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HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVES \$15,000,000 POLISH RELIEF BILL

WASHINGTON, April 16. (JTA) -- The House Foreign Affairs Committee today reported favorably, with amendments, the Kee bill providing \$15,000,000 for Polish relief.

The committee changed the title of the bill so as to include "and other similarly afflicted areas" with Poland. This was done to provide relief for countries near Poland into which thousands of refugees have poured.

The bill now goes to the House calendar awaiting action by the whole House. It will not have to be approved by the Appropriations Committee. Proponents of the resolution were elated by the Foreign Affairs Committee action and predicted favorable action in the House. They admitted they would meet stronger opposition in the Senate.

BELGIUM ORDERS OUSTING OF FOREIGNERS WHO ENTERED SINCE MARCH; WATCHES 'SUSPECT ALIENS'

BRUSSELS, April 16. (JTA) -- Immediate expulsion of all foreigners who have entered Belgium since the end of March was ordered today by the Government. The measure was one of the emergency steps taken by the Cabinet to reinforce anti-espionage control. Special surveillance will be kept over all foreigners who are suspect in any way.

The Government is establishing a concentration camp at Ruysselede, Western Flanders, for suspect aliens.

The Belgian Government has also prohibited transportation, circulation and sale of the anti-Semitic weekly journal National Socialiste Volk en Vaderland, now published in the Netherlands and circulating in Flemish regions of Belgium.

500 REPATRIATED GERMANS TURN OUT TO BE "NON-ARYAN," LONDON HEARS

LONDON, April 16. (JTA) -- Some of the 60,000 Germans repatriated from Lithuania and Estonia have been discovered by the Reich authorities to have Jewish grandparents, the Daily Telegraph reported today.

About 40 of the repatriates, the newspaper said, have 50 per cent Jewish blood, while more than 500 have 25 per cent. These, the Telegraph reported, have been "packed in trucks and sent to the Lublin Jewish 'reservation'" in Nazi Poland.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT PAPER BLAMES JEWS FOR SPREAD OF WAR

BUDAPEST, April 16. (JTA) -- A new anti-Semitic drive by the Nazis and their sympathizers began today when Stephen Milotay, editor-in-chief of the Government party's organ Uj Magyarsag, editorially denounced "tendentious news" in the Budapest press and radio, blaming Hungarian Jews in particular and "international Jewry" in general.

Quoting the recent Nazi White Book, Milotay said it proved that Jews were seeking to extend the theater of war in order that Gentiles on both sides might "exterminate themselves and leave the Jews in power."

At the same time the weekly newspaper Hetfo, pro-Government organ, attacked expatriate Hungarian journalists, especially the editors of the Parisi Kurir, for "poisoning" the atmosphere by smuggling into Hungary pro-Allied propaganda. Hetfo concluded that despite the two "Jewish laws," the "hundred-headed hydra is more active than ever."

Meanwhile, newspapers supporting the Arrow-Cross Party, Hungarian Nazi organization, demanded the suppression of the liberal, pro-Jewish Esti Kurir and Count Stephen Bethlen's conservative anti-Nazi newspaper 8-Orai Ujsag, accusing them of being "hysterical and anti-Hungarian" by hinting that Hungary and other neutrals were endangered by the German conquest of Denmark and Norway and referring to Hungary's military weakness.

BERLIN JEWISH LEADER BARRED FROM EMIGRATING BY GESTAPO

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA) -- Heinrich Stahl, president of the Berlin Jewish Community, has been prohibited by the Gestapo from emigrating, according to private advices received here today.

The 70-year-old Jewish leader had planned to move to Brussels, where his children live. He had made all preparations to leave and had bade farewell to the Jewish community when the Gestapo ordered him to remain indefinitely as a hostage and resume his duties.

These advices also said that the Zionist Organization in Berlin was daily sending 50 persons ready for emigration to the Hilfverein der Juden in Deutschland, most of whom were obliged to leave Germany illegally, without valid visas for any country.

