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ADDED FUNDS SEEN NEEDED TO COMPLETE DOMINICAN REFUGEE SETTLEMENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- James N. Rosenberg, president of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, conferred with State Department officials today and afterwards announced that it would be necessary to raise additional funds to complete the work of settling 500 refugee families and several hundred unmarried young men and women in the Dominican Republic.

Rosenberg is attempting to iron out difficulties encountered in the chartering of a ship to transport the refugees from Europe to Rio Plata, the port where the refugees will disembark.

Meanwhile, the State Department has completed conversations in neutral countries to facilitate the careful selection of those families chosen for the pioneer settlement. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is cooperating in selecting the families, who are now residing temporarily in neutral countries.

"Token groups" will be taken from the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries and concentrated in a neutral port, where they will embark en masse on the chartered American ship.

Van Zeeland, Trujillo Confer

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Ex-Premier Paul van Zeeland of Belgium, president of the Coordinating Foundation for Refugees, who arrived here Friday by Pan-American Clipper, yesterday met Generalissimo Rafael L. Trujillo with whom he plans to visit the 24,000-acre Sosua tract, contributed by Trujillo for refugee colonization.

ANTI-NAZI PROPAGANDA BANNED IN SOVIET POLAND

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Anti-German propaganda is forbidden in Soviet-occupied Poland, it was reported here today by 25 Palestine citizens upon their arrival from that territory via Rumania.

The Palestinians, who had been stranded in Poland by outbreak of the war and were permitted to leave only after intervention of the British Embassy in Moscow, also reported that food was difficult to obtain in Soviet Poland, prices were greatly inflated and queues started in front of food stores at three a.m. They also said that Zionists in Lwow had been subjected to grave difficulties as a result of denunciation by Communists.

PROPERTY OF 89 SEIZED IN PALESTINE AS WAR MEASURE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government has seized the property of 89 persons and placed it under control of the Enemy Property Custodian, it was learned today.

Seizure of the property was carried out under the "Trading With the Enemy" ordinance. Those affected included members of the German Templar Colony and Jews of both German and Polish citizenship.

910 JEWS ENTERED PALESTINE IN JANUARY; 43 NEW FIRMS IN WEEK

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The statistical department of the Jewish Agency reported today that 910 Jewish immigrants had entered Palestine in January.

The Official Gazette reported that 43 new enterprises were registered in Palestine in one week. They include ten private and six limited companies having an aggregate capital of £56,000. A land development company has been registered to "acquire land and buildings." It has a capital of £10,000.

NEW SURVEY FINDS NEGEV UNSUITED FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28th. (JTA - By Mail) -- Intensive Jewish agricultural development of the Negev, the arid southern district of Palestine which constitutes almost half the country, has been practically ruled out of question by recent scientific investigations.

Field studies and experiments by the leading expert on the soils of Palestine Dr. Adolf Reifenberg of the Hebrew University, show that the underground water, even in the more promising northern part of the Negev, near Beersheba, is too salty for irrigation, while Government experiments in attempting to dam rain water for the same purpose have shown this method also to be impracticable, because of the enormously high rate of evaporation and seepage, which results in most of the dammed water vanishing early in the dry season.

Furthermore, Dr. Michael Even-Ari, Hebrew University biologist, stated here that the peculiar combination of climatic and soil conditions in the Negev may make irrigation actually dangerous to the fertility of the soil, since it may result in bringing deep-lying salty deposits to the surface and ruining the top-soil. This has actually occurred in some citrus groves in the southern parts of the coastal citrus belt.

In disclosing the result of his investigations, Dr. Reifenberg pointed out that it might have political as well as economic significance. While not entirely ruling out the possibility of Jewish colonization in this region, Dr. Reifenberg said, his research indicated that if it were attempted it would have to be on a much more modest scale than had been proposed.

The one remaining possibility for developing the region, which had not been fully investigated, he said, was the improvement of dry-farming methods. Dr. Reifenberg disclosed that Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, director of the Soil Conservation Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture, who visited Palestine last year had suggested the adoption of the "basin-listing" method of ploughing lately developed in the United States, to make fullest possible use of the Negev's scanty rainfall.

LONDON SHOP WINDOWS SLASHED IN BLACKOUT

LONDON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The windows of 15 shops in London's West End were slashed during last night's blackout and the word Jew was inscribed on some.

