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PALESTINE JEWS STAGE WORK STOPPAGE AS 1,700 REFUGEES FORCED TO LEAVE

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The half million Jews of Palestine staged a general stoppage of work and business yesterday as two boatloads of 1,772 European Jewish refugees were forced to leave Haifa port, it was reliably learned here today.

The refugees, including about 1,000 men, 600 women and 172 children, whose arrival at Haifa was revealed on Nov. 11, were refused permission to land and were understood to have left the port yesterday for an undisclosed destination.

The refusal of the authorities to permit the refugees to land caused widespread protest, culminating in the general stoppage, according to messages received in London. Few details of the demonstration were received immediately, but it was stated that all sections of the Jewish community participated.

The refugees, 1,062 on one ship and 710 on the second, were believed to be groups which had been shunted from port to port on the Danube for several months until they finally managed to cross the Mediterranean.

The fever pitch of resentment aroused among Palestine Jews over the treatment of the refugees was indicated by the fact that a special meeting of the Asefath Hanivcharim (Jewish parliament) in Jerusalem on Nov. 11 reached complete unanimity among all parties on a course of action to be taken.

A.F.L. Sends Appeal

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- On behalf of the American Federation of Labor, President William Green has cabled to British Labor Minister Ernest Bevin urging intervention with the Palestine Government for admission of some 1,700 Jewish refugees who have been barred from landing at Haifa, it was disclosed today.

The message said that the refugees came to Palestine by right and asked that they be admitted at least for the duration of the war. It added that efforts on behalf of the refugees would be appreciated by American labor and all friends of Britain. The cable was sent at the behest of a group of Jewish delegates to the A.F.L. convention who visited Green and placed the case before him.

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JEWS OUSTED FROM APARTMENTS IN PARIS

VICHY, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The German authorities in Paris are requiring all landlords to submit lists of their Jewish tenants, it was reported here today. Jewish-owned apartments in many cases have been requisitioned by the Germans, especially where the tenants have moved into unoccupied France.

J.T.A. Office Wrecked

✓ VICHY, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The offices of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Paris have been completely wrecked by the Nazis, according to information reaching Vichy today.

Important files of the office had been destroyed by the staff when it evacuated Paris two days before the occupation. Soon after the German entry, Nazi agents raided the J.T.A. headquarters, demolished furniture, typewriters and other office equipment and destroyed what remained of the archives. The Nazi agents demanded to know the whereabouts of every member of the staff. The J.T.A. office in Paris had functioned about 20 years.

Plan Aid for 7,000 Expelled Jews

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- In response to an urgent appeal for aid, the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association office in Marseille is sending a representative to Camp de Gurs, where 7,000 Jews expelled from Baden and Pfalz are interned, to arrange for emigration of as many as possible, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society here disclosed today.

The appeal was sent by one of the leaders of the refugees, a former president of the Baden Jewish community. It was stated that the expelled German Jews faced death by starvation unless they were rescued. A preliminary report prepared by the HIAS-ICA in Marseille indicated that a number of the exiles could be rescued. A complete list of the internees is being prepared and will be made available soon, it was stated.

BULGARIAN PARLIAMENT SHELVES ALL OTHER WORK TO ACT ON ANTI-JEWISH LAW

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The Times reported from Sofia today that parliamentary debate on the Bulgarian anti-Jewish bill, which was postponed on Monday, had been hurriedly resumed and given precedence over all other parliamentary work. The newspaper said the belief was widespread that the Sofia Government would have to resign as soon as the law was passed.

An amendment to the bill which would limit Jewish fortunes to 30,000 levas per person has been introduced by Deputy Kostoff. Parliament also was faced with a demand by Deputy Christof that the law be applied wholly and rigorously.

The bill would bar Jews from Government, municipal and army service and limit them in the professions according to their proportion in population. It stipulates that persons of Jewish descent may not hold posts in communal or State services and may not own land. Persons of Jewish descent are prohibited from working as authors and journalists or in the film and theatrical businesses.

JEWS FORCED TO REPAIR EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE IN RUMANIA

BUCHAREST, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Unemployed Jews between 15 and 50 years of age in the Prahova district have been ordered to join labor gangs to repair earthquake damage, it was disclosed today. Those evading the labor service are threatened with internment in concentration camps. The order does not apply to men already employed for a minimum of six hours daily.

SALONICA JEWISH MERCHANTS AID DEFENSE FUND

SALONICA, Greece, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Jewish merchants have made a first contribution of 1,000,000 drachmas to the national war subscription, it was announced today.