BILL WOULD BAN FALSELY-LABELED MEAT FROM INTERSTATE COMMERCE

WASHINGTON, April 16. (JTA) -- Rep. M. Michael Edelstein (Dem., N.Y.) today introduced a bill which would make transportation in interstate commerce of meat falsely represented as kosher a Federal offense, punishable by a \$5,000 fine, imprisonment up to one year or both. The bill was referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

BILL BANNING ENTRY NOT RACIAL ACT, CHILEAN OFFICIAL HOLDS

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 16. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Cristobal Saenz today told President Samuel Goren of the Chilean Zionist Organization and President Don Gil Sinay of the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association that the official suspension of Jewish immigration to Chile did not constitute racial discrimination. In an audience lasting one hour, Dr. Saenz declared that the Government ban was directed against all foreigners.

SANTIAGO, April 8. (JTA-Airmail) -- Comment was aroused in the Chilean press by the help-wanted advertisement of the local German department store, Oberpaur, which said that only "pure Aryans" need apply. The advertisement was published in El Mercurio, Chile's largest newspaper.

La Critica, leftist evening newspaper, declared editorially: "Chileans will not stand idly by while Germans in Chile seek to introduce racial prejudice. We do not wish our democratic country to be poisoned by Mr. Oberpaur, who could not make a living in his own fatherland and therefore emigrated to Chile."

PALESTINE APPROVES LOANS TO AID CITRUS GROWERS

JERUSALEM, April 16. (JTA) -- High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael announced in a radio broadcast last night that the Government has approved loans to citrus growers for the 1940-41 season. The loans will be granted by local banks on the Palestine Government's guarantee from the Treasury surplus.

The High Commissioner emphasized that the united appearance of Arab and Jewish growers made it easier for him to make representations to the Government in London. He said a citrus control board would be established at the end of May.

New Factories Opened

WASHINGTON, April 16. (JTA) -- Opening of new industrial establishments in Palestine since Jan. 1 were reported to the Commerce Department today by Consul Christian T. Steger in Jerusalem.

A new citrus alcohol factory at Tel Mond, on the coastal plane, is now in full operation, working three eight-hour shifts daily.

Production of rubber-coated textiles was begun recently at Haifa, with cloth supplied from local sources and the finished product sold in Palestine as raincoats. A modern fish-canning plant established in Haifa at the beginning of the year is working at full capacity and planning to increase production.

A cardboard factory has been established at Tel Aviv which is dependent on import of raw material. In Haifa Bay, a new factory is manufacturing buttons from camel-bone with modern machinery.

REFUGEES ORGANIZE CONGREGATION IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA) -- A religious congregation in Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, organized by German Jewish refugees almost immediately upon their arrival there, now has a membership of 150 and a fully-planned program of religious service and education, according to word received by the United Synagogue of America.

President of the new synagogue, which has been named Centro Israelita, is Simon Rothschild, former food salesman from Germany. Rabbi H. Ucko, the spiritual leader and teacher of the Centro Israelita, is a survivor of the S.S. Simon Bolivar, which was mined in the North Sea last November 18th.

The Agudath Israel announced the sending of matzoth, two Scrolls of the Law, a number of prayer books and other religious articles to Ciudad Trujillo, in reply to a request from Rabbi Joseph Steinmetz there.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS PAY TRIBUTE TO D'AVIGDOR GOLDSMID

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA) -- Tribute to Sir Osmond d'Avigdor Goldsmid, who died on Sunday, was voiced today in statements by the Joint Distribution Committee and the Joint Reconstruction Foundation's American group.

"Sir Osmond d'Avigdor Goldsmid was one of the most valued colleagues of the Joint Distribution Committee," said the J.D.C. statement. "His sincere interest in the many phases of J.D.C. activity and his helpful attitude manifested themselves on numerous occasions. As President of the Jewish Colonization Association, he gave unparalleled leadership and devotion to the many worthwhile endeavors of that organization...The officers and members of the J.D.C. are saddened by the loss of Sir Osmond, whose outstanding qualities of leadership, initiative and energy will be sorely missed at this critical juncture in Jewish life." (Signed) Paul Baerwald, chairman; Edward M.M. Warburg, co-chairman; James N. Rosenberg, chairman, executive committee.

