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HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE APPROVES PALESTINE RESOLUTION; AMENDS TEXT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The House Foreign Affairs Committee today approved the Compton-Wright Resolution on Palestine. The bill as amended provides that, "The United States use its good offices to the end that the doors of Palestine shall be opened for free entry of Jews into that country and that there shall be full opportunity for colonization so that the Jewish people may ultimately reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic commonwealth."

Taken out of the bill was a phrase declaring that the United States should "take appropriate measures" to ensure the opening of the doors of Palestine and the term "Jewish" as a description of the "free and democratic commonwealth." Both amendments were termed "insignificant" by sponsors, who hailed the committee's decision to take the Palestine resolution from the pigeon-hole in which it was placed last May after military advice to "postpone action for the time being."

In the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today, Palestine resolutions introduced by Senators Wagner and Taft were brought up for reconsideration, but it was decided to postpone action until the next meeting of the committee one week from today.

Rep. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said "I shall make every effort to see that the bill is passed on the floor of the House during this session." The bill must get a ruling from the Rules Committee before it can be considered on the House floor, but Reps. Wright and Compton, co-sponsors, both declared they anticipated no difficulty in getting a rule. "I don't see any reason why it can't be passed this session before adjournment," Wright said, "It's a matter of keeping faith with the campaign promises made by both parties." Compton said, "We hope that we're going to get favorable action by this 78th Congress."

Silver Hails Approval of Resolution; Says It Reflects U.S. Sentiment

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council, in a statement issued here, hailed the approval of the resolution. "I am delighted," he declared, "with this action which reflects the overwhelming sentiment of the American people who have time and time again manifested their profound interest and sympathy in the upbuilding of Palestine by the Jewish people."

"This action climaxes a series of historic pronouncements made during this year by the national conventions of both major political parties and by their standard-bearers. Most significant was the declaration made on October 15th by the President of the United States, in which he said that the American people give their support to the establishment of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth, and that he would help to bring about its realization."

"This action," Dr. Silver continued, "will greatly hearten the hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees throughout the world, who are looking towards Palestine as their sole hope of re-establishing themselves in freedom and dignity. It will strengthen the hands of those who at tremendous sacrifices have been pioneering in the rebuilding of the Jewish National Home."

WAR REPARATIONS ASKED BY WORLD JEWISH CONFERENCE; FUNDS TO BE SPENT IN PALESTINE

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A demand that the United Nations arrange for the payment of reparations by the defeated Axis countries to the Jews as a people, in addition to the indemnities which are to be paid to individual Jews, and that these reparations be turned over to a central Jewish body to be spent for the development of a Jewish Palestine, was the center of discussion today at the Reparation's Commission of the War Emergency Conference, which is meeting here under the auspices of the World Jewish Congress.

The conference divided this morning into seven deliberative bodies, each of which are framing resolutions for adoption at the final session on Friday. The principal committees are discussing the problem of how to punish Germany and its former satellite nations for crimes committed against the Jewish people, and how to secure restitution and indemnification for damages to property and to persons.

Also under consideration today were three separate resolutions with regard to relief and rehabilitation. All three, which were discussed at a closed session of the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, which is under the chairmanship of Marc Regalsky of Argentina, agreed with the recommendation that a coordinating body composed of representatives of the Jewish Agency, Joint Distribution Committee, and the World Jewish Congress be established. They differed, however, on what action is to be taken in case the JDC rejects the proposal. It was predicted that a compromise resolution will be adopted by the conference recommending that the World Jewish Congress extend its relief activities in all countries, but, at the same time, make a maximum effort to secure the establishment of a central body. The Commission on Relief and Rehabilitation today adopted a resolution urging the transfer to Palestine, as soon as possible, of all orphaned Jewish children in liberated territory.

Meanwhile, the Commission on Rescue, which is under the chairmanship of A. J. Pennet of Canada, is drafting a resolution, which, among other things, asks the United Nations that Jews interned in concentration camps be considered and treated as war prisoners.

Exchange of German Internees for Jews in Axis Countries Demanded

The Rescue Commission also decided to ask that, insofar as conditions permit, an exchange be effected of German civilian internees in Allied countries for Jews interned in Axis countries. It also suggested that application be made to the International Red Cross to extend its present three-month plan to send 100,000 parcels a month to various internment camps for non-Jews and Jews in Nazi-controlled countries. The Red Cross will be asked not only to extend the time limit but to increase the number of parcels sent.

