U. S., Britain Believed Agreed On Jewish Aid

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LONDON, Nov. 17.—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that the government is treating the problem of settling refugees from Germany in the British colonies as a matter of urgency.

Chamberlain said he has taken up the question with several colonial governors, including the governor of Tanganyika, East Africa, and hoped to be able to make a statement next week.

Chamberlain's promise of a statement was taken as an indication that Britain and the United States have reached an agreement on rescuing some 700,000 Jews from their plight in Germany, and that only details need to be worked out.

The plan, initiated by American Ambassador Joseph Kennedy and which would cost approximately $150,000,000, was expected to be submitted to a five-power directorate of the inter-governmental Jewish committee.

In essence, the plan calls for Great Britain to provide land in her colonies, while Jewish and other private organizations of the United States raise money to finance their settlement. France and other colonial powers, as well as South American nations, might also be asked to contribute land.

If the negotiations succeed, the five-power directorate, including representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, the Netherlands and Brazil, would be summoned within two weeks.

Diplomatic circles warned there were many difficulties to overcome. (See Jews, Page 13)