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ARGENTINE PRESIDENT RECEIVES JEWISH LEADER; DISCUSSES ANTI-JEWISH ACTIVITIES

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- President Ramirez of Argentina recently gave a two-hour audience to Dr. Moises Goldman, the president of the DAIA, central Jewish body which represents all Argentine Jews, during which the Jewish leader appealed for active government measures against the unchecked anti-Jewish propaganda in the country, it was learned here today.

Dr. Goldman will also be received next week by the Argentine Minister of Interior in connection with the efforts of the DAIA to impress upon the government the necessity of curbing the intensified agitation against the Jews which is being conducted by organs supporting the Ramirez regime and which has led to anti-Jewish outrages in various sections of the country.

Especially hard hit by anti-Jewish developments are the Jews in the provinces in Entre Rios, Salto, Tucuman and Santiago del Estero where the provincial administrators embarked on a definite anti-Semitic policy. In Buenos Aires the anti-Jewish propaganda is carried on chiefly by extreme nationalist groups. A number of memorandums drawing the attention of the government to the violent anti-Jewish measures in various Argentine provinces were submitted by the DAIA to the Minister of Interior, but despite promises by the authorities to curb these activities, nothing has been done as yet in this direction.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE CANNOT HAVE DIRECT DEALINGS WITH GERMANY ON REFUGEES

LONDON, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Patrick Malin, American vice-director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the committee is not empowered to initiate any direct dealings with Germany on rescuing Jews from German-held territory.

Mr. Malin took issue with the interpretation given in Washington by Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long to the expanded mandate of the Intergovernmental Committee. He denied that this mandate can be interpreted to mean, as Mr. Long said, that the Intergovernmental Committee has been given the authority to do whatever it can "within and without Germany and the occupied territories." He termed the Assistant Secretary of State's quotation from the mandate, during his testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, "inexact" and pointed out that the mandate was extended specifically with respect to persons and not to countries.

To support his interpretation, Mr. Malin quoted a section of the mandate which reads: "It is now proposed to extend the mandate so as to include as far as practical those persons, wherever they may be, who as result of events in Europe may have to leave their countries of residence because of danger to their lives and liberties on account of race, religion or political beliefs." (Assistant Secretary Long, in reading a section of the mandate to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, stressed the part which reads: "The operation of the Committee shall extend to all countries from which the refugees come, as a result of the war in Europe, or in which they may find refuge.

In emphasizing that the Intergovernmental Committee cannot engage in direct negotiations with Germany, Mr. Malin declared that this does not preclude all possibility of approaching Germany. "It must be clearly understood, however, that such an approach would be possible only through a neutral intermediary," he said.

SENATE ADJOURNS WITHOUT VOTING ON BILLS TO AID JEWS IN EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Senate today adjourned until January 10 without taking any action on the two resolutions approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday recommending the establishment of a special U.S. commission to deal with the question of rescuing the Jews of Europe and urging that the State Department cooperate with the British, Swiss and Swedish Governments in supplying food immediately to the starving populations of occupied territories.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee held no hearings on the bill which suggested the Establishment of a U.S. Commission for saving Jews and to which it gave unanimous approval. After discussion, it amended the resolution to urge the creation of a commission to formulate and effectuate "plans," rather than "a plan" as the original bill suggested, of immediate action to save the surviving Jews of Europe. The House Foreign Affairs Committee has been holding open hearings on identical bills. No action will be taken before Congress convenes.

Sen. Gillette, the "father" of the bill, inserted in the Congressional Record a telegram received by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee from seven prominent clergymen supporting the establishment of a "special governmental commission to find ways and means to save the surviving Jewish people of Europe." They said: "We cannot approach Christmastide without declaring that too many of us have been wanting in the will to rescue these suffering people." They urged that "No possible sanctuary be closed, whether in America or elsewhere." Signers of the telegram were Rt. Reverend William T. Manning, Bishop of New York, Protestant Episcopal Church; Archbishop Athenagoras, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America; Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin, Moderator of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church, and President of the Union Theological Seminary; Bishop William J. McConnell, resident Bishop of the Methodist Church; Rt. Reverend Thomas J. Heistand, Protestant Episcopal Theological Church, Cambridge, Mass; and Dr. Russell Stafford, Minister of Old South Church, Boston.

Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the Washington chapter of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, according to an announcement made today. In his letter of acceptance, Mr. Ickes said: "As one of the many millions of free Americans who have been infuriated by the savage brutality of the Nazis, I only hope that the Committee may contribute in a real way to the saving of as many as possible from the fury of Hitler and his hosts."

AMERICAN ZIONISTS MUST CHOOSE THEIR OWN DELEGATION TO LONDON, WEIZMANN SAYS

LONDON, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, in a statement issued through the Jewish Agency today, denied a report from Palestine that he has invited Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency who heads the Agency office in Washington, to come to London to assist him in his political negotiations with the British Government with regard to Palestine.

"I have invited a delegation of American Zionist leaders to come to London, but the choice of the delegates has been left to the American Zionist Emergency Council," the statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency said.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews today announced that it has studied the details of the Ramat Hakovesh incident in Palestine in which one Jewish settler was killed and several wounded while resisting a raid by police searching for hidden arms. After getting acquainted with the facts, the Board expressed its support of the Jews in Palestine and declared itself ready to aid them in the fight for "their justified cause," the announcement says.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS IN EMPLOYMENT INCREASING, FEPC CHAIRMAN DISCLOSES

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The last few months have seen an increase in complaints by Jews that they were refused employment in war industries because of their religion, it was disclosed here today by Malcolm Ross, chairman of the President's Fair Employment Practices Committee.

