker, has been appointed executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee to succeed Morris D. Waldman, who, after fifteen years of service, is being elevated to the position of vice-chairman of the General Committee, it was announced today by Joseph M. Proskauer, president.

Dr. Slawson was executive director of the Jewish Board of Guardians in New York. Prior to that he was executive director of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit. He also held the office of assistant director of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Cleveland from 1924 to 1928.

"The American Jewish Committee, which has been active for more than thirty-seven years in the defense of Jewish civil and religious rights both here and abroad," Mr. Proskauer said, "found in Dr. Slawson a man who by his long experience in Jewish communal life and by his proven abilities as leader in social affairs generally, will help steer the Committee at a time when the Jews of America are confronted with their greatest tasks for the rescue and protection of the Jews in many countries."

Though resigning from the Board of Guardians to administer the affairs of the American Jewish Committee, Dr. Slawson will continue to serve as Consultant on war-time delinquency for the U. S. Children's Bureau and the Social Security Board. His long activity in general and Jewish social work began in 1921, when Dr. Slawson was appointed investigator and psychologist for the New York State Board of Charities. In later years he occupied the offices of Chairman of the Protective and Correctional Section of the Welfare Council of New York City, Secretary of the Division on Prevention of Governor Lehman's Conference on Crime, the Criminal and Society, and other bodies dealing with communal welfare. He has written many articles for Scientific Journals on the care of children, mental hygiene and related subjects. His book "The Delinquent Boy" is considered a standard work in this field.

## ARAB GROUP ARRIVES IN CANADA ON POLITICAL MISSION; ZIONISTS URGED TO ACT

MONTREAL, Nov. 4.(JTA)-- The disclosure that an Arab commission has arrived in Canada with the intention of carrying on political activity in government and other influential circles has resulted in an editorial in the local Jewish newspaper, The Daily Eagle, demanding that the Zionist organization of Canada not limit its activities to fund raising campaigns but launch a movement for the creation of pro-Palestine committees which will not only offset the Arab propaganda, but strengthen sentiment favoring Jewish aspirations in Palestine.

"Canadian Zionists must consider themselves the torch bearers of a great national ideal and not merely fund raisers," adds the paper. Detailed information about the activities of the Arab delegation is still lacking.

The Montreal Gazette, influential morning paper, congratulates the Canadian government for the decision, announced by Hon. T. A. Crerar, to admit more refugees from Spain and Portugal into Canada.

The newspaper adds that the government decision comes just as the petition of the Canadian National Committee for Refugees, asking for such action, was getting under way. "This should be no reason for halting circulation of the petition," writes the Gazette. "An assertion of the public's opinion on this matter will strengthen the government's hand, reinforce the intentions implicit in the Crerar statement, and encourage liberality in the interpretation of a very restrictive set of rules." The Gazette advocates the liberalization of the Canadian immigration laws which, at the present time, bar the entry of non-British subjects.

In his statement authorizing a further movement of refugees from Spain and Portugal to Canada, Mr. Crerar reviewed the decisions adopted at a meeting of representatives of the United Kingdom and the United States on the refugee problem, held at Bermuda last Spring. The minister said it is hoped that proposals of the conference will be accepted by all governments concerned and that there will thus be established an effective method of obtaining continuous international cooperation and financial support for the maintenance and transportation of refugees who are already outside enemy territory or who may succeed in escaping to neutral or Allied countries.

## BRITAIN ASKED TO PROBE CONDUCT OF PALESTINE ARMS TRIAL

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 4.(JTA)-- A demand that the British Government open an inquiry into the methods of the prosecution at the recent arms trial in Palestine was voiced here by speakers addressing a Balfour Day celebration. The meeting adopted a resolution terming the arms trial a "grave miscarriage of justice and stressed the disparity between the sentences imposed on Arabs and Jews for similar offenses. Both the Johannesburg meeting and a rally in Capetown passed resolutions demanding the abrogation of the White Paper of 1939.

The executive committee of the Zionist Federation of South Africa has cabled to David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, urging that he withdraw his resignation from that body. South African Zionists were greatly shocked by the reports of the labor leader's resignation.

## WORKERS IN MANCHESTER GREET JEWISH CULTURAL DELEGATION FROM RUSSIA

MANCHESTER, England, Nov. 4.(JTA)-- Prof. Solomon Mikhoels and Lieut.-Col. Itzik Feffer, the Jewish cultural delegation from Soviet Russia, were given an enthusiastic welcome by both Jewish and non-Jewish workers when they toured war plants in this city. Earlier they were received by the Lord Mayor. Last night they were greeted by 5,000 persons at a meeting here marking their first public appearance in Britain.