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BRU TURNS DOWN J.D.C. APPEAL; REFUGEE ISSUE HELD "ALREADY CLOSED"

HAVANA, June 8. (JTA) -- The Cuban Government today rejected a proffered guarantee of more than \$500,000 for the approximately 1,100 refugees aboard the steamers St. Louis, Flandre and Orduna, and permitted only six of the Flandre's 102 passengers to land when the ship arrived in port.

President Federico Laredo Bru sent a cable to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee rejecting the committee's cabled appeal for reconsideration of the case on the basis of the funds deposited. The guarantees had been asked by the Government before it suddenly withdrew its offer to give the refugees temporary asylum on the Isle of Pines.

"The matter is already closed," announced Secretary of Treasury Joaquim Ochotorena after a conference with the President. "It is morally and legally impossible to discuss it. The Government, however, reiterates its humanitarian feelings for the refugees."

The Hamburg-American liner St. Louis, with 907 refugees aboard, was variously reported to be cruising off Bermuda and steaming back to Hamburg.

The French liner Flandre arrived at 7 o'clock this morning, en route back to Europe after its passengers had once been barred from Havana and had then made an unsuccessful attempt to disembark at Veracruz, Mexico. Cuban officials checked their papers, allowed six to land and told the others they must wait for a decision by President Bru.

The 96 refugees sat silent and glum in the smoking room as their credentials were being checked. They had been locked in this room when the ship left Veracruz to prevent any of them from leaping overboard. The passengers include penniless Greta Guggenheim, whose husband is in Havana and who expects a baby in three months, and Alfred Loew and his wife with their nine-month-old baby.

Officers of the Flandre said that if the passengers cannot land here the ship will probably try the Dominican Republic before returning to St. Nazaire, France. Meanwhile, M. Grousset, French Charge d'Affaires in Havana, after visiting the ship toured the offices of influential Government officials seeking entry for the wanderers.

Refugee Body Gets Dominican Report

LONDON, June 8. (JTA) -- Intergovernmental Refugee Committee officials have received and are now studying a report on refugee colonization prospects in the Dominican Republic prepared by an experts commission sponsored by President Roosevelt's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees. The report is described as offering a basis for further action.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE RECAST AS NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE, INC.; BROAD PROGRAM MAPPED

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- Reorganization of the National Coordinating Committee for Refugees into a broad and centralized National Refugee Service, Inc., has been undertaken, it was learned today, in order to deal with the growing and increasingly complex refugee problem.

Revamping of the committee, which was founded in 1934, from a coordinating into a functional agency, dealing with refugees regardless of origin, will generally follow the lines of a program drawn up by Harry Greenstein, executive director of the Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore, who last month completed a study of the functioning of the committee and its affiliated agencies undertaken at the request of the committee's board of directors.

The reorganization, now in its initial stages, will be carried out as a gradual process requiring several months, with details of the plan modified as experience dictates. Announcement of the adoption of the new name, structure and board of directors is expected to be made some time next week.

Dr. William Haber, who was Professor of Economics at the University of Michigan and formerly Emergency Relief Administrator for the State of Michigan, has been chosen for the key post of executive director of the projected National Refugee Service, Inc. He will be "the chief administrative officer with broad authority to implement the work of the organization with such administrative procedures as may appear necessary."

Under the Greenstein plan there will be eight centralized departments, whose heads will be responsible to the executive director. Over the executive director will be an executive committee, functioning with the aid of a Consultative Refugee Council, which will comprise non-Jewish groups. Above the executive committee and at the top of the structure will be a "truly national" board of directors.

The eight departments are as follows: (a) Immigration, (b) Resettlement, (c) Employment, (d) Special Categories, (e) Relief and Case Work, (f) Information and Research, (g) Comptroller, (h) Central Office Management.

Summarizing the study in the current issue of Notes and News, organ of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Mr. Greenstein declares:

"No one can examine the present method of operation without being immediately conscious of the fact that the present organizational structure is not geared to the effective administration of a program which for the year 1939 may involve the expenditure of \$2,500,000 or more. When the National Coordinating Committee was set up, it was impossible to foresee the extent and complexity of the refugee program -- its growth in volume and its implications not only in New York but throughout the country."

The reorganization study itself, contained in a 46-page pamphlet, lays stress on the benefits to be gained from centralization and elimination of duplication of activities.

