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ROOSEVELT RECEIVES ZIONIST LEADERS; SAYS U.S. NEVER APPROVED WHITE PAPER

WASHINGTON, March 9. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt today received Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, the co-chairmen of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and told them that the Government of the United States have never approved the White Paper.

The two Zionist leaders were received by the President while an all-day conference of Christian leaders was taking place at the Statler Hotel here, called by the American Palestine Committee for the purpose of "mobilizing American Christian sentiment in favor of free entry of Jews into Palestine and the reconstruction of that country as a free and democratic commonwealth." Following their meeting with the President, the two Zionist leaders issued the following statement:

"The President authorized us to say that the American Government has never given its approval to the White Paper of 1939. The President is happy that the doors of Palestine are today open to Jewish refugees, and that when future decisions are reached, full justice will be done to those who seek a Jewish National Home for which our government and the American people have always had the deepest sympathy, and today more than ever in view of the tragic plight of hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees."

White Paper Conflicts With American Interests, Conference Hears

Leaders in the field of government, education, labor, industry and religion who came from all over the country to attend the conference of the American Palestine Committee, were told by Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, who presided, that "we are not going beyond our rights in stating to our government our conviction that the White Paper conflicts with American sentiment and American interests."

Emphasizing that as chairman of the Christian Council for Palestine, he represented "the mature judgement of more than 1,000 clergymen," Dr. Atkinson continued: "We are here to urge the passage of the bills now before Congress, which in effect call for the withdrawal of the White Paper and the complete fulfillment of the original intent and purpose of the Balfour Declaration. We are thoroughly appreciative of the responsibility of the military and naval authorities in efforts to win the war, but we are equally determined not to lose the peace after we win the war."

Resolution Asks Maximum Immigration, Jewish Commonwealth

After hearing several speakers, including Assistant Attorney General Norman M. Littel, Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, Assistant Chief of the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and Dr. William F. Albright, president of Johns Hopkins University, the conference adopted the following resolution:

"We reaffirm our faith in the spirit as well as the letter of the Balfour Declaration and ask for a maximum Jewish immigration into Palestine and full opportunity for colonization and economic development.

"We reaffirm the traditional policy of our government and ask for all

effective measures to the end that Palestine may be reconstituted by the Jewish people as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

"We urge passage at the earliest opportunity by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Wagner-Taft-Wright-Compton Resolution now under discussion in committee so that these objectives may be the more speedily realized."

U. S. Agricultural Expert Speaks of Jewish Progress in Palestine

Dr. Lowdermilk, demonstrated with colored slides the progress made by Jewish settlers in Palestine. "Palestine," he said, "may serve as a demonstration for the whole Near East how land may become restored." He outlined a project for developing the Jordan Valley which, if carried out, would enable the absorption by Palestine of four million people.

Assistant Attorney General Littal appealed to Americans for "candid, realistic recognition" of the fact that Jews face persecution. "Americans must fight Jewish persecution at home the way Americans traditionally fight everything - with a head-on attack. We've got to stop this thing in its tracks," he said.

Dr. Albright told the conference that he regards the continued development and expansion of the Zionist program for Palestine as by far the most promising factor in the future economic and cultural development of the Arab world as a whole. "Planted in the midst of the Arab world, Jewish Palestine cannot fail to be a most potent source of benefit to all surrounding lands," he said.

Dr. Silver Assails Arab Protests Against Palestine Resolution

Speaking at a dinner which climaxed the conference, and which was attended by many members of the House and the Senate, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver assailed the protests by Arab countries against the Palestine resolution. He expressed the hope that U. S. military authorities "will soon find it possible, consistent with the realities of the situation, to withdraw their objections to the resolution, so that the Congress of the United States may be given the opportunity to speak its mind on this tremendously important question."

"To those who say that the Jewish people should wait for the end of the war before they raise the question of the abrogation of the White Paper, the answer must be given that vital political decisions affecting many countries are even now being made, and Palestine and the Near East are quite definitely today within the field where political activities looking towards ultimate arrangements are being vigorously prosecuted," Dr. Silver continued. He charged that the "White Paper is not a product of the war and the return of peace will not automatically abrogate it. It is clear that unless there is a revision of attitude and change of heart, the Colonial Office of Great Britain will be able to discover after the war as many insurmountable difficulties in the way of fulfilling the clear intent and purpose of the mandate as they discovered before the war."

Senator Robert Wagner, speaking at the dinner, asserted that there was a greater need for Congressional action now than in 1922. The Jewish people have long been denied their rights, he said, adding that "Europe today is a vast graveyard for their dead. They have a right to ask us that they be counted in the ranks of tomorrow's society of free nations."

(Vice-President Henry A. Wallace was scheduled to deliver a brief extemporaneous address at the dinner late in the evening, as were Senator Robert F. Taft, of Ohio, co-sponsor of the Palestine resolution, and Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Relocation Commission.)

BRITISH DECISION ON PALESTINE IS NOT TO BE EXPECTED SOON, NAHUM GOLDMANN SAYS

LONDON, March 9. (JTA) -- The British Government is not likely to make any decision on the Palestine question shortly, although responsible British circles are becoming convinced that the present state of affairs cannot continue and that a fundamental solution must be found. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, head of the Washington office of the Jewish Agency, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today prior to returning to the United States.

