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WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PROPOSES ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL JEWISH RELIEF BODY

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Coordination of Jewish relief and rehabilitation activities by a central body composed of representatives of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Joint Distribution Committee, and the World Jewish Congress, was urged today at the War Emergency Conference of the World Jewish Congress.

The proposal, which is expected to precipitate a stormy discussion, may lead to a serious split in Jewish life since leaders of the Congress are aware of the fact that the JDC, which has been conducting relief work for thirty years, may reject their plan. They are also taking into consideration the fact that other central Jewish bodies which are opposed to the World Jewish Congress may fight the proposal.

It was revealed today, however, that the plan has already received the approval of the executive of the Jewish Agency, to which it was presented by Dr. Nahum Goldmann during his recent visit to Palestine. It was also indicated that Latin American Jewish communities are backing the project, and that the delegation from England is supporting it.

The Congress proposal provides that the central coordinating body shall not impinge on the rights of the participating agencies to conduct independent fund-raising campaigns. It suggests, however, that the JDC activities should be limited to immediate relief and rehabilitation, while political work connected with the planning of relief and rehabilitation for Jews should be conducted by the World Jewish Congress and by the Jewish Agency, the latter to deal with problems concerning the rescue and transfer of Jews from Europe to Palestine.

Small Jewish Organizations Will Be Supervised by Central Agency

Smaller Jewish organizations dealing with rescue, reconstruction and emigration, such as the Hicem, the Ort, and others, would, under the proposed plan, have to conduct their work under the supervision of the central coordinating body. Thus, the central body would become the supreme Jewish organization directing the task of bringing devastated Jewish communities in Europe back to life, through coordinated relief, emigration, rehabilitation and other forms of assistance.

Leaders of the World Jewish Congress today indicated that should the JDC accept their proposal it will remain the sole Jewish organization conducting relief and rehabilitation work in all parts of the world except Palestine. However, should the JDC reject the scheme it was hinted that a new Jewish relief organization, competing with the JDC, may be established by the Congress with the backing of the Jewish Agency.

The World Jewish Congress also submitted to the conference today a project for the establishment of a Jewish Agency for Reconstruction. Reparations for property belonging to Jewish communities, organizations, funds, trusts and other public institutions which have ceased to exist or the property itself, would be transferred to this new

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body. The agency, or its national branches, would be internationally recognized as the sole heir of all property, rights and interests, wherever situated, belonging to Jewish families considered extinguished under the laws of their respective countries.

The project provides that the Jewish Agency for Reconstruction would be declared the representative ex officio of all Jewish claimants not present in the country where their property is located until such claimants return there for permanent residence, unless individual representatives have been appointed. Other provisions stipulate;

1. The JAR should be declared lawful representative of all missing Jews, or Jews temporarily prevented from presenting their claims, until they or their heirs are legally installed in their rights.
2. The JAR should be enabled to participate in any conference or assembly of the United Nations during which questions of compensation, restitution and reparation are discussed, as representative of the Jewish people in all matters affecting reconstruction and resettlement, and be recognized as such in dealing with the Axis powers and their satellites.
3. JAR should be empowered to use all the funds at its disposal for Jewish resettlement and reconstruction work of any kind.
4. The legislation of the countries concerned should be amended so as to make the implementation of these rules legal and mandatory.

Urge United Nations to Secure Common Laws on Property Restoration

The World Jewish Congress urged the conference today to demand that a special United Nations organization be established for the purpose of securing the enactment of common rules for all countries concerning the restoration of Jewish property. The function of this organization would be: To take appropriate steps to effect the return of Jewish property which may be found in the territories of the United Nations and neutral countries; and to take immediate steps to restore available confiscated or transferred Jewish property to its rightful owners.

The Congress also suggested that wherever direct and full restoration is not possible just compensation should be provided for all Jewish losses; and that Axis nations and their satellites, as well as Axis nationals and the beneficiaries of Aryanized property in occupied countries should be compelled to contribute to this indemnification. It also advanced the suggestion that in view of the unprecedented suffering of the Jewish people in Europe and the unique urgency of their needs, priority should be given to Jews by national and international agencies dealing with claims for reparations and compensation.

