

ARABS IN PALESTINE, INSPIRED BY EVENTS IN LEBANON, ASK FOR A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16. (JTA)-- Inspired by the developments in Lebanon, where the parliament last week declared the mandate of the League of Nations to be non-existent and proclaimed its complete sovereignty despite the opposition of the French administration, the Arabs in Palestine today issued a demand that a National Government be established in Palestine.

The demand was voiced in a resolution adopted at a conference of representatives of the Arab Chambers of Commerce in Palestine. The resolution also urged the British Government to implement the White Paper by officially announcing the complete stoppage of Jewish immigration to Palestine. British authorities were also requested in the resolution to start a thorough search for arms among the Palestine Jews.

Meanwhile, the Palestine press today reported that French military authorities in Lebanon have banned all the Hebrew newspapers arriving there from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. They also issued an order prohibiting listening to broadcasts from Palestine.

A detailed report on the attitude of the Jewish Agency towards the negotiations now going on in Cairo for the establishment of a pan-Arab Federation, which would include Palestine, was given here today by Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, addressing a closed session of the small Zionist Actions Committee. He spoke at great length on the effect which a pan-Arab federation can have on the Jewish status in Palestine and dealt with the general political outlook for Palestine.

CRISIS IN JEWISH AGENCY REMAINS UNSOLVED; ACTIONS COMMITTEE POSTPONES DECISION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16. (JTA)-- The crisis within the executive of the Jewish Agency resulting from the differences of opinion between Dr. Chaim Weizmann and David Ben-Gurion remained unsolved today, after a meeting of the small Zionist Actions Committee which was convoked to deal with the problem.

The session of the Actions Committee, which Ben-Gurion refused to attend, was unable to arrive at any conclusion. It, therefore, decided to postpone action for another week while negotiations are conducted between Zionist leaders in London and in Jerusalem in an effort to induce Mr. Ben-Gurion to withdraw his resignation and to reconcile him and Dr. Weizmann.

The Davar, Laborite daily newspaper, today publishes an editorial appealing to the highest Jewish institutions to obtain peace between Dr. Weizmann and Ben-Gurion and prevent disruption in the ranks of Zionist leadership. "Don't let Dr. Weizmann or Ben-Gurion leave in this critical hour!" the paper urges. (Addressing a Mizrahi meeting in London last night, Chief Rabbi Herz said: "We are satisfied with Dr. Weizmann as our spokesman.")

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While the Jews in Buenos Aires are affected by the general anti-democratic measures, the Jews in the interior - especially in the province of Entre Rios where the Jewish colonies are situated - are hit by direct anti-Jewish measures. Their position is becoming steadily worse because of the fact that all Jewish institutions there have been outlawed, the arriving Jews report.

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J.D.C. CALLS CONFERENCE OF JEWISH LEADERS TO DISCUSS RELIEF PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Nov. 15. (JTA)-- Declaring that the present Jewish world tragedy transcends all past needs, Paul Baerwald, honorary chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, announced today that leaders of American Jewry, representing communities throughout the United States, will gather on Sunday, December 5, at the Commodore Hotel here to confer with the officers of the J.D.C. on the problems of immediate and post-war rescue and rehabilitation of millions of Jewish sufferers from war and persecution overseas. The meeting, he declared, will provide for American Jews "a forthright answer to their many questions as to what can be done in general and how the J.D.C., in particular, can enlarge its services to meet present and future needs."

"The realities of the world situation," Mr. Baerwald asserted, "demand a constructive approach to the problems of bringing relief and emigration aid to the Jews of Europe. We who deal day in and day out with Jewish needs all over the globe are continually aware that good will and brave resolutions alone will not solace a tearful mother or a hungry child. Shortages of supplies, lack of shipping space, and restrictions which the very war itself imposes are tangible things which the J.D.C., or any other realistic agency in the field, comes up against daily. But despite these handicaps the record shows that J.D.C. work is on the increase."

GERMANS IN GREECE WARNED AGAINST DEPORTATION OF JEWS FROM THE COUNTRY

NEW YORK, Nov. 15. (JTA)-- The Greek Embassy in Washington today informed the World Jewish Congress that the exiled Greek Government in Cairo has made a number of appeals by radio to the people in Greece, asking them to assist their Jewish compatriots in escaping deportation by the German occupation authorities.