"Intake for resettlement should not be the responsibility of the four local agencies in New York City," the report states, "but should be a part of the function of the centralized Intake Department to be set up. A carefully planned resettlement program is one of the most important and challenging problems facing the Jews of America. Jewish communities throughout the country at the present time have indicated a willingness to accept more refugees from

New York for resettlement than the Resettlement Division is able to supply. There is a very real need to develop resettlement-mindedness on the part of the refugees in New York City. From the moment refugees arrive in this country, steps should be taken to stimulate a desire and willingness on their part to settle outside New York City. The centralization of intake, the reduction of the waiting period at intake and a closer integration of the Resettlement Division with the Central Relief and Employment Departments of the new agency to be created, will help tremendously in increasing the flow of refugees out of New York."

NEW REFUGEE CAMPS ON REICH-POLISH BORDER AS NAZIS OUST JEWS

WARSAW, June 8. (JTA) -- New camps of outcast refugees sprang up in the German-Polish "no-man's-land" today as the Warsaw Government refused admission to hundreds of Jews expelled from the Reich.

Groups of from 10 to 40 persons repeatedly crossed the frontier at Zbonszyn and Bytom, only to be driven back. It was estimated that approximately 2,000 Jews had been forced out of the Reich at various frontier points and were now marooned in the "no-man's-land."

A special train from Vienna arrived at Hindenburg in German Upper Silesia with 2,000 Jews, who were split into small groups and driven toward the frontier. Ninety of this group were arrested by Polish border guards at Rudaslonska and sent back to the "no-man's-land." Another 78 of these Jews were expelled at revolver point by the Germans and refused admission at the Polish border.

The expulsions continued during the night. The position of the Jewish Refugee Committee in Warsaw is desperate, its funds being completely exhausted.

MANDATES COMMISSION OPENS SESSION; PALESTINE PROBLEM TO BE AIRED NEXT WEEK

GENEVA, June 8. (JTA) -- The League of Nations Mandates Commission opened its session today. Pierre Orts of Belgium, chairman, expressed satisfaction that Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald of Britain would attend the session. His presence, said Prof. William Rappard of Switzerland, vice-chairman, should give the commission an opportunity for closer examination of Britain's new Palestine policy.

This view was shared by M. Orts, who reported that many petitions had been submitted to the commission, most of them in regard to Palestine. These, he said, will be discussed at the end of the session. This morning's session was attended by Jewish delegations which have come to Geneva to observe the deliberations on Palestine, but the Arab delegation was not present.

Dr. Ben-Zion Mossinsohn, Palestine Zionist leader, has arrived here to give explanations to the commission about the memorandum submitted by the Jewish National Council of Palestine. A delegation from the New Zionist Organization headed by A. Abrahams and Dr. Riebensfeld conferred with commission members, as did delegations from Poland, Rumania, Turkey and others which discussed with commission members the background of illegal immigration into Palestine.

The commission is expected to consider the Palestine problem from next Wednesday until Saturday.

Palestine Official Deplores Britons' Attacks on Jews

JERUSALEM, June 8. (JTA) -- A Government representative today voiced the first public expression of regret over recent attacks against unoffending Jews by individual members of British forces. Replying to a protest by a delegation from the Jerusalem Jewish Community, District Commissioner Edward Keith-Roach said further incidents of the kind would not be tolerated, whether soldiers or police were involved.

Meanwhile, the Mea Shearim quarter of Jerusalem was put under 48-hour curfew in punishment for the slaying of an Arab there yesterday morning. Jewish cafes and cinemas in the district were ordered closed for two more nights.

Major-Gen. Richard N. O'Connor, in a statement explaining the punishment, said that a Jew had murdered the Arab in full view of other Jews who had not attempted to intervene and had subsequently refused to give evidence. "Lip service to non-violence is useless," he declared, "if the Jewish community does not act to check its criminals or to assist the authorities."

In a sharp reply to the statement, the Laborite newspaper Davar said the Government "which never showed a capacity to maintain order places the responsibility upon a people without the means of governing."

The refugees who landed illegally from a Greek schooner near Naharia yesterday were revealed today to have been transferred for the most part from the Greek ship Assimi, which several weeks ago had put back to sea after being seized off the Palestine coast and held ten days in Haifa harbor. Their number is put at 245.