The following program was announced by the commission as a recommendation to the World Jewish Congress:

1. Continued efforts to effectuate the rescue of all Jews in Hungary through the aid of the Vatican, the Red Cross, and the Governments of Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.
2. Efforts to induce the Hungarian Government to treat Jewish nationals the same as those of any other religion or race.
3. Efforts to secure for Jews confined in ghettos or in labor or concentration camps the status of civilian prisoners of war; and secure application of the Geneva Convention Mandate of 1929 to the fullest extent.
4. Preservation by military authorities of the evidence of gas-chambers and other death camps used by the Germans and their satellites to kill Jews.

The Organization Commission, headed by Leo Lowitz of Chicago, adopted a

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resolution urging that the World Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Conference invite the cooperation of any other Jewish organization prepared to proceed in the furtherance of a common policy of post-war Jewish reconstruction.

"It is contemplated," the resolution read, "to establish a joint working body by these organizations for the period of peace settlements, designed to coordinate and as far as possible, to combine representation on post-war Jewish needs before international conferences, councils and agencies of the United Nations. The joint working body shall seek to establish a relationship of cooperation with the Jewish Agency for Palestine, with due recognition of the Agency's special international status. The broad policies of this body, its manner of operation and extent of activities including the creation of new machinery, shall be agreed upon by its constituent organizations at the time of its formulation."

Considers Establishment of Special Bureaus in Moscow and Jerusalem

The Organization Commission also recommended that the World Jewish Congress establish a bureau in Jerusalem, in addition to existing offices in New York, London and Buenos Aires. The establishment of a special bureau in Moscow, as soon as it is practicable, was also urged.

The commission also discussed the suggestion that the Congress establish an individual membership plan similar to the World Zionist Organization, as soon as the Jewish Commonwealth is established, when it is expected that the World Zionist Organization will, of necessity, abolish its systems of individual membership by persons residing in countries outside of Palestine and limit its activities to Palestine.

A resolution urging the proclamation of a permanent national day of mourning for all the Jews of the world, similar to Tisha B'Av, to commemorate the Jews exterminated by the Germans, was introduced today by Eliezer Szcupakewich, a member of the Representation of Polish Jewry in America. In a dramatic speech, last night, Mr. Szcupakewich criticized the World Jewish Congress, charging its leadership with apathy in combatting the mass-murder of Polish Jews by the Germans.

"This hall should be draped in black," he said. "Instead of speeches we should be reading the chapters inscribed in cold blood from the records of the death camps of Maidanek and Tremblinke. We should consider ourselves guilty of the passivity with which we have allowed all the miserable events to occur. We are all criminals and any Jew who returns to Germany will deserve a curse upon his head. Our hands are covered with blood. The blood of our brothers and sisters."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, replying to Mr. Szcupakewich's criticism, charged the Jews of America with failing to give sufficient support to their leaders in the effort to rescue as many Jews as possible from Nazi lands and in their efforts to induce the democracies to take measures to put an end to the Nazi mass-extermiation of Jews.

Representatives from Latin American countries, North Africa, Great Britain, Canada and other countries participated today in a meeting arranged by the Jewish National Fund, at which they pledged support for the redemption of more land in Palestine. The meeting was arranged by the J.N.F. in cooperation with the Latin American Department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

German Radio Attacks Deliberations at Atlantic City

LONDON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The German and A.P.A. services of the Nazi radio devote considerable comment to the War Emergency Conference of the World Jewish Congress being held in Atlantic City. Referring to the opening address of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, a Nazi broadcaster said that "Jews feel so powerful that they can declare war against anyone opposing their plans."

ONLY 1,600 OF YUGOSLAVIA'S 70,000 JEWS REMAIN IN COUNTRY; 600 WITH TITO

ROME, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Of Yugoslavia's 70,000 Jews only 1,600 remain alive in the country, according to the latest estimate of Joint Distribution Committee representatives working with the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees. Of these, approximately 600 have joined Marshal Tito's forces and are fighting the Nazis.

Five thousand Yugoslav Jews have escaped to Italy, but thus far only 2,000 have reached liberated territory. The others are either in hiding or have been captured. The great majority of Yugoslavia's 70,000 Jews were long ago seized and slaughtered or deported, according to the Intergovernmental Committee's information.

The committee is now cooperating with British authorities and the JDC in aiding 1,200 Jews in Tito-held Croatia. Six hundred and fifty of these are aged people and children and include 150 orphans who will be evacuated to Italy. The rest include 100 women, fighting the Nazis or engaged in staff work for Tito. Two hundred others are reported to have reached a partisan oasis in Slovenia.

