J.D.C. TO TRIPLE AID TO POLISH JEWS: $275,000 ALLOCATED FOR 3 MONTHS

PARIS, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Joint Distribution will this year spend three times as much as in 1936 to aid the Jews of Poland, it was announced last night by Dr. Bernhard Kahn, European director of the J.D.C., and David Schweitzer, financial director.

An initial payment of $275,000 will be made in the next quarter, it was stated, which is itemized as follows:

For Polish Jews' loan banks, $60,000; $25,000 to start small industries; $10,000 to aid victims of anti-Semitic terrorism; $15,000 to feed school children; $30,000 to enable the TOZ (Polish Jewish health organization) to re-equip its institutions; $25,000 for children's welfare institutions and employment of artisans by renovating hospitals with Jewish labor.

Also, $5,000 for victims of restrictions on kosher meat slaughter; $15,000 for children's summer camps; $10,000 for Passover relief; $10,000 to re-equip trade schools to enable youth to obtain manual training and $20,000 to prevent the closing of Jewish schools for non-compliance with health regulations.

In addition, the usual monthly contributions will be increased to benefit other Jewish institutions.

ORT, OZE GROUPS FORMED IN INDIA

PARIS, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Announcement was made here today of the formation of two committees to sponsor campaigns on behalf of the World Ort Federation and OZE, respectively Jewish societies for occupational retraining and health work in central and eastern Europe.

A committee was formed in Bombay under the chairmanship of Mayor Missim, former mayor of Bombay, with Sir Alwyn Ezra as honorary chairman. Another committee was established in Calcutta, with Sir David Ezra, honorary president, and I.J. Cohen, president. The groups were organized by Dr. M. Laserson, of Geneva, campaign representative of both groups, on a recent trip to India.
WILNO STUDENTS STRIKE OVER GHETTO REGULATIONS

WILNO, Poland, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Jewish students of King Stefan Batory University here went on strike today in protest against virtual "ghetto" regulations which have been quietly introduced by individual professors bowing to Nationalist violence-enforced demands.

Although no official orders have been issued, the students are being compelled to submit to segregation. They are forced to stand for hours in lecture rooms while, in laboratories, they are ordered to stand at special tables or appear only on specified days.

In explanation of their strike, for which they risk a year's suspension or permanent expulsion, the Jewish students issued the following statement:

"We refuse to be driven into a ghetto openly or clandestinely. We are here to study and will not lightly resign our rights and honor. We therefore will not take part in any practical work until our rights are fully restored. We are sure that our decision is understood by the university authorities. A number of professors and students are supporting us, but the general position of the Jewish students is worse than ever before."

MEMEL GOVERNOR VETOES ANTI-JEISH BILL PASSED BY NAZI SEJM

KAUNAS, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- A bill to deprive Jewish artisans of work, adopted by the German majority in the Sejm (Parliament) of the Memel district, has been vetoed by the Governor, a Lithuanian official, it was announced today.

A united front of Lithuanians and Jews in the former German territory, turned over to Lithuania in 1923, was urged by M. Kibranacas and Kauskas, important Lithuanian leaders, who declared that the Nazi-controlled administration and Sejm were treating Jews unfairly.

In a statement, the two leaders condemned anti-Semitic speeches at a conference of the Versliniki, economic anti-Jewish organization, in Memel.

ARABS KILL GERMAN-JEWISH DOCTOR IN BEISAN HOME

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Arab terrorists early this morning shot and killed Dr. Joseph Lehr, 40, a German-Jewish physician and the only remaining Jew in the Arab city of Beisan.

A police communiqué stated three Arabs knocked at the door of Dr. Lehr's home at 2:45 a.m. and shot him down when he opened it. Police, hearing the shooting, gave chase but the assassins made good their escape. The doctor's wife resides in Haifa.

A bomb was thrown by terrorists into an Arab house occupied by a Jew in Haifa. No casualties were reported.
TEL AVIV SHORE PLAN APPROVED IN LONDON; TO TAKE 8 YEARS

LONDON, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- An eight-year plan for development of the shore of Tel Aviv, including construction of buildings to a value of about $12,500,000, has been approved by the British Government, it was announced today.

The plan, formulated by Lieut.-Col. Frederick H. Kisch and Mr. Greenblatt, includes the erection of a seawall and reclamation of a mile along the shore for construction of a promenade 75 feet wide, a parallel road, an esplanade and an arcade.

In the center of the reclaimed land a two-acre public park, a three-and-a-half acre sports ground and a swimming pool will be established. Only 30 per cent of the reclaimed land will be exploited for buildings.

A $3,500,000 company is being formed to execute the reclamation work, which will be completed in two and a half years. One thousand persons will be employed on the entire project.

REICH ARTISTS FORCE REMOVAL OF CONVERT FROM VIENNA OPERA POST

VIENNA, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Prof. Erich Meller, a converted Jew, has been dismissed from the State Opera House after 26 years of directing work, it was disclosed today, because a number of German guest artists had refused to perform under him.

GENEALOGY CHARTS FOR AUSTRIAN SCHOOL CHILDREN

VIENNA, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Children in Austrian schools will be encouraged to draw up family charts to instil "Aryan" ideology in them, it was reported today at a Vienna University conference on genealogical research.

PREDICT RENEWAL OF GUERRILLA WARFARE IN PALESTINE BY APRIL 1

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Associated Press reports from Jerusalem that Nationalist leaders predict Fawzi Bey Kaukaji, labeled Public Enemy No. 1 during the 1936 disorders, will return to Palestine as "commander-in-chief of the Arab army" and that guerrilla warfare will be resumed within a few weeks.

Opinion is generally that rioting will break out again about April 1 with the end of the orange exporting season, the A.P. dispatch says. Both Arab and Hebrew newspapers point to the growing frequency of holdups, shootings, bombings and assassinations as an indication of renewed Arab warfare against Great Britain and the Jewish national home.

Reports that Fawzi will be pardoned by the new Syrian Government and given a commission in the Syrian army are discounted by nationalist chieftains in Palestine, the report states.
JEJFISH AGENCY SIGNED FOR $500,000 IRRIGATION PROJECT

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Palestine has signed a $500,000 contract with the Palestine Engineering Corp. for irrigation work in the holdings of the Palestine Foundation Fund. The corporation will receive payment in Germany in marks.

PURIM SHOULD QUICKEN JEWS' FAITH, ROOSEVELT MESSAGE STATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Purim celebration of the Jews' deliverance from "the destruction with which they were threatened by Haman should "quicken the faith of the modern Jews and arouse in them a realization of the splendid heritage which is theirs," President Roosevelt declared yesterday.

In a letter to William Weiss, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the president said:

"Because the festival is traditionally observed in Jewish homes it makes a strong appeal to the deepest and tenderest emotions of the human heart. I trust that the observance this year may be an event of outstanding joy and happiness to all who participate."

The letter was read by Congressman Sol Bloom from Washington in a Purim radio program arranged by the Union, the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jubilee Committee of the Independent Order Brith Abraham.