BULLETINExplosions Rock Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, June 8. (JTA) -- A series of tremendous explosions in various quarters rocked Jerusalem tonight. Some occurred in King George Avenue, one of the city's main thoroughfares, some near the power station. Lights failed in several parts of the city.

Jews' Non-Cooperation in Palestine Held Unlike Gandhi's

LONDON, June 8. (JTA) -- Jewish non-cooperation with British policy in Palestine has little in common with the Gandhi type in India, it was declared editorially today in the Zionist Review, official organ of the British Zionist Federation. While the Jews are determined to secure a reversal in Palestine policy, the editorial pointed out, they entertain no hostility towards Great Britain and oppose the policy "in the spirit of His Majesty's Opposition."

GESTAPO SEALS JEWISH BUILDINGS IN CZECH CITY, ARRESTS B'NAI B'RITH MEMBERS

LONDON, June 8. (JTA) -- Advices from Prague said today that the Gestapo had sealed the Jewish community building and synagogue in the city of Budweis, closed down all other Jewish organizations and arrested members of the B'nai B'rith, Jewish fraternal society.

At Koenigraetz, the Aryan Cultural Union which was recently founded to propagate racial anti-Semitism among the Czechs, unsuccessfully attempted to hold a public meeting. The Czech public protested against the proposed meeting, while the Sokol and other organizations and individuals refused to put their halls at the disposal of the anti-Semites.

HIGH ARMY MEN SEE MOSELEY AS MENACE TO PRESTIGE OF SERVICE

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- General Malin Craig, chief of staff of the United States Army, and other high Army officers regard Major-Gen. George Van Horn Moseley (retired) "only as a menace to the prestige of the service," it was declared today by Kenneth G. Crawford in an article, "Moseley Loses His Horse," in the current issue of The Nation.

The writer, Washington correspondent of the liberal weekly, revealed that prior to Moseley's appearance before the Dies committee on un-American activities an emissary in the service had been sent to him to suggest that "he hold his irresponsible tongue in the interest of preserving the dignity of the army."

"When this failed," the correspondent said, "the War Department considered disciplinary measures but was dissuaded from acting by President Roosevelt himself. The attitude of the army toward the whole affair has been reassuring."

Mr. Crawford said that with his testimony before the Dies committee, Moseley "stepped out of the picture as the man on horseback. They once laughed at Hitler, to be sure, but no nation with a strong feeling for the ludicrous ever followed a Moseley."

QUAKER BODY PUTS OUT PAMPHLET REFUTING MISCONCEPTIONS ON REFUGEES

PHILADELPHIA, June 8. (JTA) -- Pointing out that the 1938 net immigration to the United States represents less than four-thousandths of one per cent of our population, the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) in a pamphlet, "Refugee Facts," declares that the solution of the refugee problem does not present difficulties that cannot be overcome by "intelligent assistance, common sense, a little energy, ingenuity and good will toward men."

The pamphlet, issued by the Committee on Refugees of the American Friends Service Committee, of which D. Robert Yarnall is chairman, carries a foreword by Dr. Rufus M. Jones, chairman of the Friends, and Clarence Pickett, executive secretary. "Refugee Facts" explains the Quaker interest in humanitarian work in behalf of children, and recalls that during the four years following the World War, the Friends, supported by American generosity, fed a maximum of 1,200,000 German children a day. The pamphlet provides statistical information to refute several popularly held misconceptions about refugees.

250 HONOR SOHEM ASCH AT U.J.A. DINNER

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- More than 250 writers and Jewish leaders paid tribute to the literary achievements of Sholem Asch, leading Yiddish novelist and playwright, at a testimonial dinner last night in the Commodore Hotel on behalf of the emergency campaign of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs. Speakers included Abraham Cahan, editor of the Jewish Daily Forward; Dr. Solomon Goldman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Edward M.M. Warburg, executive chairman of the New York campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, who was toastmaster.

ST. LOUIS IS "SADDEST SHIP AFLOAT TODAY," N.Y. TIMES DECLARES

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- Terming the German liner St. Louis with its cargo of refugees, "the saddest ship afloat today," the New York Times said editorially today that "Germany, with all the hospitality of its concentration camps, will welcome these unfortunates home." "Perhaps Cuba, as her spokesmen say, has already taken too many German refugees," the editorial continued. "Yet all these 900 asked was a temporary haven."