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AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ADOPTS PROGRAM FOR POST-WAR SOLUTION OF JEWISH PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- A four point program for the post-war solution of Jewish problems stressing "an international bill of rights for the individual, as well as the state," was promulgated by Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, in his presidential address today before the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee.

Before two hundred Jewish leaders assembled from throughout the United States for an all day conference at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria, Judge Proskauer said that "the titanic assault by which the Nazis singled out the Jews for special destruction" can be repaired only by:

1. "The setting up of a program of relief for Jews suffering as a result of the havoc and ruin of Axis barbarism. This means that mass evacuation must not be the rule, but the exception necessitated by specific economic necessities.
2. "The establishment of "a new international bill of rights for the individual, as well as the state in which the narrowing forces of supernationalism and chauvinism must, in these aspects, give way to the demands of justice and reason."
3. The international supervision of "a program of emigration when necessary. This is not a situation," Judge Proskauer said, "which Jews alone should or can meet." He pointed out, however, that it will be the duty of Jewish organizations to give such help as they can in the fields of both relief and emigration.
4. The safeguarding and development of Palestine "as a center of economic, religious and cultural lives for Jews who desire to live there." Judge Proskauer pointed out that the American Jewish Committee has urged Great Britain to abolish the Palestine White Paper of 1939 "which discriminates against immigration of Jews." He made it clear, however, that Palestine must not be considered "the exclusive or the complete solution for the Jews of Europe" and that no matter what "the political constitution of Palestine should be, there could be no political identification of Jews outside of Palestine with whatever government may be there instituted."

International Trusteeship for Palestine; Bigotry in U. S. Discussed

For Palestine, itself, the American Jewish Committee recommends "an international trusteeship responsible to the United Nations" which would "safeguard Jewish settlement and immigration into Palestine and guarantee adequate scope for future growth and development to the full extent of the absorptive capacity of the country." The Committee further recommends the establishment "within a reasonable period of a self-governing Commonwealth under a Constitution and a Bill of Rights that will safeguard and protect the fundamental rights of all inhabitants and the holy places of all faiths."

Judge Proskauer, who was re-elected to the presidency of the American Jewish Committee, discussed the problem of bigotry in the United States. Deploring the growth

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of "venal organized manifestations of anti-Semitism which seek either sordid money or sordid political power," he warned Jews against "taking counsel of our fears." He urged a policy "of decency and brotherhood, and not divisiveness and hostility" in the solution of specific problems of anti-Semitism.

Blaustein Lauds Roosevelt's War Refugee Board

The official report of the executive committee, read by Mr. Jacob Blaustein, chairman, praised President Roosevelt for his recent appointment of a War Refugee Board which was called "the most constructive thing done thus far towards the rescue from the Nazis of as many Jews and other persecuted minorities of Europe as possible." Great faith in the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency was also expressed by Mr. Blaustein who emphasized that "the task before the UNRRA is so huge that it will need whatever cooperation private agencies will be able to give."

Mr. Blaustein's report as chairman of the executive committee recognized that "Nazi propaganda techniques have succeeded to no inconsiderable extent in creating and increasing group hatreds and suspicions between various sections and fragments of the population of the United States." He warned that "post-war conditions unfortunately are often propitious for the exploitation for political purposes of general group hostility and anti-Jewish prejudice, should there be social and economic dislocations and political strife at that time."

Faith in Minority Guarantees Shaken, Medalie Reports

The overseas problem facing world Jewry was discussed by George Z. Medalie, chairman of the Overseas Committee, who explained the necessity for "the establishment of an international Bill of Rights of Man to be implemented by appropriate machinery protecting the individual against the invasion of his rights by reason of race or religion."

"At the conclusion of the first World War," Mr. Medalie said, "it was widely thought that the system of minorities guarantees would insure Jewish equality. The fact that the status of the Jews throughout Europe has deteriorated so drastically since then is not a perfect proof of the failure of minorities rights, since that deterioration can perhaps with even greater justice be attributed to the general breakdown of international morality and social stability during the Long Armistice. Nevertheless, our faith in the system of minorities guarantees has been shaken; some students entirely reject it." Mr. Medalie urged that the gates of Palestine "be kept open to the full limits of its economic absorptive capacity."

Waldman Warns Against Post-War National Self-Determination

Morris D. Waldman, vice-chairman of the executive committee, urged that post-war peace planning stress human self-determination, rather than national self-determination. "This principle of national self-determination, product of the first World War," he said, "was largely responsible for the present global catastrophe. In order to insure world peace in the future, this war will have to produce something different from that of the first World War. Predominant international thinking is in the direction of a world order that repudiates racist state theory. If we are to have a lasting peace, the equal rights of all inhabitants of every country, regardless of race or creed, must be insured."