"Sir Osmond was the co-founder with the late Sir Leonard Cohen and Franz Philipsson of the American Joint Reconstruction Foundation which during the last two decades has been carrying on a great economic and social reconstruction effort for the Jews in Europe," said the Foundation statement. "Sir Osmond's inspiring leadership qualities and his great personal sacrifices in this work have always merited the profoundest gratitude of American Jewry. His death, occurring in this tragic period of Jewish and world history, is an irreparable loss. The American members of the American Joint Reconstruction Foundation express their heartfelt sympathies and condolences to Sir Osmond's family, to the Jewish Colonization Association, of which he was President, and to the American Joint Reconstruction Foundation, of which he was chairman." (Signed) Alexander A. Landesco, chairman, American members Joint Reconstruction Foundation.

REFUGEES, PALESTINIANS HARD AT WORK IN BRITISH PIONEER UNITS

LONDON, April 16. (JTA) -- Life in the Palestine Pioneer Corps and the German Refugee Pioneer units attached to the British Expeditionary Forces in France is described in a lengthy article in the Jewish Times. Stressing the good comradeship prevailing between the Jewish and Arab volunteers in the Palestine unit, the article dwells upon the large variety of elements represented in the corps.

"Austrian doctors, Rumanian lawyers, builders and laborers from the industrial proletariat of Tel Aviv and Arab tillers of the soil shout rhythmically in their own languages as they heave a section of railway track into position along the sleepers (ties). In one camp there is a Swiss Jew who formerly specialized in clinical research who has little to stimulate his imagination in the morning

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sick parade. Most of his work consists of tending minor coughs, colds, healing cuts and bruises caused by swinging girders or flying chips of stone. In the same camp one of the sergeants is a Pole who holds a degree from Warsaw University.

"In the recreation hut, a fair-haired Viennese boy bent over the strings of a piano was introduced as a former student of (Vladimir) Horowitz and the most brilliant of a fine team of pianists which the camp possesses. Soon after he finished tuning it he was heaving timber planks into position along an embankment which marks of the track of a new troop line.

"The German units are equally diverse in composition. The discipline is magnificent. The relations between the men and their English officers are warm and often expressed in pathetic fashion. Throughout the German unit, hatred of the Nazi regime is intense. Many, especially Jews who form the majority, are looking towards Palestine for the future, trying to forget the land in which they were born. German songs are unpopular. The pioneers, as they step along to work in the morning, prefer to whistle 'Tipperary' and other old songs from the last war.

"Many of the Jews are devout worshippers. The sergeant who acts as a rabbi holds services in a hut before an improvised tabernacle. Yet even religious scruples have been waived in the deep passion of the moment.

"Their only quarrel with the administration is that they have not each been provided with a field gun and 100 rounds. The standard of industrial administration and talent possessed by these German pioneers is high. Many officers express the hope that some will be drafted to the Royal Engineers, where their abilities would find wider scope."

Revisionist Sees Possibility of Jewish Army of 200,000

LONDON, April 16. (JTA) -- Abraham Abrahams, head of the political department of the New Zionist Organization, discussing the N.Z.O.'s plan for a Jewish army at a press conference, said he believed it possible to recruit 200,000 men in various countries of the Old and New World.

Delegations are popularizing the idea in the United States and Argentina, he said, and it is also hoped to obtain substantial support in the Balkans. Steps have been taken in London to contact parliamentarians favoring the proposal in order to form a parliamentary committee to press the proposal.

HEBREW EDUCATION COMMITTEE ELECTS COUNCIL

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA) -- Representatives of 45 Hebrew schools in Greater New York have been named to the council of the Committee on Orthodox Hebrew Education in New York; it was announced today following a meeting of the committee at the offices of the Mizrahi Organization of America. Gedalia Bublick, honorary president of Mizrahi, is chairman of the committee.

JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA SOCIETY TO VISIT 135 COLLEGES IN 44 STATES

CINCINNATI, April 16. (JTA) -- Arthur Strauss, Chicago, chairman of the executive committee of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, announced today that 135 colleges in 44 states are being visited by a speaking staff of nearly 100 rabbis in various parts of the country. This represents an increase of 50 per cent over previous records for a single academic year.