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2 NEW UNITS ADDED TO PALESTINE FORCES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Recruiting has opened for two new Jewish and Arab units to serve with the British forces, it was officially announced today.

The Jewish authorities expressed confidence that enlistment for the Jewish unit would be concluded within a week. Each unit will comprise 250 men. Approximately 8,000 Jews are already serving in the British forces.

Wavell Praises Work of Palestinians in Libyan Victories

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Praise for the role played by Palestinians in the British victories in Libya was voiced in a cable from General Sir Archibald Wavell, commander-in-chief of the British Mediterranean forces, made public today by Dr. Jose Mirelman, president of the New Zionist Organization of Argentina.

The cable, in reply to a query by Dr. Mirelman sent in connection with the current campaign here in behalf of the proposed Jewish army and air force, said: "Palestinians in Libya, mainly employed in the lines of communication, participated prominently in the occupation of Sidi Barrani, Sollum, Capuzzo, Bardia, Tobruk and performed fine work. Their morale was excellent despite frequent bombing. They are eager to overthrow the dictators."

LORD MOYNE, NEW COLONIAL SECRETARY, HELD FRIENDLY TO JEWISH CAUSES

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Lord Moyne was named Secretary of State for Colonies yesterday to succeed Lord Lloyd, who died last week. Lord Moyne, who is 60 years old, has served as Minister of Agriculture, Undersecretary of State for War and Financial Secretary of the Treasury.

Former chairman of the Polish Relief Fund, Lord Moyne has been active in relief for refugees. He helped a group of Polish Zionist leaders to leave Lithuania for Palestine. He was described today by A.M. Kaizer of the Polish Jewish Relief Fund as "a thorough gentleman, straight-forward and most sympathetic of all to Jewish causes."

In a speech on Jan. 15 at a luncheon of the Polish Jewish Relief Fund, Lord Moyne praised the Jews for their philanthropic work and denounced German oppression of the Poles. "Hitler could not have chosen a more intractable material for the cruel and crazy experiment of so-called 'Nordification'," he said. "The Nazi savagery has only achieved a wonderful union throughout the Polish race."

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INTERNEED REFUGEES MALTREATED ON SHIP TO CANADA, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Harsh treatment of refugees on a transport to Canada is described in the current issue of the Jewish Chronicle on the basis of the account of a returned internee.

Aboard the ship the Jewish refugees were allegedly called "scum of the earth" and "a lousy lot" by the military commanding officer. In the interment camp refugees were not allowed to write regarding release and reemigration or to contact refugee organizations and parliamentarians. They were treated as prisoners of war, although 85 per cent of them voted for separation from Nazi sympathizers and 90 per cent refused to give their names to the Swiss Legation, acting for Germany.

The refugees even refused to use letter forms marked "prisoner of war" for fear that they would endanger friends and relatives in Britain and the United States.

ITALY ISSUES SPECIAL RATION CARDS FOR JEWS

LISBON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Special ration cards for Jews, providing for reduced allotments, have been introduced in Italy, it was reported here today.

The Italian Government has ordered more Jewish physicians and senior medical students banned from universities to be mobilized for military hospitals.

BRUTZKUS, OSE LEADER, FREED IN NICE

VICHY, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Julius Brutzkus, 70-year-old head of the world OSE, Jewish health protection society, has been released from jail in Nice after 12 weeks' detention, it was learned today. He was arrested during a round-up of Jewish social workers, most of whom were freed after brief periods of detention.

ANTI-SEMITIC POLISH PAPER IN ENGLAND SUSPENDS

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The anti-Semitic Polish nationalist newspaper Jestan Poliakow (I Am a Pole) has ceased publication following withdrawal of support by the exiled Polish Government. The publishers are considering issuance of a more moderate organ.

STOLZ, CHICAGO REFORM RABBI, DEAD AT 79

CHICAGO, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Stolz, rabbi emeritus of Temple Isaiah-Israel and dean of Reform rabbis, died Friday at the age of 79 after a long illness. He was a member of the American Jewish Committee and a former president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He had retired from the pulpit in 1929.

A.J. CONGRESS OPPOSES CREATION OF BUDGET BODY TO ADVISE WELFARE FUNDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Governing Council of the American Jewish Congress has unanimously adopted a resolution opposing the proposal for a national budgeting committee to establish the facts concerning the activities and the budgets of national and overseas agencies with a view to advising local welfare funds, President Stephen S. Wise announced today.

