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RESOLUTION ON JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE INTRODUCED IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the United States to "use its good offices and take appropriate measures" to open the doors of Palestine for the "free entry" of Jews, was introduced in the Senate today by Robert F. Wagner (N.Y. Dem.) and Robert Taft (Ohio Rep.). The resolution was endorsed by Sen. Alben W. Barkley, majority leader, and by Sen. Wallace H. White, minority leader. It was referred to the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee. An identical resolution was introduced in the House last week. The resolution also urged establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth.

"This resolution," Sen. Wagner told the Senate "reaffirms the historic policy of the Government of the United States, formulated by the Congress in June, 1922, when it unanimously passed a joint resolution sponsored by the late Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, then chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations."

Senator Wagner pointed out that "from 1933 to 1939, Palestine welcomed more refugees from Hitler terror than were absorbed by all the rest of the world." He added that "when the war ends, Palestine has the capacity to absorb the uprooted and the destitute Jews who will survive Hitler's vengeance. The need will then be greater than ever before."

"Our Government has done and is doing its utmost to alleviate the conditions of European refugees during the war," Sen. Wagner continued. "Every President of the United States since Woodrow Wilson has looked with favor upon the Jewish Homeland as the permanent solution of a vexing problem. This resolution will help uphold the hand of our Government in support of its traditional policy -- a policy that is in furtherance of the ideals of all the United Nations."

Sen. Taft, in addressing the Senate said: "Until a place is found where the unhappy Jews of Europe can go and get a new start in life, free of unreasonable economic sanctions and a blind religious and racial hatred, the fundamental causes for anti-Semitism will continue in Europe."

Sen. Barkley in his speech on the Senate floor, said: "I am glad to join with my colleagues in an expression of sympathetic interest with the objective to be attained by the resolution just presented. There is a perfectly natural link that binds the Jews to Palestine, which we can all understand." He emphasized that in light of the reports from the Philippines concerning Japanese atrocities against American war prisoners, the people of the United States can more readily appreciate what the Germans have been doing to the Jews of Europe.

POLISH GOVERNMENT BODY TO SAVE SURVIVING JEWS OF POLAND IS PLANNED IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The Polish National Council voted unanimously today to consider a motion proposing the establishment by the Polish Government of a body similar to the American War Refugee Board, for the purpose of saving the surviving Jews and other people in Poland.

The motion, which was introduced by Emanuel Szerer, one of the two Jewish deputies, was referred to the judicial committee of the Council where it will come up for discussion on Thursday. It will then be re-submitted to a plenary session of the Council. The proposal was supported by the other Jewish deputy, Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, and by the members of the Socialist Party and the Peasant Party.

POLISH ARMY COMMAND CALLED UPON TO CURE ANTI-SEMITISM IN ARMED FORCES

LONDON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The Polish Army command was called upon today to take rigorous action to check the spread of anti-Semitic propaganda in the armed forces and to discipline commissioned and non-commissioned Polish officers responsible for the distribution of anti-Jewish material.

At a meeting with Gen. Kazimierz Sosnkowski, Commander-in-Chief of all Polish armed forces, and Defense Minister Marjan Kukiel, the Jewish Socialist deputy Emanuel Szerer presented the above demands, pointing out that able-bodied Polish Jews were required to serve in the armed forces, and, therefore, were entitled to equal treatment. In addition to disciplinary action, Szerer demanded that an educational campaign be instituted aimed at dispelling the falsehoods spread by the anti-Semites.

Despite much recent evidence to the contrary, both Gen. Sosnkowski and Kukiel denied that there was wide-spread anti-Jewish activity in the army, asserting that only a few isolated cases had been reported. Offenders were dealt with severely, they added. Sosnkowski declared that an educational program, such as that requested by Szerer, was being prepared.

EGYPTIAN PREMIER PLANS ARAB-JEWISH TALKS ON "WORKING ARRANGEMENT" IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Premier Nahas Pasha of Egypt who is trying to form a pan-Arab federation, is ready to initiate conversations between Jews and Arabs for "a working arrangement" in Palestine, the London Times reports.

Speaking to the Times correspondent in Cairo, the Egyptian Premier said that "a solution to the Arab-Jewish rivalries must be found and found quickly if serious trouble is to be avoided." He emphasized that such a solution is essential for furthering Arab unity, and for peace and stability in the Middle East. The Times correspondent adds that "Arab countries are unanimous that the Palestine question must be solved since Arab unity is unthinkable for them without participation of an Arab Palestine."

DR. WEIZMANN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BRITISH ZIONIST FEDERATION

LONDON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, was re-elected president of the British Zionist Federation last night at the closing session of the three-day annual convention of the organization.

In an editorial commenting upon the convention, the liberal Manchester Guardian writes that the British Government, even though it may decide to extend the immigration provisions of the White Paper, must "make up its mind to return to the spirit of the mandate which the White Paper abandoned." The creation of President Roosevelt's War Refugee Board, the editorial says, proves the urgency of the rescue problem, and makes it doubly important that Palestine be available as a haven for refugees.

JEWISH RESPONSE TO AMERICAN RED CROSS LAUDED; RED CROSS SABBATH TO BE OBSERVED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The response by American Jews to the Red Cross War Fund campaign is lauded in a statement issued by Norman H. Davis, Red Cross chairman, in connection with a Red Cross Sabbath which will be observed in all synagogues and temples throughout the nation on Feb. 25-26 to mark the opening of the 1944 Red Cross drive for \$200,000,000.