FINNISH JEWS APPEAL TO LONDON GROUP FOR MATZOth

LONDON, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Helsinki Jewish Community has cabled an appeal to the Anglo-Jewish Polish Refugee Fund here to send 4,000 kilograms of matzoth for Finnish Jewry. The Fund is trying to arrange dispatch of the matzoth from Stockholm or Riga. The Finnish Jewish population totals less than 2,000.

BLIND JEWESESSES SAVED FROM POLAND BY ESPERANTISTS

LONDON, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Esperantists have succeeded in rescuing from Poland a number of blind Jewish girls, it was reported today to British representatives of the Universal Association of Blind Esperantists. Two of the girls have been brought to England and several others to Sweden.

Esperanto, a universal language, was founded by the late Dr. Ludwig Zamenhof a Polish Jewish physician. The entire Zamenhof family, including a daughter who recently lectured in the United States, was reported to have been arrested in Warsaw shortly after the Nazi occupation.

MINISTERS EAT KOSHER DINNER, SING HEBREW SONGS

FALL RIVER, Mass. Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Fall River Ministerial Association ate a kosher dinner and sang Palestinian songs when it met at the Temple Beth-El here for its monthly meeting.

The kosher meal was served by the Sisterhood. Rabbi Jacob Freedman of Temple Beth-El led the singing of Hebrew melodies. A round-table discussion of "The Christian Front and the National Conference of Jews and Christians" was a feature of the meeting.

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Pilgrim Body Hears Talk on Zionism

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Rabbi Samuel A. Friedman of this community noted as the landing place of the Pilgrims, delivered a lecture on Zionism before members of the Pilgrim Ministers' Association. The talk was requested by the organization after several of the members heard Rabbi Morris Lazon of Baltimore, deliver an attack on political Zionism over the Message of Israel radio program some time ago.

BRITISH CHURCH PAPER HITS NAZI TREATMENT OF 'INFERIOR PEOPLE'

LONDON, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The well-known church organ Record denounces in its current issue the "gross inhumanity of the Nazi treatment of so-called inferior people" as a "crime exceedingly foul, for which those responsible must sooner or later answer at the bar of history."

An editorial declares that the people who continued to protest against the injustice of the Versailles Treaty were daily showing themselves devoid of any spar

of generosity or even of ordinary humanity and, "while demanding living room, are making it impossible for other peoples to live at all except under the shadow of persecution and murder."

"Christian ethic in practice if not in theory," the paper states "is completely rejected; pagan savagery is the hallmark of Nazi rule."

3,749 JEWS IN EIRE, CENSUS REVEALS

DUBLIN, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of Eire totals 3,749, according to the latest census, representing an increase of 63 since 1926.

JEWS WARNED NOT TO SEND FOOD PACKAGES TO REICH

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Declaring that food packages sent to Jews in Germany were in many cases diverted for German soldiers at the front, Der Aufbau, New York German-Jewish weekly, warns editorially that "to send food packages to Germany means to support Hitler." The editorial, captioned "Hitler's Food Package Plan," states that the Nazi Government has organized the movement among Germans abroad to send food packages to the Reich in order to evade the Allied blockade.

HEINRICH STAHL, BERLIN JEWISH LEADER SINCE 1933, TO SETTLE IN BRUSSELS

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Heinrich Stahl, 70-year-old president of the Berlin Jewish Community, is emigrating to Brussels, where his children live, it was learned here today. The Gestapo has not yet designated his successor. Dr. Stahl was the leader of the Berlin Jews since the Spring of 1933.

WEIZMANN SIGNS NEW WORLD FAIR CONTRACT FOR PALESTINE PAVILION

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency today signed documents renewing participation of the Jewish Palestine Pavilion in the New York World's Fair at a ceremony in the Fair board of directors' room at the Empire State Building.

The Palestine Pavilion at the 1940 Fair, Dr. Weizmann said, "will give renewed evidence of the determination of the Jewish people to stand among the builders of the future and of the deep conviction that in the world of tomorrow Jewish Palestine will play a significant role."

It was announced that 2,339,700 persons had visited the pavilion in 1939. It is planned to bring the Palestine "Panorama" at the pavilion up to date by including the new settlements.

WORK ON 12 NEW POLICE STATIONS STARTED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Twenty draftsmen have started work on plans for the construction of 12 new police stations for Palestine villages, it was announced today. The stations are being constructed along lines proposed by Sir Charles Tegart, police adviser to the Palestine Administration during the Arab disorders. They will cost £250,000.