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AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE REJECTS PROPOSALS TO WIDEN THE SCOPE OF ITS ACTIVITIES

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The three-day meeting of the second session of the American Jewish Conference adjourned tonight after rejecting proposals to enlarge the scope of its activities to take in the American scene.

The delegates overwhelmingly approved a report submitted by the General Committee, headed by Louis Lipsky, which stated that resolutions presented to it by various groups urging extension of the Conference's activities were opposed to the terms agreed upon when the body was established.

The conference adopted a resolution calling for cooperation in the establishment, for the period of the peace settlement, of a joint working body designed to achieve, as far as possible, combined representation of Jewish bodies before international conferences, councils and agencies of the United Nations. This joint body would seek to cooperate with the Jewish Agency for Palestine with due consideration of the Agency's special international status. The resolution also authorized the Conference's executive body to designate, when the need arises, the representatives of the conference to the joint working body and to international conferences, councils, and agencies of the United Nations.

Urges United Nations to Assist Jewish Emigration to Palestine

The Palestine resolution adopted by the Conference greeted President Roosevelt and hailed his assurances on the formation of a Jewish Commonwealth. "The American Jewish Conference," it said, "urges in accordance with the solemn commitment made in the Balfour Declaration and in the Palestine Mandate, and in the face of the mounting tragedy of the Jewish people, that the White Paper be immediately abrogated and that unrestricted immigration and land settlement of Jews in Palestine be facilitated.

"We call upon the United Nations in their program of reconstruction to make possible the transfer to and the rehabilitation in Palestine of all who seek to rebuild their lives there," the resolution continued. "The American Jewish Conference further urges that through the responsible intergovernmental agencies of the United Nations, in cooperation with the Jewish Agency for Palestine, all necessary financial and technical assistance to help meet the problem of transportation, feeding, supplies and reconstruction be provided. The execution of this program is an essential element in the fulfillment of the pledge to create a world of justice, security and freedom."

The Conference regretted, that "so little has been done" and again appealed to the United Nations "to avail themselves of the opportunity for the rescue of Jews from imminent death in ghettos, internment, concentration and labor camps by exchange of these Jews for Germans held by the Allies." It expressed thanks to the United Nations for easing the food blockade which enabled the sending of food to internees in German

camps, and voiced its appreciation of the efforts of Sweden, Spain, Portugal and the Vatican to assist the Jews in Hungary and elsewhere.

In another resolution the Conference urged that "the governments of those liberated countries whose Jewish citizens are being held by the Reich as forced laborers in Germany and other Axis-dominated countries, demand through all appropriate channels that these Jewish forced laborers be accorded the same treatment as their non-Jewish citizens in the same category." It asked that these governments as well as the International Red Cross use every possible effort for the repatriation of these Jewish forced laborers, who are in constant danger of extermination. It expressed appreciation of the efforts of the Red Cross and urged that it take steps to secure civilian prisoner of war status for Jews interned in German camps in occupied territory.

Communities Asked to Give More Funds to Rescue Agencies

The Conference welcomed the "organized cooperation established between its Rescue Commission and some of the functional agencies in the field of rescue," and instructed the commission to continue its efforts to extend the area of cooperation so as to include all the Jewish bodies working for the rescue of our brethren. The Conference also urged that the American Jewish communities be made aware of the pressing need for action to rescue the Jews of Europe and that these communities be urged to cooperate with the Rescue Commission of the Conference.

The meeting also appealed to the American Jewish communities to make available increasing funds to rescue agencies, at the same time recommending that the Rescue Commission of the Conference continue to discharge its functions in the field of rescue so long as it is necessary. The Conference expressed its thanks to the War Refugee Board for its "untiring efforts to rescue the Jews of Europe" and appealed for extension of the term of the Board.

925 JEWS LEAVE RUMANIA FOR PALESTINE; OTHER 300 RETURN WHEN TRANSIT VISAS REFUSED

BUCHAREST, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The SS Taurus, carrying 925 Jews, including 360 children, has sailed from the Rumanian port of Constanza for Palestine, it was announced today. The ship is travelling under the protection of the Rumanian Red Cross.