The postponement of action on the Palestine resolution by the Congressional committees in Washington is no major political blow to the Zionist demands, Dr. Goldmann said. In their consultations in London, the Zionist leaders have achieved unity with regard to the Biltmore Declaration, he added. He said that during his stay in London he conferred with representatives of the British, Soviet and other Allied governments with regard to the rescue of Jews from Europe and that "practical schemes have been evolved with the help of these governments."

JEWISH AGENCY PREPARES MEMORANDUM TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT; 12-POINT PROGRAM FORMULATED

JERUSALEM, March 9. (JTA) -- A 12-point program based on the Biltmore Declaration was drafted by David Ben-Gurion, upon resuming his post as chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency this week, it was learned here today. This program will be included in a memorandum which the Jewish Agency in London will submit soon to the British Government, it was stated here.

It is understood that since Ben-Gurion and Dr. Weizmann have reconciled their differences, the former will not proceed to London. The reconciliation was reached on the basis that Dr. Weizmann's sphere of action is in London and Ben-Gurion's remains in Jerusalem. The delegation sent to London by the executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem is expected to return to Palestine at the end of this month.

A convention of Jewish ex-servicemen held in Tel Aviv today adopted a resolution supporting the Biltmore Declaration which demands the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. The convention also addressed an appeal to the United Nations to speed the rescue of Jews from Europe. It called upon Jewish institutions to take better care of ex-servicemen and asked the Palestine administration for government land to be given to Jewish war veterans for colonization.

EGYPT, ENCOURAGED BY WASHINGTON DEVELOPMENTS, ASKS ARABS FOR MORE ANTI-JEWISH ACTION

JERUSALEM, March 9. (JTA) -- Encouraged by the opposition of the War and State Departments in Washington to the Palestine resolution, the Arab press in Egypt calls for further Arab action against Jews. The newspaper Al Balagh, organ of the Egyptian Cabinet, says that "the shelving of the Palestine resolution in the American Congress should stimulate the Arab countries to further solidarity," especially in the field of economic activities, "in order to prevent the Zionists from dominating any markets in the Middle East."

The Arab press in Palestine continues to feature reports on the developments in Washington with regard to the Palestine resolution. The Hussaini faction, which represents the Palestine Arab Party, submitted a memorandum to U. S. Consul-General Lowell C. Pinkerton in Jerusalem declaring that the Palestine resolution "threatens the existence of the Palestine Arabs and prejudices their interests."

The Hebrew press in Palestine also comments extensively on the Washington developments. Haaretz, one of the leading Hebrew newspapers, points out that "the discussions have been postponed, but the problem remains and constitutes part of the international problems facing the world after the war."

WAR CORRESPONDENT REPORTS NAZI EXTERMINATION OF ALL JEWS IN KRASNOTAV

MOSCOW, March 9. (JTA) -- The methodical extermination of the entire Jewish population of the city of Krasnotav, in the Ukraine, by German occupation troops is reported today by the Soviet press in a dispatch from a front correspondent based on affidavits given him by four non-Jewish eye-witnesses of the massacres.

Immediately after the Germans seized Krasnotav in August, 1941, 47 Jewish men were taken to the woods on the pretext that they were to be used for forced labor. When they reached a spot near the village of Senigov, however, they were all shot. A week later a German punitive detachment came to Krasnotav, rounded up several hundred men, women and children and loaded them into trucks which took them to the woods near the village of Guta. There two large pits were already waiting, and 735 Jews were machinegunned and dumped into the mass graves. Many persons who were wounded, but still alive, were buried there. The property of the massacred Jews was looted by the German soldiers.

From time to time during the subsequent six months Nazi detachments raided the village to massacre any remaining Jews who had found shelter in the homes of non-Jewish friends. In March, 1942, these raids were climaxed by the visit of the regional commandant of the German police, under whose supervision 175 Jews were captured and tortured. Survivors were driven half-naked to a camp at Beresov, from where they were taken a short time afterwards to the notorious Slavuta Camp, where thousands of Russian war prisoners had been tortured to death. None of the Jews ever left Slavuta. Eventually, all of them were shot and their bodies buried near a water tower in the village of Slavuta proper.

SCHWEITZER DISCUSSES JEWISH IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS WITH PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER

JERUSALEM, March 9. (JTA) -- David J. Schweitzer, special representative of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association who is now in Palestine, was received today by High Commissioner Sir Harold MacMichael with whom he discussed Jewish immigration problems for an hour.

The Jewish Agency executive today announced the establishment of a Zionist Veterans Loan Fund which will carry the name of Dr. Arthur Hantke, director of the Eren Hayesod, whose 70th birthday was observed in Palestine this week.

BILL OUTLAWING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT INTRODUCED IN NEW YORK STATE SENATE

ALBANY, March 9. (JTA) -- Two measures designed to prohibit discrimination in employment and to increase civil rights protection were introduced in the New York State Senate today by Senator Wicks. One bill would set up a state Fair Employment Commission empowered to compel employers to cease discriminating against any workers because of race, creed or color. The other bill would create a "Civil Rights Bureau" in the Attorney-General's office to probe all complaints of violations of civil rights.

The bill to bar employment discrimination defines the following practices as illegal: 1. Advertising or use of any printed form which contains specification or limitation as to race, color, creed or national origin; 2. Inquiry of any employment agency about race, color, creed or national origin.