Paying high tribute to the "invaluable help" rendered by Jews to the Red Cross in 1943, Mr. Davis emphasized that "the Jewish people of America have always responded loyally and generously to our Red Cross appeal. Now, as our 1944 War Fund appeal approaches, we confidently count on the continuance of this response."

CANADIAN ZIONIST CONVENTION HAILS GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO ADMIT REFUGEES TO CANADA

MONTREAL, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- A two-day national convention of the Zionist Organization of Canada concluded here last night after adopting resolutions hailing President Roosevelt's creation of the War Refugee Board, thanking the Canadian Government for its recent decision to admit some of the refugees now in Portugal, and demanding the abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth there, to be incorporated within the British Empire.

Other resolutions expressed gratification at the growing rapprochement between the Jews of Russia and the rest of the democratic world and the Soviet Government's evidence of interest in Jewish Palestine; and voiced the Canadian Zionists' desire for closer relations with the Zionist Emergency Council in the United States. The convention also decided to establish a colony in Palestine in honor of A. J. Freiman, who retired as president of the organization after 25 years at its helm.

To succeed Mr. Freiman, who was forced to resign because of ill health, the convention elected a praesidium consisting of Samuel Schwisberg and Michael Garber of Montreal and Samuel Sacks of Toronto. Rabbi Jesse Schwartz, executive director of the Federation, reported that in the past three years the various Canadian Zionist groups have raised approximately \$2,000,000.

LEADING NEW YORK NEWSPAPERS URGE STRONG AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Strong American support for the War Refugee Board established by order of President Roosevelt is pledged today in editorials appearing in the leading New York newspapers which point out that by his appointment of this Board, the President silenced once and for all enemy propaganda to the effect that the United Nations are not concerned with the fate of the Jews in Europe.

Emphasizing that the War Refugee Board "has a difficult task before it," the New York Times editorial says: "We may be sure that all measures within the power of this Government will be taken. For a beginning, the stranded people who huddle in terror in the ports now available to our ships can be removed to temporary havens outside Europe, where they can be fed and clothed. To that extent, at least, the Nazi lust for extermination can be balked while we get on with the prime and titanic business of crushing the forces that have brought this horror upon the world."

The New York Herald-Tribune, in an editorial, writes: "How many victims can be saved from Germany itself no one knows; but organizations in touch with underground groups in occupied Europe are hopeful that many can be rescued from, and perhaps through, the Balkan satellite nations. Once temporary camps have been set up to receive the refugees in neutral or Allied nations, the Board will cooperate with the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Committee."

"The President urged immediate concrete action, an urgency dictated 'to forestall the plan of the Nazis to exterminate all the Jews and other persecuted minorities in Europe.' The American lead in setting up powerful machinery to obtain such action will have wide approval. For growing realization of the frightful lengths to which the Hitler regime will carry its philosophy of brutality has made a do-nothing policy more and more untenable," the editorial concludes.

PRESIDENT OF FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES CALLS FOR BETTER RACE RELATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- In a statement calling for nation-wide observance of Race Relations Sunday on February 13, the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, today called on Christians to improve their personal relations with all other peoples as a means of "solving the great American race problem."

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE TO SPEAK FOR JEWS IN OCCUPIED HOLLAND FORMED IN-NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The creation of a Dutch Jewish Representative Committee to speak and act on behalf of the Jewish community in occupied Holland, was announced here today by the World Jewish Congress.

The committee is composed of prominent Dutch Jews now in exile in the United States. Rev. D. A. Jessurun Cardoso was elected acting chairman, Mr. Bernard Spier, of the Hague, was elected acting secretary. Rabbi Rodriguez Pereira, official advisor on Jewish matters to the Dutch Government in London, has been authorized by his government to act as consultant for the World Jewish Congress and the Dutch Jewish Representative Committee.

N.Z.O. SUPPORTS AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE'S DEMAND FOR TRUSTEESHIP FOR PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Support for the stand of the American Jewish Committee that Palestine be placed under international trusteeship of a condominium of the United Nations was expressed today by the executive committee of the New Zionist Organization according to a statement issued by its president, Colonel Morris J. Mendelsohn.

In a letter sent to Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, Colonel Mendelsohn advised him of the stand taken by the New Zionist Organization with regard to a memorandum of the American Jewish Committee to the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, stating that in order to secure the realization of the international obligations to the Jewish people, Great Britain relinquish its Mandate over Palestine to a condominium of powers.

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS CONDEMN RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The annual conference of the National Union of Australian University Students went on record today as opposing all racial and religious discrimination and urged that all possible assistance be extended to victims of aggression. The conference criticized the recent attempt by several universities to bar aliens from entering the legal profession.

BAAR NAMED HEAD OF JWB VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Emil N. Baar, prominent attorney and civic leader, has been named chairman of the Jewish Welfare Board Veterans Service Committee, Frank L. Weil, president of the Board announced today.

The Jewish Welfare Board is accredited by the Veterans Administration of the War Department to handle claims for benefits, and its representatives are stationed at principal regional offices of the Veterans Administration throughout the country to assist veterans and their next of kin. The growing number of discharged veterans makes necessary amplification and extension of J.W.B. services in this area, Mr. Weil announced.

CHICAGO JEWISH LEADER GIVES \$15,000 TO HILLEL FOUNDATION IN MEMORY OF SOLDIER SON

CHICAGO, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- A gift of \$15,000 has been presented by Max Karasik, Chicago synagogue leader, to the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Chicago for the establishment of a Hillel House at the University as a memorial to his son, the late Raymond Karasik, U. S. Army Air Corps, who was killed in an operational flight, it was announced here.