Dr. John Slawson, newly elected executive vice-president, indicated the basic philosophy of the American Jewish Committee when he said: "American Jews, like all Americans, must be global in their outlook; they must be neither provincial nor

isolationist. The American Jewish Committee must make available to American Jews all the background material necessary to complete understanding of problems of particular interest to Jews so that, both as Americans and as Jews, they can make seasoned decisions based upon fact, rather than judgments based on emotionalism nourished on a diet of concentrated propaganda."

Committee to Establish Chapters Throughout Country

Mr. David Sher announced a change in the corporate structure of the American Jewish Committee, approved by the annual meeting, which provides for a general membership in the American Jewish Committee "to all Jews who are citizens of the United States and who desire to aid in furthering the purpose and program of the organization" and the creation of local chapters of the American Jewish Committee in cities and localities throughout the country.

Officers elected, besides Judge Proskauer, were: Jacob Blaustein, chairman of the executive committee; Morris D. Waldman, vice-chairman of the executive committee; Alan M. Stroom, chairman of the administrative committee; Judge J. J. Kaplan, Boston, Judge Edward Lazansky, Brooklyn, Judge M. C. Sloss, San Francisco, Fred Lazarus, Jr., Columbus, Judge Horace Stern, Philadelphia, and Henry Wineman, Detroit, vice-presidents; Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president; Victor S. Riesenfeld, secretary; Ira M. Younker, treasurer; Nathan M. Ohrbach, associate treasurer.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE AGAINST NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEWS FORMED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Creation of a "National Committee Against Nazi Persecution and Extermination of Jews of Europe" was announced here today by Associate Justice Frank Murphy of the United States Supreme Court who will head the new group.

Justice Murphy announced that among the members of the Committee are Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, Wendell Willkie, Gov. Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts, Asst. Attorney-General Norman M. Littelle and many prominent federal and state churchmen and business leaders. The purposes of the new committee, as outlined by Justice Murphy, are:

1. To rally the full force of public consciousness in America against the persecution and extermination of Jewish men, women and children.
2. To recognize and combat hateful propaganda against American citizens of Jewish descent.
3. To bring the power of public opinion to bear in cases where responsible officials condone the persecution of Jews.
4. To cooperate with like-minded groups here and in other countries.

In his statement announcing the formation of the new group, Justice Murphy pointed out that "American citizens of Jewish descent representing every major Jewish organization and community in U. S., and speaking thru the American Jewish Conference, have voiced not only their own faith in American institutions of justice and freedom but that of every true American citizen and of millions of oppressed people everywhere, in asking that the democracies institute and sustain vigorous action to rescue all who may yet be saved and to combat the virus of hatred wherever it appears."

LORD MOYNE APPOINTED BRITISH MINISTER FOR MIDDLE EAST; ARABS WELCOME APPOINTMENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The appointment of Lord Moyne, former Colonial Secretary, to succeed Richard G. Casey as British Resident Minister in the Middle East was announced in Cairo today. Falastin, a leading Arab newspaper in Palestine, welcomed Lord Moyne's appointment, stating: "Lord Moyne was the man who understood Arab aspirations when he was Colonial Secretary in 1941-42. He was able to bring about Arab-British rapprochement."

WEIZMANN SAYS WHITE PAPER WILL NOT SURVIVE WAR; REJECTS PARTITION SCHEME

LONDON, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, addressing the annual conference of the British Zionist Federation today, expressed the "belief" that the "White Paper will not survive the war," and indicated that important developments concerning Palestine were imminent.

Pointing out that "the political situation in regard to Palestine today is reminiscent of the situation on the eve of the issuance of the Balfour Declaration," Dr. Weizmann declared that "I am unable to indulge in speculations, but I think something is growing, and may happen sooner or later. It is still in the melting pot." He asserted that the White Paper has not achieved its purpose of appeasing the Arabs and has hampered the war effort, and deprived refugees of sanctuary."

Declaring that more than 2,000,000 Jews will need a home in Palestine after the war, the world Zionist leader indicated that he rejected the partition scheme which has been broached recently. He stated that while Palestine has vast unsettled territories in the South, it has its water in the North, making it impossible to cut the country in two. "This is our answer," he continued "to some friends who are offering us the Negev. We do not want a state merely for the sake of a state, but want to settle a maximum number of people." Dr. Weizmann admitted that "there may be a transition period" before Jewish statehood is achieved.

He called on Jews in Britain and America to redouble their efforts in behalf of Palestine and voiced the hope "for a change in attitude by Russian Jewry." Dr. Weizman attacked proposals that refugees now in Palestine will want to return to Europe after the war, declaring that "Europe has been poisoned by a kind of anti-Semitism which it will take a generation to eradicate."