Dr. Wise also made known that a communication had been addressed to the representatives of the Congress in cities where there are welfare funds and community councils advising them to act in concert with other agencies to register their opposition to this appeal.

The board of directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds approved the proposal to set up the national budgeting committee at its General Assembly in Atlanta and is submitting it to a referendum of the welfare funds and community councils.

PARLEY FEB. 16 TO OPEN J.D.C. FUNDS DRIVE

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- To inaugurate a nationwide campaign for funds for rescue and rehabilitation of millions of Jewish victims of war and persecution throughout the world, an extraordinary meeting of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16, at the Hotel Astor. Governor Herbert H. Lehman, a J.D.C. vice-chairman, will address the meeting, which will be attended by Jewish leaders from all parts of the country.

In New York City, arrangements are being made for a combined campaign for assistance to refugees in the city and throughout the country as well as for overseas Jewish needs. Announcement of plans for this campaign is expected to be made in the next few days.

A report on the overseas work of the J.D.C. by Morris C. Troper, European chairman, who recently returned from his headquarters in Lisbon, will be one of the features of the Feb. 16 meeting.

3 GROUPS TO SHARE FUNDS RAISED BY BRITH ABRAHAM

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Independent Order of Brith Abraham, which has an enrollment of more than 60,000 members throughout the United States, today announced the inauguration of a combined campaign in behalf of the United Palestine Appeal and overseas relief and refugee agencies.

In an appeal to the membership, Herman Hoffman, Grand Master and Max L. Hollander, Grand Secretary of the Order announced that all contributions to its campaign would be divided equally between the United Palestine Appeal and the combined drive of the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service. Fifty per cent of the total funds will go to the UPA, the remaining half going to the JDC and NRS.

LEHMAN, MACK URGE WIDE SUPPORT OF PALESTINE AS HAVEN FOR REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Accepting honorary chairmanships in the \$12,000,000 war emergency campaign of the United Palestine Appeal, Governor Herbert H. Lehman and Judge Julien W. Mack issued statements today urging the widest support for the drive and asserting that Palestine, today more than ever, offered a haven for thousands of refugees from oppression.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the U.P.A., announced that honorary chairmanships in the campaign have also been accepted by Prof. Albert Einstein, Henry Monsky, Nathan Straus and Henrietta Szold.

PALESTINE CITIZENSHIP LAW AMENDED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- A newly-published amendment to the Palestine citizenship order empowers the High Commissioner to count the time spent in Government services to fill the prescribed two-year waiting period for citizenship.

USSISHKINS CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Ussishkin today celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Ussishkin is world president of the Jewish National Fund. He is 78 years old.

LICENSES RESTORED TO ITALIAN JEWISH STREET VENDORS

ROME, Jan. 28. (JTA-By Airmail) -- Italian Jewish street vendors, who for more than five months have been without means of livelihood, have now had their peddling licenses temporarily renewed. The licenses were withdrawn in August of last year.

Approximately 1,200 heads of families, or more than 10 per cent of the whole of Italian Jewry, are affected.

1,800 JEWISH REFUGEES INTERNED IN ITALY

ROME, Jan. 27. (JTA-By Airmail) -- Approximately 1,800 Jewish refugees are now interned in Italian concentration camps, while about 1,400 other--nearly all women and children--are still at liberty, principally in the cities of Milan and Rome.

The largest group of those interned, numbering about 1,000, are concentrated in barracks near the village of Comenza, in Southern Italy. Although the accomodation is improvised and heating and toilet facilities are lacking, conditions are described as being reasonably comfortable, and the internees enjoy a fair amount of liberty, although under close supervision. Sport is encouraged, and there have been occasions when "all-star" teams from among the refugees have met--and usually beaten--local village football teams.

Their greatest need has been for clothing, particularly warm clothing for the winter months. This need has been satisfied to some extent by the Jewish Committee in Milan. In that city there were some 800 women and children refugees at liberty, none of whom was permitted to engage in any occupation, due to the restrictions against foreigners. In order to make use of this potentially productive body, the Committee borrowed a number of sewing machines, and solicited from Jewish manufacturers gifts of woolen and cotton cloth. Many of the refugee women are now busily engaged in turning out suits, overcoats, shorts, socks and underclothing for the men in internment, who are thus able to cope better with the rigours of camp life.