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### 45,000 JEWS FACE STARVATION AS RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT HINDERS RELIEF

(Third of a series of dispatches by a correspondent who has reached Budapest from Bucharest.)

BUDAPEST, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Though nocturnal raids by armed bands of Green Shirts looking for money are less frequent than before, Jewish leaders in Bucharest and other Rumanian centers are being constantly harassed by raids by Iron Guardists now incorporated in the so-called "communal police."

The object of the current raids apparently is to demoralize Rumanian Jewry and to make sure that they are unable to form any effective organization for their own defense. The Guardists have not found it necessary to look for "hoarders" since all Jews who had any money have long since been forced, in one way or another, to give it up.

The day before this correspondent left Bucharest Dr. William Filderman, president of the Union of Jewish Communities in Rumania, was visited by secret police and questioned for eight hours. He was not arrested but the police sacked his office and carried off several filing cabinets full of documents.

There was nothing incriminating in the documents according to democratic standards. As most of the documents dealt with the cases of individuals who had filed protests against arbitrary actions taken by the Iron Guard, it is likely that their names will be listed and they will be punished for "defeatism," "economic sabotage" or some other such convenient charge.

It is significant that no Jews have been arrested on charges of "Communism" since the protest by the Soviet Legation two weeks ago. But the charge of "Masonry" serves the Guardists' purposes just as well, as is indicated by the news from Bucharest today that another group of Jews has been arrested for precisely this "crime."

The magnitude of the problems the Rumanian Jews are facing is presently indicated by the fact that there have been three presidents of the Bucharest Jewish Community in the last month. The situation to be faced is now so exacting that no less than two leaders have given up in despair.

Meanwhile, Rumania's 175,000 remaining Jews are facing a long hard Winter with no relief in sight. On the contrary, persecution is continuing and every week several

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thousand more will reach an end of whatever resources they have been able to fall back on heretofore. Jewish leaders estimate that 45,000 Jews--one fourth of the total in Rumania--are literally facing death by starvation and that unless something happens the number will be doubled by Spring.

In view of the fact that the Iron Guardist Government is doing everything possible to prevent the Jews from organizing their own relief the only hope for thousands is to be herded into labor battalions where at least they will be given sufficient food to keep from dying of starvation.

Such labor battalions have already been organized in many towns. In Brasov Jews of all social classes have been put to work repairing the earthquake ruins. One of them is a prominent doctor and a colonel of reserves in the Army Medical Corps. In Ploesti, even women and children have been incorporated into labor gangs to clean snow from the streets.

In certain towns of the Bihar district, bordering the Hungarian frontier, all Jews have been evicted from their homes and are now being used as "slaves" to perform any manual labor deemed necessary.

#### POLISH GOVERNMENT GETS PROTEST ON LETTER WITH SLUR ON JEWS

LONDON, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Ignacy Schwartzbard, Jewish member of the Polish National Council, protested today to the exiled Polish Government against the publication in the official Dziennik Polski of a letter allegedly smuggled out of Warsaw charging the authorities of the Jewish ghetto with persecuting converts, while at the same time admitting that the converts were living on Jewish charity.

Schwartzbard termed the purported letter "an incredible attack on the honor of Polish Jewry and an obvious attempt to sow hatred between Poles and Jews, both in Poland and among the emigrants."

The letter, published on the front page of the Polish newspaper, described the plight of Catholic Poles forced into the ghetto because their grandfathers and great-grandfathers had been Jews, but who themselves had nothing to do with Judaism.

"They are persecuted by the Jewish local authorities, consisting of Jewish nationalists," the letter said. "They are unable even to pray because, of course, there are no Catholic priests or churches in the ghetto. They live in the worst sanitary conditions, together with the poor Jewish masses. They must live on Jewish charity. Some are employed as messenger boys. There are many suicides among them."

#### 50 REFUGEES ARRIVE HERE; TRANSFERRED TO DOMINICAN-BOUND STEAMER

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Fifty refugees arrived here this morning on the Portuguese liner Serpa Pinto and were immediately transferred by tugboat to the Porto Rican liner Cosmo to complete their journey to the Sosua colony in the Dominican Republic. The quick transfer was made possible by cooperation of the Dominican consul, the United States Government and the two steamship lines, according to the Dominican Republic Settlement Association.

