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ROMANIAN KING RECEIVES JTA CORRESPONDENT; PLEDGES THAT JEWS WILL ENJOY FULL RIGHTS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- King Michael of Rumania today received Joseph Klarman, the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here and assured him that full rights are being restored to Jews.

The King emphasized that everything will be done to make it possible for Jews in Rumania to enjoy "a normal existence." He also expressed his sympathy with the Zionist efforts to establish Palestine as a Jewish state.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE OPENS; MONSKY WARNS AGAINST USURPING FUNCTIONS OF OTHER GROUPS

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Opposition to establishment of the American Jewish Conference as a permanent organization "which shall function, supervise or direct the activities in areas which are now the special responsibility of established, well-recognized and responsible Jewish organizations," was voiced today by Henry Monsky, president of the B'nai B'rith and co-chairman of the Interim Committee of the Conference, addressing the organization's second session, which opened today at the William Penn Hotel here.

Mr. Monsky, who was instrumental in the establishment of the American Jewish Conference last year, warned the 480 delegates, representing 60 organizations, that an attempt by the Conference to take over the duties of long-term Jewish bodies "is fraught with grave danger to the Conference. It threatens to destroy its integrity and solidarity," he continued. "It disregards certain basic principles and fundamental understandings which must be respected if the Conference is to survive and perform its important tasks."

An indication that groups within the Conference who favor enlargement of the scope of its activities do not plan to force through a decision to this effect was seen in the address of Dr. Israel Goldstein, another co-chairman of the Interim Committee. Declaring that he shared the view of those who believe that nothing related to Jewish interests should be excluded from the scope of the Conference, such as American Jewish affairs, Dr. Goldstein added that "since it is apparent that it cannot be had, we have no right to force it by majority rule."

Monsky Lauds Work of Overseas Relief and Palestine Organizations

Outlining his reasons for opposing extension of the Conference's activities, Mr. Monsky said: "Does anyone imagine even the remote probability of this Conference, as presently constituted, developing the capacity to take the place and perform the functions of such agencies in Jewish life as the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal, the National Refugee Service, HIAS and other overseas agencies, most of which for a quarter of a century or more have built up a recognized tradition of magnificent service to our stricken brethren throughout the world. These same principles apply to the defense agencies."

All of these organizations," he continued, "deal with combined budgets of upwards of 50 millions of dollars annually. They have built up tremendous machinery,

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facilities and community support, aside from adequate experience in dealing with the problems within their field. Wholly apart from the insurmountable legal, ethical and moral obstacles to the enlargement of the scope of the Conference, it behooves us to think well before we undertake to pass pious resolutions of good intentions which can only result in disturbing the relationship between the communities and these well established agencies in Jewish life.

"It is my profound conviction," he concluded, "that the program of this Conference is too important in relation to the life and the future destiny of our people to permit it to be jeopardized. The task that we have before us, the responsibility with which we are charged are of such magnitude as to command the exclusion of all peripheral and extraneous considerations which should find a form in other organizations, under such circumstances as will not threaten to frustrate this important effort."

#### Goldstein Urges Conference Work with UNRRA, Intergovernmental Refugee Body

Dr. Goldstein, in the course of his address, pointed out that in regard to rescue, the Conference will have to seek increasing contacts with UNRRA and with the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees to impress upon them the policies it recommends in connection with rehabilitation, relief and resettlement. In regard to the Palestine resolution of the Conference, he urged that the organization "seize every opportunity and every contact to bring it home to American bodies and bodies abroad until its irresistible thesis wins not merely the sympathetic expressions, but the active support of the American and British Government."

Dr. Goldstein also urged that "in order that the Jews of the world may speak to the United Nations with one voice a close cooperation between the World Jewish Congress and the American Jewish conference is indicated, and there is a third important partner in this, the Jewish Agency for Palestine."

After reviewing the founding and organizing of the Conference, Mr. Monsky said that the effectiveness of the Palestine resolution adopted by the Conference had been demonstrated by the favorable declaration of the two major political parties in regard to the Jewish Commonwealth and also pointed out that "Christian leaders, laymen and clergy have rallied to our cause." Dr. Stephen S. Wise presided at the opening session.

Delegates of the Jewish Labor Committee, R. L. Goldman, Isidore Nagler, Benjamin Gebiner, Israel H. Goldberg, presented today to the general committee of the Conference their case against admission of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, which, they charged, was a Communist organization. The whole morning session was occupied with consideration of their statement. It was decided to refer the dispute to a sub-committee for further study.

The following members of the praesidium were chosen today: Rabbi Israel Goldstein, Henry Monsky, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, Judge Louis C. Levinthal, Herman Shulman, Hayim Greenberg, Edgar J. Kaufmann, Adolph Rosenberg, Louis Lipsky, Harold O. N. Frankel, Leon Gellman and Samuel Rothstein. Another member of the praesidium will be named tomorrow.

#### BEN-GURION ARRIVES IN BULGARIA TO CONFER WITH JEWISH LEADERS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

SOFIA, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, arrived here over the week-end to discuss with Jewish leaders and government officials the prospects for emigration to Palestine of Bulgarian Jews. He was greeted at the frontier station of Svilengrad by Jewish delegations from Sofia and Plovdiv, as well as by a representative of the Ministry of Propaganda.