Meanwhile, 300 Jews who left Bucharest two weeks ago for Palestine returned here today. Both Bulgaria and Turkey have refused to grant them transit visas. The entire question of the emigration of Rumanian Jews to Palestine is expected to be discussed with the government and Jewish leaders later this week by David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who is now in Sofia.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ASKED TO BRING PALESTINE RESOLUTION TO FLOOR OF HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Rep. Sol Bloom, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Rep. James Wright of Pennsylvania appeared before the House Rules Committee today to plead for a rule in order to get the Palestine resolution considered on the floor of the House. The Rules Committee postponed action until tomorrow.

Bloom, whose committee last Wednesday reported out the bill, asked the Rules Committee to give Congress a chance to offer "a ray of hope to millions of persecuted Jews to whom Palestine stands as the last possible hope of refuge." Rep. Wright, co-sponsor of the bill, summarized the United States's legal and moral right to intervene.

SOCIALIST PARTY IN FRANCE DEMANDS SPEEDIER RESTORATION OF PROPERTY TO JEWS

PARIS, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- A demand for immediate government action to redress the wrongs committed under the Vichy racial legislation, by restoring property to the former Jewish owners and suppressing racialist propaganda conducted by the beneficiaries of the despoliation, was published today in *Le Populaire*, official organ of the French Socialist Party. The demand is considered to represent the position of the party.

"Victims of the racial laws," the article points out, "are still suffering - which is a scandal in itself - from the spoliation of which they have been the object. Are they going to be allowed to be additionally injured and threatened by the profiteers of this spoliation? The government has a word to say and we await it."

The paper charged two organizations - "The National Inter-Corporative Association of Commerce, Industry and Artisans" which was formed to protect the interests of those who acquired Jewish property under the Vichy regime, and the "Association of Administrators of France" which was established to defend those appointed by the Vichy government to administer seized Jewish property - with attempting to block the restoration of property to the rightful owners. It accused them of maintaining a clandestine press and with publishing tracts and circulars containing "all the most authentic slogans of Hitlerism."

REHABILITATION OF FRENCH JEWS DEPENDS ON REVIVAL OF FRENCH ECONOMY, SAYS ROTHSCHILD

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The key to the economic rehabilitation of the French Jewish community lies with the measures being taken to revive French economy in general, Capt. Guy de Rothschild, one of the four-man Jewish delegation from France which arrived here yesterday, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

The difficulties faced by French Jews are acute, he said, but all possible efforts are being made to provide relief for those who require it. The relief organizations, he added, are in need of assistance from abroad and will continue to need such aid for a considerable length of time.

A considerable amelioration of the situation is expected, Capt. Rothschild stated, when the Government promulgates legislation covering the return of businesses seized from Jews and subsequently sold. This legislation is being drafted presently and is "eagerly awaited," he said. Since a large section of French Jewry were businessmen, such a measure, it is expected, will make them self-sufficient and remove a part of the relief burden.

Capt. Rothschild stressed that the unity among Jewish groups which was forged during the resistance continues, and that organizations of widely varying political and social shadings are working together in the "Representative Council of French Jewry."

He described the large and important role played by Jews in the French resistance movement, both as individual members of underground forces, or as part of specific Jewish units of the resistance forces. Jews were represented in the resistance far out of proportion to their numbers in the general population, he pointed out. In addition many Jews who left France joined the Free French forces or the armies of Allied nations. Capt. Rothschild, himself, was compelled to flee France in 1941. He resided in the United States for a year, and then joined the De Gaulle forces in London. At present he is attached to the staff of Gen. Pierre Koenig, military governor of Paris.

WEIZMANN CALLS FOR ENGLAND'S PROTECTION AND FOR AMERICA'S SYMPATHY AND ASSISTANCE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- England's protection and America's sympathy and economic assistance are needed for the development of a Jewish Palestine, Dr. Chaim Weizmann said last night, addressing a special session of the Assefath Hanivcharin, the Jewish National Assembly of Palestine, held in honor of his 70th birthday.

Earlier in the day, the executive of the Jewish Agency tendered a reception for Dr. Weizmann which was attended by the entire consular corps, high government officials, Jewish leaders and prominent people from all over the country. The special session of the Jewish National Assembly was held on the premises of the Hebrew University of which Dr. Weizmann was one of the founders.

Pointing out that Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin "are now remaking the coming world, not only their own countries," Dr. Weizmann warned that the balance of the post-war world will be disturbed if the Jewish "account" is not met. "The world's peace," he stated, "is connected with that of Jerusalem. The world's account will be unbalanced if ours is unjust.