Pending a final settlement, the Congress recommends that there shall be constituted upon the conclusion of hostilities in Europe a special fund made up of currency reserves, commodities, or material and equipment belonging to the Axis nations, in order to procure for economically uprooted Jews the means for reestablishing themselves in occupations and professions, and in order to assist such Jews as desire to be settled elsewhere.

In the case of Jews either unable or unwilling to return to their former homelands, or place of residence, or desiring to emigrate therefrom, the Congress recommends that compensation for all losses should be paid to them in their new place of residence, notwithstanding any existing or forthcoming currency restrictions. To facilitate this transfer, it asks that appropriate measures be taken providing for the cooperation of international monetary and other institutions.

The Congress also recommended that the United Nations should create special tribunals to deal with claims against Axis nationals and their accomplices irrespective of their residence and the location of their property.

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ALL BUDAPEST JEWS REPORTED DEPORTED TO GERMANY; MARCHED FROM CITY IN "DEATH COLUMNS"

ZURICH, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- All Budapest Jews have been deported to Germany, according to a report received here which quotes a person who allegedly witnessed the deportations.

The report says that huge columns of Jewish men, women and children were marched from Budapest to unknown destinations guarded by SS troops. These processions are referred to, the witness said, as "death columns" because of the numerous deaths en route.

Meanwhile, contingents of the Arrow Cross, Hungarian storm troop organization, are scouring the country, the report adds, in an attempt to discover the whereabouts of 70,000 Jews who mysteriously disappeared from Budapest before they could be deported.

ALIEN JEWISH CHILDREN SENT TO SWISS HAVENS WILL BE READMITTED TO FRANCE

PARIS, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The Foreign and Interior ministries have notified Jewish organizations here that Jewish children of foreign nationality who were sent out of France to Switzerland to save them from the Nazis will be readmitted regardless of citizenship. Many of these children, however, have been orphaned and will have no immediate relatives to whom to return.

JEWISH FLYER WHO FLED GERMAN PRISON CAMP TELLS OF MISTREATMENT OF JEWS

LONDON, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A Polish-Jewish airman who reached here recently after escaping from a German prison camp where he was sent after being shot down over the Reich today told of barbarous treatment of Jews he had witnessed in German-held territory.

The flier, Warrant Officer Jan Michaels, 23, was imprisoned near a forced labor camp in Silesia where 300 Jews between the ages of 18 and 25 were confined. The prisoners, who came from France, Holland and other European countries, were forced to work inhuman hours in the freezing cold, although they received little food and were clothed in rags. Persons who became ill feared to report to the camp infirmary because they knew that it meant death. Despite their mistreatment, the youths maintained their morale, Michaels said, and he could frequently hear the strains of Hatikvah coming from the camp.

While crossing Poland in his flight from the camp Michaels saw the Jews of Sosnowice lined up for deportation to death camps. Passing through Polish villages he occasionally encountered a Jew being hidden by a farmer, but otherwise he saw no Jews.

An indication that Allied bombing is having an effect on German morale was seen by Michaels in a remark he overheard in a train in Germany. One traveller, discussing the bombings, said: "The fire of the Breslau synagogue can be seen reflected in the fires set throughout Germany by Allied bombers."

RED CROSS MISSION WILL VISIT LIBERATED PARTS OF HUNGARY

BUCHAREST, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- An International Red Cross delegation will leave here for a tour of liberated sections of Hungary and Carpatho-Russia, it was announced today. The group will investigate the condition of Jews and other civilians in those territories.

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN PALESTINE; WILL COST \$3,000,000

NEW YORK, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Plans for the establishment in Palestine of a Weizmann Institute of Science, as a tribute to Dr. Chaim Weizmann on the occasion of his 70th birthday, which was observed today, were announced here by Edmund I. Kaufmann, president of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, a corporation recently formed for the establishment and endowment of the scientific institution.

The Weizmann Institute of Science, Mr. Kaufmann stated, will be located at Rehovoth, Palestine, the home of Dr. Weizmann and the site of the Daniel Sieff Institute which, under Dr. Weizmann's direction since 1934, has conducted research work leading to important developments of new processes in the field of chemistry. The new institute, for which plans have been drawn up in Palestine and in this country, will consist of four departments in which the services of eminent scientists, mostly refugees from war-torn Europe, will be enlisted.