Meanwhile, James N. Rosenberg, president of the association, made public a report from David J. Schweitzer in Sosua reporting that the governor of Puerto Plata province and other officials attended a New Year's day party at Sosua. The governor provided an orchestra for the festivities, which included performance of a play, a luncheon and dancing.

## 2 JEWISH LEADERS HIT DISSOLUTION OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL; ASK NEW UNITY EFFORT

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Rabbi Emil W. Leipziger, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, has issued a statement criticizing the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal and calling for "such pressure as may retrieve the error." His statement follows:

"I consider the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal a major defeat of the basic hope for unity in the heart of the American Jew. The Central Conference of American Rabbis and other agencies centered in the synagogue have been striving, so far without result, but are still striving toward unity for American Israel in the field of public relations.

"In the midst of this difficult struggle, the announced failure of the UPA and the JDC to come together in the field of relief and reconstruction for millions of our suffering brethren the world over is doubly tragic and calls for such pressure as may retrieve the error. The JDC and the UPA owe to the Jewish community in America a complete statement of the causes of a dissolution which will have unfortunate repercussions in all Jewish communities."

### UJA Leader in Washington Protests

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. (JTA) - Announcement of the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal has drawn a strong protest from Morris Simon, Washington attorney and for the past five years head of the UJA drive in the capital. Speaking as "one of the many workers who every year have to face the practical task of raising funds," Simon urged that efforts to continue the UJA be reopened with new negotiators.

He pointed out that in Washington the joint appeal for funds had resulted in a total contribution of as much as seven times the average annual proceeds previous to the establishment of the UJA. In letters addressed to Chairman Abba Hillel Silver of the United Palestine Appeal; President William Rosenwald of the National Refugee Service and Chairman Paul Baerwald of the Joint Distribution Committee, Simon said:

"I am distressed to learn....that negotiations for a United Jewish Appeal have failed and that separate campaigns are to be had by the three constituent organizations. It is my studied opinion that separate campaigns will result in a lessening of contributions to each of the activities.

"Without any intention to be critical, I suggest that if our present leaders cannot compose their differences, possibly an entirely new group, not heretofore parties to the extended negotiations, should be appointed for the purpose of reviewing this matter. Definitely every effort should be made to continue a UJA, through which great advances have been made in fund-raising in the past few years, over the plan of independent campaigns theretofore prevailing."

BRITISH MISSION TO SURVEY PALESTINE'S WAR POTENTIALITIES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- A British Ministry of Supplies mission now in Cairo will shortly come to Palestine to assess this country's potentialities for contributing to the war effort, Geoffrey Walsh, the Palestine Government's economic adviser, announced today.

Walsh said regular manufacture of armaments was impossible here, but the country possessed both actual and potential possibilities for general stores for the army.

MEMORIAL MEETING FOR DOV HOS HELD HERE

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- A memorial meeting for Vice-Mayor Dov Hos of Tel Aviv was held tonight at the Hotel Astor under the auspices of the National Labor Committee for Palestine. Scheduled speakers included Chaim Greenberg, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Joseph Schlossberg.

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Hundreds of persons from various parts of the Galilee today attended the laying of the cornerstone for a Dov Hos workers' house in Safed.

NATHANIA TOWN COUNCIL INAUGURATED

NATHANIA, Palestine, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- This colony, which has received the status of a town, inaugurated its Town Council today with a meeting attended by Government officials and Arab leaders, among others. Nathania, founded in 1928 by the Nathania Society of New York, is named for Nathan Straus, late American Jewish philanthropist. Oved Ben-Ami, mayor of Nathania, was elected president of the council.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF WIZO MARKED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The 20th anniversary of the Women's International Zionist Organization was marked yesterday by a rally at Nahalal. Vice-President Hadassah Samuel stated that the WIZO had invested 1500,000 in constructive work, had organized girls farm schools which trained 2,500 persons, had opened kitchens and had now opened courses for boys to be trained as military cooks.

NEW SECTION OF JERUSALEM WALL UNEARTHED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Continuing excavations on Jerusalem's "Third Wall," Professors Elieser Sukenik and L.A. Mayer of the Hebrew University have discovered a further section of the wall and another tower 150 meters from the old excavations, it was announced today. The wall begins at the Swedish school and continues straight for 750 meters.