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BRITISH COMMANDER URGES CREATION OF MILLION-MAN JEWISH ARMY

LONDON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson, Conservative Member of Parliament, today urged creation of a Jewish army, asserting it could bring a force of 1,000,000 to the side of the British.

Stressing that Palestine was the key position in the present situation in the Balkans, Commander Locker-Lampson said, in a letter to the Manchester Guardian, that "a dozen Hebrew divisions in the highlands of Mt. Carmel might turn the tide."

Voicing fear that the Jews, who "of all people have a right to defend themselves," might be forgotten after the war, he declared it was not too late to right the wrong done to the Jews by not allowing them to form their own army, like those of the Czechs, Poles and Free French.

"They might have reached the strength of a million and be fighting on our side in and around Palestine--brothers on the battlefields," he said.

Palestine's Future Linked to Battle of Britain

LONDON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Opening the drive of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) in England, Leib Jaffe of Palestine, director of the fund, declared today at a gathering of Zionists from various parts of the Continent that the Battle of Britain was "the front line of the struggle of the Jewish people and the struggle of Palestine."

"Our moral and physical forces are identified with the British cause," Jaffe said, pointing out that more than 7,000 Palestine Jews had joined the British forces, most of them playing a role in Near East battlefields, with many more thousands eagerly waiting to be called up.

Lady Reading, chairman of the appeal committee, stressed the need of fortifying Palestine economically in view of the present war situation and the enormous Jewish population problem which would have to be settled after the war.

"For the moment it looked as if Palestine might escape," she said. "But now the shadow looms on the other side as the beast crawls down over Central Europe. We must have a strong economic background...If we all stand together and all build, we will have a state."

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Palestine Congratulates Jews of Derna, Bengazi

JERUSALEM, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council (Vaad Leumi) today cabled congratulations to the Jewish communities of Derna and Bengazi in Libya on their "liberation from the Italian yoke" and their entry into the British Commonwealth.

BRITAIN TO PROBE TREATMENT OF REFUGEES TRANSPORTED TO AUSTRALIA

LONDON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Following charges that ill treatment of refugees on the S.S. Dunera transporting them to Australia for internment had resulted in two deaths, War Secretary David Margesson announced in Commons today that a special Court of Inquiry would be set up in a few days, as soon as preliminary investigations were concluded.

Capt. Margesson asserted that the War Office and he himself had nothing to hide and were anxious to get to the root of the matter. The court will not hold public hearings, but its terms of reference will be sufficiently wide to ensure that the full facts will be brought out, he said. The House will be informed of the decision, he added.

Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite, asking whether the results of the inquiry would be debated in Commons, gave notice that he would raise the matter on adjournment.

DELEGATION OF CZECH JEWS COMING TO U.S.

LONDON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- A delegation of the National Council of Jews of Czechoslovakia will leave for the United States shortly to inform American Jews on steps to secure national minority rights in a future Czechoslovak state and adequate representation of the Czechoslovak State Council in London.

A meeting of the council, addressed by Barnett Janner, Member of Parliament, decided to extend the council's activities, not only in the political but in the cultural and social spheres.

A committee of Czech Jewish political leaders has been formed in Palestine on the initiative of Ernest Frischer, former president of the Jewish Party of Czechoslovakia, and ex-Deputies Angelo Goldstein and Chaim Kugel to act as a liaison organization between the London committee and the Czech Jews in Palestine.

EGYPTIAN STEAMER WITH 180 JEWS FROM PALESTINE EN ROUTE HERE

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The Egyptian steamer Zamzam, carrying 180 Jewish passengers from Palestine to the United States, is en route to New York after stopping at Pernambuco, following a six-week trip by way of the Red Sea. The steamer is expected to reach the U.S. this weekend.

While passing through the Suez Canal the ship suffered a slight collision which resulted in the smashing of some of the lifeboats. An alarm was also sounded on the ship in the northern part of the Red Sea when a warship convoying the Zamzam opened fire with anti-aircraft artillery. The incident was later explained to the passengers as having been just practice. The steamer passed Italian-controlled North African territory without sighting one Italian vessel. Among the passengers on the Zamzam is Eri Jabotinsky, son of the late Zionist Revisionist leader.

HUNGARY ABANDONS PLAN TO REVIVE JEWISH LABOR CAMPS

BUDAPEST, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- A high official tonight categorically denied persistent rumors that the Government was planning to reestablish the Jewish labor camps disbanded for the Winter last Christmas. He said there was "too much unemployment" in Transylvania, Carpathia and Upper Hungary and maintenance of the Jewish camps last year "cost too much for the results achieved."

He indicated jobless workers would be hired for flood relief, fortifications, highways and railroad projects in the Spring. Using hired labor, the projects would cost the Government 2.53 pengoes daily per person, whereas the estimated cost of impressed Jewish labor under military control last Summer and Fall was estimated at 5 pengoes per person.

According to rumors, the Government planned to impress all Jews between the ages of 21 and 42 early in the Spring and occupy them with forced labor.

Meanwhile, as a result of shoe rationing regulations it is expected that several thousand Jewish retailers will lose their livelihood. A Government commission was set up to license a limited number of dealers who will be authorized to distribute shoes in return for ration coupons. The anti-Semitic law limits Jewish licensees to six per cent, although 80 per cent of shoe dealers in Budapest are Jews.

Hungarian Jailed for Posing as Jew to Get Charity

BUDAPEST, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- An unemployed carpenter, Alexander Balogh, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by the Szolnok Tribunal today for defrauding Jews by collecting charity from them by posing as a Jew. He commented: "I didn't see anything wrong in swindling Jews."

Balogh grew a beard and ear curls, donned a kaftan and went around among Jewish merchants, begging handouts, as "Martin Schwartz," a poor Jew just released from a labor gang and unable to find work. He amassed 1,000 pengoes before he was found out.

ROMANIA COMPLETING OUSTING OF JEWS FROM COMPANY BOARDS

BUDAPEST, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government announced today that Jews had been removed from the boards of all but 250 of Bucharest's 4,500 concerns. The remaining 250 will be promptly liquidated, it was said. Meanwhile, Jewish emigration is being encouraged in every possible way, it was stated.

The Bucharest radio, summarizing steps to remove Jews from Rumanian life, reported today Jews had been ousted from public office, the army, the medical and legal professions, were no longer being appointed company directors or receiving licenses for sale of intoxicating liquors. Jewish cinemas owners have been deprived of licenses. Jews have been dismissed from propaganda services and eliminated from sports organizations.

The Education Ministry has taken measures to train Rumanians to replace eliminated Jews, the broadcast said.

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