British planes recently dropped clothing to the group in Croatia. Randolph Churchill, son of the British Prime Minister, superintended the distribution. Clothing furnished by the British Army undoubtedly will save many lives this winter.

7,000 JEWISH PARTISANS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA FACE DEATH IN MOUNTAINS, SAY NAZIS

ZURICH, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- German-controlled Slovakian newspapers received here allege that 7,000 Jews who joined the partisan uprising in the Banka-Bystrica region are stranded in the mountains and face death.

The papers warn that any captured "will not escape deserved punishment." They assert that hundreds of the Jews have committed suicide rather than surrender.

MANY GERMANS KILLED IN BATTLE WITH GHETTO DWELLERS; COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMBATS SUICIDE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Many Germans were killed in a battle with Jewish residents of the ghetto in Luck, Poland, when they came to deport all the Jews to death camps, it is revealed in a communication from a former resident of Luck, now residing in Rovno, received by her relatives in Tel Aviv. The battle took place on December 12, 1942.

The letter also discloses that the entire membership of the Jewish council in the town of Koritz, also in Poland, committed suicide when they learned that the Germans planned to liquidate the whole Jewish community. At present, the writer says, there are only 52 Jews in Koritz.

THIRTY-TWO TERRORISTS REPORTED ARRESTED IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Thirty-two terrorist suspects were arrested in Palestine yesterday, according to information received here today. This brings to 65 the number reported to have been seized by police within the past two weeks.

PALESTINE-BUILT MINE SWEEPERS TURNED OVER TO ROYAL NAVY; PRAISED BY NAVY SPOKESMEN. . .

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Two mine-sweepers built in Tel Aviv shipyards by Jewish labor were turned over to the Royal Navy today. At a reception arranged by the Jewish Maritime League, a Navy spokesman praised the skill and speed of the Jewish shipbuilders.

PALESTINE CELEBRATING DR. WEIZMANN'S BIRTHDAY; NATION-WIDE FÊTE ON MONDAY

TEL AVIV, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The first public celebration of Dr. Chaim Weizmann's birthday in Palestine was held yesterday at the Daniel Sieff Institute at Rehovoth, which is headed by the Zionist leader.

Meyer Weisgal, representing the Zionist Organization of America, presented Dr. Weizmann with a copy of "Chaim Weizmann - Statesman and Scientist," which has just been published in the United States. The volume contains a group of tributes to Dr. Weizmann by 27 notables. In a brief address, the president of the Jewish Agency recalled that his 70th birthday coincides with the 50th anniversary of his entry into the Zionist movement.

Dr. Weizmann will visit Tel Aviv tomorrow, where he will be received by Jewish leaders and will review a parade of new recruits for the Jewish Brigade. A nationwide birthday celebration will be held on Monday, and will be marked by a special session of the Assefath Hanivcharim, the Jewish National Assembly, with Dr. Weizmann participating. The celebration will conclude on Tuesday when the Palestine Orchestra gives a special birthday concert at Rehovoth.

The Jewish National Fund announced today that work has begun in nearly all democratic countries on a special international section of the JNF Golden Book dedicated to Dr. Weizmann. Included in it will be tributes from individuals and groups throughout the world.

MONEYARY INCOME OF PALESTINE TRIPLED SINCE WAR ALTHOUGH REAL INCOME UP ONLY ONE-THIRD

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The real national income of Palestine for 1943 increased approximately one-third above the 1939 level, although the money value figure has risen to three times the 1939 level, according to the current Foreign Commerce Weekly, official publication of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

The national income of the year 1943 in money values was estimated by the Palestine Department of Statistics at \$90,000,000 (\$363,150,000) as compared with \$75,890,000 (\$306,216,150) in 1942, and \$30,240,000 (\$122,018,400) in 1939. As measured in 1939 prices, however, the national income in 1943 was approximately \$40,000,000 (\$161,400,000), representing an aggregate increase of roughly one-third in the volume of production of goods and services above the 1939 level.

SEINE THREATENS TO DESTROY WAREHOUSE OF JEWISH PROPERTY SEIZED BY GERMANS

PARIS, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A warehouse of furniture which the Germans stole from Jewish homes, but which they did not have time to ship to the Reich before retreating from Paris is threatened with destruction by the rising waters of the Seine. The press today carries an appeal from the Federation of Patriotic Youth Unions for volunteers to help move the contents of the warehouse to dry ground.

The two members of the Vichy militia convicted of killing Georges Mandel, Interior Minister in the Daladier Cabinet, last July, were executed yesterday.