The departments will be devoted to research in the fields of physical chemistry, pharmacology and chemotherapy, plastics and nutrition. The erection of the necessary buildings, the provision of the scientific equipment and the maintenance budget for the first three years will require an investment of \$3,000,000, of which, according to the plans of the American committee, \$2,000,000 is to be contributed by the sponsors and friends of the project in the United States. Of this amount, \$250,000 has already been subscribed.

Zionist Leaders Honor Weizmann at Birthday Observance in New York

Meanwhile, many prominent leaders of the Zionist movement in the United States voiced their determination to achieve a Jewish State in Palestine as part of the United Nations' peace, and thus complete the life-long work of Dr. Weizmann, at a special one hour observance of his 70th birthday, held this afternoon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The celebration, which was attended by several hundred persons, was called by the Zionist Organization of America.

A resolution was passed by the meeting dedicating the 1944-1945 membership campaign of Liberation of the Zionist Organization of America to Dr. Weizmann. The resolution termed Dr. Weizmann "a living symbol of the eternal search of the Jewish people for justice and freedom." "The homage of men of science never obscured for him the great problems of his people" the resolution added. "Inspired by the great dream of Herzl, Weizmann turned his energies to its practical realization and has labored zealously and unremittingly for the furtherance of the Zionist cause."

Speakers included Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America; Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund; Bernard A. Rosenblatt, president of the Palestine Foundation Fund and Daniel Frisch, chairman of the national administrative council of the ZOA.

Smuts Birthday Message Says Weizmann is "One of Outstanding Men of Our Age"

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Premier Jan Christian Smuts today described Dr. Chaim Weizmann as "one of the outstanding men of our age" in a message issued on the occasion of the Zionist leader's 70th birthday. "His character, integrity and devotion to the cause to which he has dedicated his life mark him as one of the most exceptional leaders that the Jewish people have ever produced," Smuts continued.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the Zionist movement might have met with much less success, were it not for Dr. Weizmann, and added that "if the Zionist cause does not reach full fruition, it will not be the fault of Dr. Weizmann. Jewish leaders before him have failed to enter the Promised Land."

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PALESTINE POLICE MAKE MORE ARRESTS IN CONTINUED HUNT FOR TERRORISTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Twelve persons are reported to have been arrested in Tel Aviv and Haifa yesterday as Palestine police continue to search for persons suspected of terrorist activity. Twenty-one suspects were taken into custody last week.

FORMULATION OF NEW POLICY ON PALESTINE RECOMMENDED BY COUNCIL ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Drastic revision of American policy toward Palestine is urged in a study issued yesterday by the American Council on Public Affairs. The author of the study is Dr. Carl J. Friedrich, Professor of Government at Harvard University and Director of Harvard's School for Overseas Administration.

The United States, according to Professor Friedrich, should adopt a policy calling for the following:

1. The removal of present restrictions on the movement of people into and out of Palestine.
2. The removal of restrictions on settlement and reclamation, such as restrictions on land purchase.
3. The removal of restrictions on the movement of goods into and out of Palestine, as far as practicable.
4. A program of rapid and large-scale economic development, including basic reclamation and irrigation works, industrial development, and the like, with a view to maximizing absorptive capacity.
5. Opposition to all efforts to use political maneuvers, especially terror, for the purpose of preventing the development of a Jewish majority, should the Jews throughout the world continue to back development in Palestine and thus bring this about.
6. Participation in such international authorities as may be required to insure an unimpeded implementation of natural economic trends.

Dr. Friedrich states that a firm American stand, "if diplomatically presented," might not only counteract British opposition, but serve to mobilize liberal British opinion. "In fact, sections of the British public have appealed to American sympathizers to help them in their efforts to bring about a change of policy," he disclosed.

NATIONAL LABOR COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE PROCLAIMS \$2,000,000 DRIVE FOR HISTADRUTH

NEW YORK, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A \$2,000,000 quota for 1945 was adopted last night at the 21st convention of the National Labor Committee for Palestine, which provides American and Canadian support for the activities of the Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Labor.

This past year the National Labor Committee for Palestine raised \$1,250,000 as a contribution towards Histadruth activities. Its 1945 quota represents a record undertaking. The organization's convention was attended by 3,000 delegates from approximately 1500 labor unions and Jewish community and fraternal organizations in the United States and Canada.