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RECRUITING OPENS IN PALESTINE FOR NEW ENGINEERS' UNIT; ARABS, JEWS UNITE IN FETE

LONDON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Recruiting began today in Palestine for another unit of the Royal Engineers, Reuters reported from Jerusalem. There are already 6,500 Palestine Jews enlisted in the British forces and a volunteer force is now in formation.

The authorities in Palestine have discovered Bren gun experts and other highly skilled technicians among recently-arrived refugees, and their services will be used in manufacture of munitions in India, The Times reported.

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The American Jewish colony of Raanana arranged Chanukah festivities for an Arab village in the neighborhood, it was reported here today. The sheikh and mukhtar of the village spoke warmly of Arab-Jewish relations and expressed confidence that both communities would prosper under the administration of the British, who, they said, would undoubtedly win the war.

At modest graduation ceremony for 29 students of the Hebrew University, held in the recently-inaugurated Rosenbloom Building, President Judah L. Magnes disclosed that 50 students had joined the British forces and a number of graduates were employed in positions of wartime importance. Among the graduates are two privates now serving "somewhere in the Middle East."

U.P.A. to Aid Jewish Soldiers

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Provision for the personal needs, religious and recreational, of the 6,500 Jewish soldiers in Palestine and those fighting in Greece and Egypt with the British forces will be made by the United Palestine Appeal with funds received in its \$12,000,000 1941 campaign. Chairman Abba Hillel Silver announced today.

"To safeguard the homeland which the courage and sacrifice of Jewish pioneers have created on what was once arid and desolate land, and to make their contribution in men and material to the prosecution of the war for the preservation of Western civilization and freedom and tolerance for all men, the 550,000 Jews of Palestine are prepared to give their unremitting and devoted service," Dr. Silver said.

The ultimate establishment of a Jewish national homeland in Palestine "capable of meeting the unprecedented problem of Jewish homelessness" is dependent upon a victory by Britain in its struggle against the Nazis, Judge Morris Rothenberg, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, said in a statement released by ZOA headquarters in Washington in connection with its Membership Month.

2 ANTI-SEMITES GO INTO POLITICAL OBLIVION AS CONGRESS ADJOURNS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- When Congress adjourned today, it marked the end of a brief period in the national spotlight for two of the most rapid and vociferous anti-Semites in this country, Representatives Jacob Thorkelson of Montana and John C. Schaefer of Wisconsin, both Republicans, elected for the first time in 1938. Both were defeated in reelection attempts. Neither was on hand when the House adjourned.

Thorkelson was defeated by former Congresswoman Jeannette Rankin, while Schaefer, who made loud and frequent pro-Nazi speeches, was defeated in his strongly Germanic Milwaukee constituency by T.F.B. Wasielewski, a Democrat.

Thorkelson filled the Congressional Record with thousands of words of "extended remarks," most of which dwelt on the theme "international Jewish" control of banking and Great Britain which led to Germany's "holy crusade" to free the world of this domination. Although no exact estimate could be made, House Printing Committee aids estimated that the total bill to Uncle Sam for printing and distributing Thorkelson's insertions in the Record during his two-year career will run well over \$10,000.

6-FOOT BARBED-WIRE FENCE SURROUNDS LODZ GHETTO

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The Lodz ghetto has been surrounded by a six-foot-high barbed-wire fence, it was revealed today by a correspondent of the Nya Dagligt Allehanda. Just returned from Poland. The ghetto is policed by Jews. It has 46 physicians and four pharmacists.

MACMICHAEL SENDS CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF EOS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael today telegraphed condolences to the Tel Aviv Municipal Council on the death of Deputy Mayor Dav Hos in an auto accident on Sunday. Tens of thousands of persons, including delegations from all over the country, attended his funeral on Monday. The only eulogy was delivered by Berl Katznelson, editor of the Hebrew laborite daily Davar.

Isaac Ben-Yaacob, head of the Jewish Agency's Aviation Department, killed in the same accident, was buried at the Dagania colony. The entire press, including Arab newspapers, paid warm tribute to him.

6 MORE BODIES RECOVERED FROM PATRIA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Six more bodies have been recovered from the submerged S.S. Patria in Haifa harbor, making a total of 137 known dead. Only one of the six was immediately identified, Ignatz Neufeld, 62, of Hungary.

The seven previously buried have now been identified as Ruth Effenberger, 31, of Berlin; Pinchas Moscovitz, 24, of Munkacs, Hungary; Wilma Lurje, 11, and Rosa Gottfried, 30, of Austria; Marie Lederer, 60, Rivka Itzkowitz, 23, and Dr. Walter Cahn, 48, all of Prague.

LADY READING HONORED BY KING GEORGE

LONDON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Lady Reading was created dame commander of the Order of the British Empire in the King's New Year's honors list. Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael, High Commissioner of Palestine, was made a Grand Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

BERLIN JEW VISITS 'ARYAN' EX-WIFE, IS SLAIN BY POLICE

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 2. (JTA) --- A German police officer killed a Jew caught visiting his divorced "Aryan" wife in her flat in Spandau, a suburb of Berlin, the Berlin correspondent of the newspaper Social Demokraten reported today.