Other speakers at today's session of the Zionist conference included Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, Barnett Jenner, Phineas Horowitz and Berl Locker. Mr. Locker, who wound up the discussions, stressed that "all responsible Zionists reject partition which is only a rumor which need not be discussed."

Demand Jewish Fighting Force to Help Liberate Jews of Europe

Following conclusion of the political debate, the meeting adopted a resolution demanding the creation of a "Jewish fighting force to participate in the battle of Europe and help in the liberation of Jews and other enslaved peoples." The convention sent greetings to the Jews of Russia expressing the hope that "Russian Jewry will take its rightful place in the upbuilding of Palestine." Greetings were also sent to Jews of America lauding their support of the Zionist demand that Palestine be established as a Jewish Commonwealth.

The convention emphasized in one of its resolutions that Zionists in England would like to see a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine incorporated in the British Commonwealth. It reaffirmed the Jews' desire to cooperate with the Arabs, assuring that there will be no discrimination against them in a Jewish Commonwealth and that they will be given opportunities for local communal self-government.

Insisting that the White Paper must be withdrawn, the convention stressed that immigration into Palestine must be placed under the direction of the Jewish Agency. The United Nations were asked in this resolution to intervene for the opening of Palestine's doors to Jews from Nazi Europe. The resolution also demanded that the Jewish refugees who were deported from Palestine to the Island of Mauritius as illegal immigrants be returned to Palestine.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL TO RAISE \$14,000,000 THIS YEAR; DR. HELLER TO HEAD DRIVE

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- A decision to raise \$14,000,000 in the United States in 1944 for the United Palestine Appeal was adopted here today at an all-day session of the National Council for Palestine, attended by 3,000 delegates from various parts of the country. Rabbi James G. Heller has been elected national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal to succeed Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, it was announced at the session.

Deputy Prime Minister Jan Masaryk of the Czechoslovak Government-in-Exile, told the delegates that the Jewish question is one of the most important ones "which we must solve and settle" once this war is over. "To blame the blunders of a great majority on a small and helpless minority," he added, "is cowardly, indecent and rotten. For twenty years I have followed closely and interestedly the wonderful work the Jews are doing in Palestine. During the war I have heard from quarters often not at all Zionist, of the great war effort and the substantial and lasting contribution of the Palestine Jews in speeding up the war and bringing nearer the day of victory and deliverance." Other speakers included Senator Alben W. Barkley, of Kentucky, Nathan Straus, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Nathaniel L. Goldstein and Bernard A. Rosenblatt.

In addition to Rabbi James G. Heller as national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, other officers for the fund-raising organization were announced yesterday as follows: Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the administrative committee; Louis Lipsky, chairman of the executive committee, and Edmund I. Kaufmann, Israel Goldstein, Louis E. Levinthal, Bernard A. Rosenblatt, Morris Rothenberg, Abba Hillel Silver, Robert Szold, co-chairmen. Charles J. Rosenbloom was re-named national treasurer, and Abraham Goodman, Abraham L. Liebovitz and Jacob Sincoff, associate treasurers. The national vice chairmen are: Barnett R. Brickner, Irving Miller, Harry A. Pine, Charles Rens, B. G. Rudolph, Elihu D. Stone, Joe Weingarten and Herman L. Weisman.

ROOSEVELT'S EMISSARY TO FIGHTING FORCES CALLS FOR FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- American Christians were called upon today by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, and President Roosevelt's emissary to the fighting forces, to give active support to a four-point program to save the Jews of Europe and to combat anti-Semitism. Speaking before more than 1,200 delegates attending the National Conference of Orthodox Jewry for Palestine and Rescue at the Hotel Pennsylvania, Dr. Poling also demanded the creation of a Jewish National Home in Palestine.

Robert Szold, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, who returned recently from a two months' visit to Palestine and Egypt, told the conference that "out of a Jewish population of 600,000 in Palestine more than 80,000 are engaged directly in the war effort, in addition to 23,000 serving in the armed forces, 800 in the air forces and 8,000 in the regular and auxiliary police."

DR. KLATZKIN, HUBERMAN, CAPT. WORKMAN AWARDED HONORARY DEGREES

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Three honorary degrees were awarded today at the second special war-time commencement exercises of the Jewish Institute of Religion. Capt. Robert D. Workman, Chief of Chaplains of the United States Navy, was the recipient of the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Bronislaw Huberman, violinist and founder of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, and Dr. Jacob Klatzkin were awarded the degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters. Dr. Klatzkin is the editor of the Encyclopedia Judaica and author of "Thesaurus Philosophicus" and "In Praise of Wisdom" recently published.