Mr. Ross told a press conference that statistics of the committee covering the period from July 1 to Nov. 27 of this year show a progressively larger number of complaints by Jews each month. Pointing out that the FEPC can act only on specific complaints, Mr. Ross said that 107 cases involving Jews were presented to his committee in the above period, of which about 54 percent were settled satisfactorily. He disclosed that approximately six percent of all the cases handled by the FEPC are complaints of refusal to employ persons of the Jewish faith.

The FEPC chairman emphasized that a great many cases of anti-Semitism come to the committee about which it can do nothing because of its limited jurisdiction. The FEPC is restricted to handling cases of refusal to employ or upgrade because of race, religion or creed. Anti-Jewish manifestations within plants by foreman or other supervisory officials or distribution of anti-Semitic literature can only be referred to interested Jewish groups.

Both Mr. Ross and Edward Lawson, director of the New York regional office, which covers all the New England states and New York, praised the cooperation they have secured from Jewish organizations engaged in fighting discrimination. Mr. Lawson said that in New York a council on fair employment practices has been formed by Jewish Negro and other groups and is cooperating with the FEPC. He pointed out that the various bodies have found that the problems facing them were similar and that the fight against discrimination was strengthened by united action.

JEWS COUNCIL FOR RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF PERMITTED TO CONDUCT RELIEF WORK IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Jewish Council for Russian War Relief today announced that it has received the approval of the Moscow Government for a project under which the Council will be permitted to carry on non-sectarian relief and rehabilitation work in a designated area in the U.S.S.R. in which there is a heavy concentration of Jews.

The new project will be launched at the annual conference of the Council to be held in New York in February, the announcement said. The project was originally formulated in discussions with Solomon Michaels and Itzik Fefer, who visited the United States as a Jewish cultural delegation from Russia.

AIR-MAIL BETWEEN PALESTINE AND RUSSIA STARTED; REFUGEES REACH PALESTINE FROM TURKEY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Air-mail service between Palestine and Soviet Russia was started today for the first time. The mail is flown from Jerusalem to Teheran, Persia, and forwarded from there to various destinations in Russia by land.

A group of 74 Jewish refugees reached here today from Turkey. Included were 39 youths who succeeded in reaching Turkey from Nazi satellite countries in Europe. A larger group of Jewish refugees is expected to arrive here from Turkey within a few days. It was announced today that during 1943 the Jews in Palestine spent \$1,200,000 for relief and rescue work for Jews in Europe. Half of this sum was allotted by the Jewish Agency.

60,000 CHILDREN OBSERVE CHANUKAH CEREMONY IN NEW YORK JEWISH SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- More than 60,000 children in 500 Jewish schools throughout New York participated tonight in the candle lighting ceremony which marked the opening of the eight-day festival of Chanukah, the Jewish Education Committee announced. The special significance of Chanukah this year when the United Nations are fighting a world war for the principles of freedom for which the Maccabees fought in ancient Palestine was the keynote of the celebration in the Jewish schools.

The celebration will be followed tomorrow evening by the annual Jewish Education dinner at the Hotel Astor which will be attended by more than 1,000 community leaders active in the field of Jewish education. The speakers at the dinner will include Samuel S. Schneerson, president of the Jewish Education Committee who recently succeeded Judge Samuel I. Roseman in that post; Dr. David de Sola Pool, Bernard Semel and Dr. Shalom Spiegel, professor of medieval literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA URGES ROOSEVELT TO HELP ABROGATE WHITE PAPER

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America today called on President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull to take "all appropriate measures" to bring about the abrogation of the British White Paper of 1939, which would prohibit all new Jewish immigration into Palestine after March 31, 1944.

A resolution condemning the White Paper as representing "the sacrifice of principle to expediency" and calling for the reconstitution of Palestine as "a Jewish Commonwealth guaranteeing full democratic rights to all the inhabitants thereof" was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Council's executive committee. Texts of the resolution were transmitted in letters to President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull by Rabbi William Drazin, president of the Council.

SENTENCE AGAINST BOSTON FIRM CHARGED WITH SLANDERING JEWS WILL BE ISSUED WITHIN WEEK

BOSTON, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Municipal Court here will issue its verdict within a week in the first case under Massachusetts' new race libel law, it was announced today by the presiding judge. The case involves the Rapid Service Press, Inc. which is charged with printing anti-Semitic doggerel.

The complaint against the firm was submitted by the police after four Northeastern University students had reported they saw a proof of a poem slandering Jews at the plant of the Rapid Service Press. The students were working at the time on their school paper, which the firm prints.

DR. TARTAKOWER LEAVING FOR LONDON TO NEGOTIATE RESCUE OF JEWS IN POLAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Arieh Tartakower, executive member of the World Jewish Congress and president of the Representation of Polish Jews in America, will soon leave for London to negotiate there with various groups concerning the immediate rescue of Jews in occupied Poland, it was announced here today. He will work in close contact with the British section of the World Jewish Congress, the announcement said.

MEXICAN ZIONISTS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN FOR 500,000 PESOS FOR KEREN HAYESOD

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- A campaign for 500,000 pesos for the Keren Hayesod opened here at a mass-meeting addressed by Louis Lipsky and Emanuel Neumann, American Zionist leaders. The meeting adopted a resolution protesting against the British White Paper.