The police were informed Saturday night that the Jew was visiting the flat and an officer was immediately sent out to investigate this suspected "racial offense." It was said. When the officer arrived at the flat the Jew hid on the balcony. The officer shot him when he allegedly resisted arrest and the Jew fell dead to the street. His divorced wife was arrested because she had denied that he was in the flat.

TALK WITH JEWS BARRED IN BOHEMIA

LONDON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- "Sardonic" amplifications of the Nuremberg anti-Jewish laws have been introduced in the Bohemia-Moravia Protectorate, regulating the intercourse between Jews and "Aryans" in the most minute detail, Czech quarters reported here today.

For example, Jews may enter shops and go to special counters reserved for them. The clerks are allowed to help them make purchases but are forbidden to converse with the Jews, even regarding the weather. Jews are allowed to eat in special rooms in restaurants but are permitted to ask the waiters only about the menu and the prices.

BRITISH ZIONISTS SEE PALESTINE ENTRY CURB AS REVIVAL OF APPEASEMENT

LONDON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Responsible Zionist circles, apprehensive over the Palestine Government's decision not to issue an immigration schedule for the current six months, asked today: "Have we returned to the period of appeasement in Palestine policy?"

While admitting the hampering effect of the war on travel to Palestine, Zionist circles said that these circumstances did not justify stoppage of immigration, even under the Palestine White Paper, which was never accepted by any responsible Jewish body. They said that even now exceptional arrivals and transfers of capital were possible.

Zionist opinion, drawing a parallel between the decision of the Palestine Government and recent deportation of illegal immigrants, states that a situation is arising in which legal immigrants are not allowed to arrive and illegals who succeed in arriving are deported (The Government's announcement said that a limited number of the expired immigration certificates would be renewed.) Zionists assert that the whole episode reveals a lack of any touch of goodwill.

The Zionist Review warns that the decision will arouse concern and resentment throughout the Jewish world and among enlightened circles in England and America. The Zionist organ says it cannot believe that the decision was taken with the full knowledge and approval of the British Government and urges that it be reconsidered without delay by the highest authorities.

"Not Palestine, not even the Jewish people alone are involved," the paper states. "What is involved is nothing less than the principle for which this war is fought."

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BRODETSKY SEES JEWISH STATE EMERGING FROM WAR

MANCHESTER, England, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Confidence that a Jewish state in Palestine would emerge from the war was expressed by Prof. Selig Brodetsky, Zionist leader, in a message as Grand Commander to the 44th annual conference of The Maccabaens.

Prof. Brodetsky, who is in a nursing home for a minor operation, said: "I am confident that if Jewry will awaken and understand its future, we can emerge from the war not only as a reconstituted humanity but with a rebuilt Jewish nation and a Jewish state in Palestine."

DOV HOS MOURNED IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the British Zionist Federation today stated that the death of Tel Aviv's Deputy Mayor Dov Hos was "a terrible tragedy for the Jewish people." The offices of the federation and the Jewish Agency closed yesterday morning in mourning. Work ceased at the David Eder training farm during the afternoon. The Poale-Zion and the Zionist Federation will hold a joint memorial meeting Jan. 12.

JEWISH SONG BROADCAST BY NAZI-CONTROLLED RADIO

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Columbia Broadcasting System's short-wave listening station heard the Nazi-controlled Amsterdam radio broadcast a program of popular songs played on a piano. The last number of the program was "Bei Mir Bist du Schoen," written by the Jewish composer, Sholom Secunda, and taken from an old Jewish melody.

NATIONAL JEWISH HOSPITAL TREATED 848 PATIENTS IN YEAR

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- For the 41st successive year, tuberculosis patients from New York City led those of every other city in the United States in the number of patients' days care obtained at the National Jewish Hospital at Denver, oldest national non-sectarian institution for the free care of the tuberculosis poor, according to the hospital's annual report for 1940, prepared by Medical Director Dr. Charles J. Kaufman and made public today by Paul Felix Warburg, national vice-chairman. A total of 848 patients were treated during the fiscal year, of whom 428 were resident in the hospital. The patients professed to nine different religious denominations and creeds, in keeping with the institution's non-sectarian policy.

JEWISH ACADEMY ELECTS OFFICERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The annual meeting of the American Academy for Jewish Research at the Jewish Theological Seminary elected the following officers, it was announced today: Prof. Salo W. Baron, president; Prof. Jacob Z. Lauterbach, vice-president; Prof. Alexander Marx, treasurer; Prof. Ralph Marcus, corresponding secretary; and Dr. T. L. Ginsberg, recording secretary.

LAST 5 DEFENDANTS IN CHRISTIAN FRONT CASE FREED

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- On motion of the Government, the remaining charges against five of the 17 members of the Christian Front "Action Committee" indicted last Feb. 9 were nolle prossed today and the defendants were released. Those involved in today's proceedings are William Gerald Bishop, who was rearrested by immigration inspectors as he left the courtroom for deportation proceedings; John T. Prout Jr., John A. Viebrock, William Bushnell Jr. and Macklin Boettger.