FRENCH AUTHORITIES REINSTATE JEWISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DISMISSED BY VICHY

PARIS, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- The French Government today published the text of a new law providing for the intergration into public services of former officials who were ousted because they were Jews or members of so called secret societies.

The law specifies that the authorities will immediately proceed to review all dismissals and will order the reintergration without application of individuals concerned. It provides for the immediate reinstatement of officials to the highest posts they previously held, or the average grade reached by others of the same class. The reinstated officials will receive full pay from the date of their dismissal or retirement by Vichy.

The law covers virtually all categories of government employ, including local and departmental services as well as national. Where there are no posts open at present for these officials, the measure provides that they be assigned temporarily to other duties until a vacancy arises. Jewish sources here estimate that at least 2,500 Jews will be reinstated as a result of this law.

The Ministry of Prisoners, Deportees and Refugees has announced the establishment of a central register of all children of political or racial deportees who were placed, officially or clandestinely, in asylums or private homes to save them from the Germans.

The Ministry requested all persons having information concerning such children to inform the bureau. There were probably several hundred Jewish children placed in church or other orphanages, or in private homes by their parents who were subsequently deported, leaving no record of their identity or the location of the children.

Jewish organizations are finding it very difficult to locate and recover these children, some of whom do not even know their real names. In other cases records of children placed by volunteer underground workers were lost when the latter were captured by the Gestapo.

PALESTINE RESOLUTION WILL BE TAKEN UP IN HOUSE ON FRIDAY; COMMITTEE ISSUES REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- The Palestine resolution is scheduled to be considered on the floor of the House next Friday, it was stated here today. Reps. Wright and Compton, co-sponsors, plan to appear before the Rules Committee on Monday to get a ruling.

Meanwhile the House Committee on Foreign Affairs today released its report on the resolution, which summarizes the history of the measure. After discussing the postponement of consideration because of the suggestion of the Secretary of War and the later reversal in a letter to Senator Taft in which Secretary Stimson indicated that political considerations "now outweigh the military" the Foreign Affairs Committee continues,

"Although the military situation has greatly improved since the introduction of the Palestine resolutions last January 1944, the need for a Jewish homeland to rehabilitate and to restore to freedom and dignity those who have escaped Nazi tyranny and brutality has become even greater. These resolutions were widely regarded as a logical reaffirmation of the historic policy of the Congress, which, on June 30, 1922, unanimously resolved that the "United States of America favors the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish people."

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL RAISED \$100,000,000 FOR RELIEF WORK AND PALESTINE SINCE 1939

NEW YORK, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal today announced that \$100,000,000 has been raised since 1939 by the UJA which is the fund-raising instrument for the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service.

More than 1,400 Jewish communities throughout the country are now engaged in an effort to achieve this year's \$32,000,000 quota, the announcement said. "The 1944 rescue and reconstruction drive will reach the largest total ever raised since the establishment of the United Jewish Appeal for relief and rehabilitation overseas, for reconstruction and settlement in the Jewish National Home and for adjustment of newcomers in the United States," it added.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR ASKS ROOSEVELT TO IMPLEMENT PALESTINE PLEDGE

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- The American Federation of Labor, at its 64th annual convention here, adopted a special committee report instructing its president, William Green, "to call upon the President of the United States to use his good offices to the end that the declaration made concerning the establishment of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth be implemented, the pledges made be fulfilled, and the Government of the United States assume its share of responsibility in the carrying out of the pledges and assurances given."

The convention also adopted a resolution sending greetings to the Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Labor. "The American Federation of Labor has always had deep respect for and a feeling of kinship with the Histadruth and has during the past years supported the program so admirably carried out by the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine," the resolution says.

CONVENTION OF CANADIAN SOCIALIST PARTY SUPPORTS JEWISH DEMANDS FOR PALESTINE

MONTREAL, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- The national convention of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, the Socialist Party of Canada, today unanimously adopted a resolution on Palestine offered by Stanley Knowles, Winnipeg member of the Federal Parliament, and seconded by Abraham Klein, editor of the Canadian Jewish Chronicle. The resolution reads:

"The convention strongly urges upon the government of this country and Great Britain, which has a special responsibility, to rescind and revoke the appeasement-tainted British White Paper. It is clearly recognized that this White Paper is a repudiation of internationally recognized obligations and a flagrant breach of trust to the Jewish people. We urge these governments to implement fully the Balfour Declaration to facilitate the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish homeland which should lead to development of a Jewish commonwealth, with the clear understanding that religious, economic, political and language rights of all sections of the population will be safeguarded and guaranteed."

B'NAI B'RITH PUBLISHES DATA ON WAR SERVICE; HAS 26,630 MEMBERS IN ARMED FORCES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Of the 26,630 members of B'nai B'rith and -- Aleph Zadik Aleph, B'nai B'rith Girls and Hillel Foundations -- its three youth affiliates, serving in the armed forces, 268 have been killed in action or are missing in action, 258 have been decorated and 45 are prisoners of war, Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith, the nation's largest national Jewish service organization, and chairman of its National War Service Committee, announced today in making public a statistical report of B'nai B'rith's war service record.