Rabbi Hertz Voices Hope for Greek Victory

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- A message expressing hope for a Greek victory over Italy was cabled to Chief Rabbi Zvi Hirsch Koretz of Salonica today by British Chief Rabbi J.H. Hertz in response to a plea asking transmission to heads of the churches in Britain of a protest against the bombing of civilians in Salonica.

"British men and women, who are now enduring indiscriminate bombings for many months, fully sympathize with the victims of the latest exhibition of Fascist barbarism against your brave country and community," Dr. Hertz's message said. "May God speedily send victory to all the fighters for freedom."

BRITISH ZIONIST ORGAN HITS RUTENBERG PLAN

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The Zionist Review, organ of the British Zionist Federation, today editorially condemned Pinchas Rutenberg's plan for Palestine Jewish unity through abandonment of the party system as leading not towards unity but regimental uniformity.

The net effect of Rutenberg's statement, the editorial said, is to strengthen the forces which in the past have disturbed Jewish unity. Rutenberg performed no service to the community by launching an irrational attack on the Histadruth and an unreasoned tirade against political parties, the paper asserted.

The Review urged for the Yishuv the kind of cooperation worked out among parties in Britain, but said difficulties lay in the agglomeration of small parties of the right founded for the most part by "elements yearning for the limelight and power, against which stands the labor movement, which has made a solid contribution to Palestine and occupies a commanding position built up by democratic means."

The editorial said Rutenberg's request that labor abdicate would not be regarded as fair to the vast labor element.

ATTLEE EXPLAINS REFUSAL OF AMERICAN RED CROSS AID FOR PALESTINE

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Lord Privy Seal Clement R. Attlee denied in Commons yesterday that the Palestine Government's decision to decline American Red Cross aid for air raid victims had been taken on political grounds. Replying to a question by

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Laborite Geoffrey Mander, Major Attlee said the Palestine Government did not view the situation as an emergency ordinarily requiring an appeal for assistance abroad since the needs of victims and dependents could be met by local organizations' existing funds supplemented by Government grants, British Red Cross, donations and private gifts.

ROOSEVELT, LEHMAN AND LA GUARDIA ENDORSE "NIGHT OF STARS"

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt, Governor Lehman and Mayor LaGuardia have joined in endorsing the seventh annual "Night of Stars," which will be presented at Madison Square Garden next Wednesday night for the benefit of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs.

In messages which will be published in the 1940 United Palestine Appeal Yearbook to be issued next Wednesday, the officials lauded the work of refugee immigration and settlement in Palestine. The messages were addressed to Housing Administrator Nathan Straus, chairman of "Night of Stars."

Roosevelt sent "hearty felicitations" to "all who work through the United Palestine Appeal to lessen human suffering, restore hope to the desolate and to bring happiness into the lives of the wretched." Governor Lehman declared that "the forward progress of reconstruction of Palestine by the Jews represents an example of faith and idealism of far-reaching significance for the future of all mankind." Mayor LaGuardia said, "Palestine has not only been a great ideal, but an outstanding factor in bringing hope and promise to large numbers of homeless men and women."

JEWISH COMMUNITY GROUPS TO AID DRAFTEES STRESSED AT PARLEY

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The immediate necessity of setting up local army and navy committees, representative of all groups and organizations in each Jewish community, to serve the needs of Jewish young men already in the Army and Navy or about to be inducted as a result of the Selective Service Act was urged by Col. Max R. Wainer, of Philadelphia, member of the National Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board, at the Second Annual Conference of the Midwest Section of the Jewish Welfare Board last weekend. Nineteen communities from 14 states sent 130 delegates to the two-day conference.

Louis Kraft, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Board, said the Board had had a continuing program of service to Jewish soldiers and sailors since the last World War and was better prepared to meet the new emergency than it was when the organization was first initiated. He said the chief service required in the present situation is a "friendly hand and guidance."

LAMPORT WILL LEAVE \$150,000 TO EXPAND CHARITY FOUNDATION

NEW YORK, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- A bequest of \$150,000 for the Sadie and Arthur Lamport Foundation, to enable it to "enlarge its beneficial scope without regard to race, color or creed," is included in the will of Arthur M. Lamport, banker and philanthropist, who died on Nov. 8. The will, dated Sept. 6, said the foundation had been formed "in order that I might thereby interest my children to continue the charitable activities in which I have been engaged during my lifetime."