

# MASARYK TO WORK FOR ZIONIST CAUSE

**Ex-Czech Envoy, Speaking  
at Washington Conference,  
Cites Need for Homeland**

## 'RANSOM' PLAN DENOUNCED

**Rabbi Silver Assails Proposal  
for Settlements in Africa  
and in South America**

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Jan Masaryk, former Czech Minister to London, came back today to Washington, where he entered diplomacy twenty years ago, and broadcast that he came "to speak for the Jews and to work for them," especially as regards Palestine.

He spoke under the auspices of the National Conference for Palestine, which opened a two-day session tonight at the Mayflower with 1,500 Jewish delegates from forty-four States assembled to study the plight of Jews in Germany and to plan how American Jews could best help these and other oppressed Jews to settle in Palestine.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, dismissed as a "cruel deception" the proposals for settling Jews in Africa and South America. He was supported by other speakers in holding that Palestine alone is prepared to receive large numbers of refugees. Palestine could take 100,000 in a year if the British would only let them in, Rabbi Silver said.

He and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York, chairman of the executive committee of the appeal, who joined him in a symposium that was also broadcast over the Columbia system, both denounced the German plan for permitting Jews to leave as a "ransom" scheme, and said American Jewry would have nothing to do with it.

To Rabbi Silver this was "a blanket invitation to other countries with anti-Semitic leanings to mulct the Jews," and to Rabbi Wise it was a plan to send Jews from Germany as "pauperized salesmen of German-made goods," which the civilized world should prevent.

Mr. Masaryk, the chief speaker, said that to compare "the treatment allotted to our Germans by my father with the treatment which Henlein and Company are dishing out to the Jews and anti-totalitarian citizens of Sudetenland—it is as heaven compared to hell."

He emphasized he had come to champion the Jewish cause, and gave this explanation:

"There are nearly 10,000,000 of my people—together—facing suffering and depredation, but they, being united together, can endure and survive it and come out victorious in the end. But the Jews, scattered all over the world—what chance have they to fight off the hatred and oppression which has driven them from their homes and dumped them on the highways of the world? The Jews are a small minority everywhere. And without tolerance and decent treatment of minorities, democracy cannot survive. There is no exception!

"When this last super-pogrom broke out in the land of Goethe, Heine, Bach and Handel, I realized that my place was with the Jewish brethren, and that the suffering of my people has made my cause your cause and your cause my cause. And here I am!"

Rabbi Silver wanted assistance to Jewish emigration safeguarded so that European governments would realize that "it is impossible to evacuate 6,000,000 Jews."

"The overwhelmingly large number of Jews in Eastern and Central Europe will have to remain exactly where they are and their problem must ultimately be solved along with the entire minority problem of Europe," he said.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, sent from London a message in which he said:

"All our energies must be mobilized for the strengthening of our position. We need land. We need money. We need supplies. And above all, we need men. That is why immigration now more than ever is the prime essential not only for the salvation of the persecuted but also for the maintenance of our position in Palestine."