Repeated warning to the German occupation forces against the deportation of Jews from areas in Greece previously held by the Italians have been broadcast from London. Sixteen times a day - and in eleven languages - the British Broadcasting Corporation beamed the following message to occupied Europe:

"Here is a warning to the German occupation forces in Greece. An order has been published extending compulsory registration to Jews in Greece and areas previously held by Italians where until now it has not been applied. Registration has in the past always been the first step to deportation, which was indeed ruthlessly carried out in Salonika, Evros Province, and in Bulgarian-occupied Thrace. There is every reason to believe that the Nazis are planning further barbarities.

"Amidst their own suffering, the people of Greece have repeatedly protested against Nazi persecution of Jews in their own country, and they will, we know, do all in their power, as they have always done, to shelter and protect these helpless victims of fanaticism. Let Nazis pause before perpetrating yet further atrocities and let the German people realize that these atrocities committed in their name merely increases the horror and hatred which Germany brings upon herself by tolerating such barbarism. The hour of reckoning approaches."

LIBERTY SHIP NAMED AFTER JACOB H. SCHIFF IS LAUNCHED IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, Nov. 15. (JTA)-- A 10,500-ton Liberty Ship, named after Jacob H. Schiff, the late Jewish leader and philanthropist, was launched here with Mrs. Felix M. Warburg, daughter of Mr. Schiff, acting as sponsor. Built in 28 days the "Jacob S. Schiff" slid smoothly down the ways from the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard in a perfect launching. Three generations of Mr. Schiff's descendants were present as Mrs. Warburg smashed the traditional bottle of champagne against the vessel's prow.

CONGRESS COMMITTEE HEARS APPEALS TO BAR ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE FROM MAELS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15: (JTA)-- Congress must prevent agencies of the government from being used to "aid the Nazi-Fascist campaign to stir up racial and religious hatred," Judge Nathan D. Perlman, vice president of the American Jewish Congress, said today before a House subcommittee of the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

"Nazi propaganda agencies have understood that one of the most effective techniques of modern advertising is direct mail," Judge Perlman said. "They have, therefore, relied on it extensively to distribute their vicious propaganda against racial and religious groups in this country. It is ironical that a government engaged in deadly combat should lend its enemies the use of facilities for its own destruction. By denying the use of the mails to false and defamatory propaganda which libels racial and religious groups, the Nazis and those deluded Americans who follow the Nazi propaganda line will lose a potent weapon in their struggle against democracy."

Rep. Walter A. Lynch, N.Y. Dem., who introduced one of the bills being considered, told the subcommittee that Post Office Department criticisms were "stock objections." "I see no abridgement of free speech whatever," he added. "No one has the right to make false and defamatory statements about another."

Rep. Chet Holifield, Calif. Dem.; Michael Quill, president of the Transport Workers Union; Dr. Leon M. Birkhead of the Friends of Democracy; Rabbi Leon Stitskin of Warren, Ohio; Rabbi Jonah Caplan of Astoria, L. I.; Max Perlow of the Jewish Peoples Committee; and Milton M. Kemnitz of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties were among the witnesses in favor of the bills. Citizens of Detroit, Hartford and other communities in which there have been anti-Semitic or anti-Negro disturbances described the incidents and testified that much of the intolerance was caused by literature distributed through the mails.

JEWISH WORKERS IN BRITAIN CONTRIBUTE DAY'S PAY TO AID JEWS OF EUROPE

LONDON, Nov. 15. (JTA)-- Every organized Jewish worker in Britain will contribute a day's pay to the fund being raised by the Histadruth in Palestine for the relief of Jews in Europe, it was decided last night at a meeting of representatives of 39 labor organizations attending a conference called by the Jewish Labor Committee.

The conference adopted a resolution appealing to Jews throughout the world "to leave no stone unturned to rescue European Jewry," expressing the hope that the Allied Nations would admit refugees freely, pointing out Palestine's role in receiving refugees since 1939 and, finally, lauding the Histadruth's efforts in behalf of the Jews of Europe and the contributions the Palestine Jewish community has made to the war effort.

PALESTINE TO COMMEMORATE PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS MURDERED BY GERMANS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 15. (JTA)-- The Alumni Association of the Hebrew University announced today that it plans to participate in the observances of International Students' Day on Nov. 17 in commemoration of the professors and students who have been murdered by the Nazis. A special broadcast marking the observances was held today with members of the Jewish Agency, the rector of the university and the Czech and French consuls participating.