"From Mount Scopus, facing holy Jerusalem, we send greetings to the great leaders, expressing the hope that within their and our days the vision of a world of peace and justice will be realized," Dr. Weizmann continued. "We need in the first place England's protection and help which is not achievable by hostility, but by persuasion and by the stressing of our positive achievements and potentialities. We also need America's sympathy and economic assistance. America is the sole big country which can help the entire world."

Calling on the Jews of the world not to despair, Dr. Weizmann told the Assembly "We are now facing a decisive hour. The Jews in Palestine must appear united. This must also be the hour of mutual concessions. I am at your disposal." He concluded by stating "we will bring all Jewish orphans from devastated Europe to Palestine to build up a free Palestine for every Jew and secure equality for every inhabitant, Jew and non-Jew."

Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency, lauded the pro-Zionist statements by American political leaders, and said that it was necessary to "find a path to the Soviet authorities" who, he added, are believed ready to re-examine their attitude towards Zionism.

Shertok stressed, however, that "the principal center of our decision still is England, where we will have to struggle for a Jewish state in the whole of Palestine, which is a vital necessity for us." The Jews, he continued, must secure a new agreement from England, and, therefore, every sign of enmity towards her is a "deadly poison."

FIVE MAIDANEK EXECUTIONERS HANGED IN LUBLIN SQUARE BEFORE 20,000 WITNESSES

MOSCOW, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Five German executioners who were captured at the Maidanek death camp were hanged on Monday in the presence of 20,000 persons, the Moscow radio reports. The executions took place in a public square in Lublin. The Nazis were convicted by a special court of the Polish Committee of National Liberation in Lublin.

JEWISH LEADERS IN PARIS HONOR J.D.C. REPRESENTATIVE; HEAR OF IMMEDIATE RELIEF PLANS

PARIS, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The major problems of reconstruction of French Jewish life will have to wait until wartime conditions are eased, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, told French-Jewish leaders here at a reception tendered him yesterday by the Federation of Jewish Societies of France.

There will be tremendous difficulties in handling problems of urgent and immediate relief owing to supply and other difficulties created by war conditions, Dr. Schwartz said. He assured the French Jews that American Jews, working through the JDC, will do all that is possible, but emphasized that the task was greater than private organizations could handle and that international and governmental help will be necessary. He revealed that in two years the JDC expended 350,000,000 francs for Jewish relief in France.

Outlining to the representatives of the major French-Jewish organizations the aspects of the general Jewish relief problem in Europe, Dr. Schwartz pointed out that the situation in France is only a part of this problem. He described the work which the JDC will have to do in Rumania, Poland, Hungary and other countries on the European continent. The primary job, he said, is to help the Jews to survive the hard winter months ahead and to organize aid for thousands of homeless and orphaned Jewish children.

Lady Reading, who arrived here from London, was one of the speakers at the reception. "We are a people badly mauled, but not beaten," she told the gathering.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE PREDICTS POST-WAR RACIAL RIOTS; WANTS MINORITIES SAFEGUARDED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The House Labor Committee, in a report supporting the establishment of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission, today predicted the possibility of post-war race riots in the United States "unless we safeguard the right of minorities."

"The four largest minorities who suffer from job discrimination practices are our 13,000,000 Negroes, our 5,000,000 Jews, our 3,000,000 Americans of Mexican or Spanish origin and our 5,000,000 foreign-born citizens," the report asserted.

Religious and Labor Groups Demand Effective Laws Against Job Discrimination

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Anti-bias legislation "with teeth in it" was urged here at hearings conducted by the State Commission Against Discrimination on the question of legislation barring racial or religious prejudice by employers.

Representatives of CIO unions, churches, synagogues and legal groups urged enactment of measures containing sufficiently strong penalties and powers of enforcement to make them effective. Louis Hollander, president of the State CIO, urged that legislation on job discrimination include a provision of a \$5,000 fine or one year in jail for employers who violate the law.

TWO GERMAN REFUGEES RETURN TO REICH AS OFFICERS IN UNITED STATES ARMY

WITH THE UNITED STATES NINTH ARMY, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Two German Jews who fled the Reich as refugees returned there this week as officers in the United States Army. They are Lieut. Ernst Kaufman, who was imprisoned at one time in the notorious Buchenwald concentration camp, and Lieut. Edgar Holton. The two officers are probably the first German Jews who have become naturalized Americans to return to the Reich. Lieut. Kaufman said that when he last heard of his parents, they were in a concentration camp in Poland.