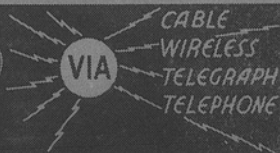


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"Since the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal of 1940 was announced last December there has been an unmistakable expression of opinion from all segments of American Jewry regretting the dissolution even though the organizations involved believed that the causes which they served might benefit from an individual approach to the communities. Leaders throughout the country stated that their capacity for raising larger funds to meet the increasing responsibilities of the United Jewish Appeal agencies would be hindered through separate appeals. They declared that the emergency position in which millions of Jews find themselves during this war period required cooperative action among Jewish leaders in America.

"Recognizing that the support which their causes receive is dependent completely on the sympathy and good will of the Jewish communities of America, the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, after reviewing the various factors which constituted their original differences, have come to an agreement that will permit the continuation of the United Jewish Appeal as the central fund-raising instrument for the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service.

"The leadership of these organizations have responded to Jewish public opinion in America. They now turn to American Jewry confident that the United Jewish Appeal will receive that enlarged measure of support which they have every right to expect on the basis of the pledges that have been given toward the re-establishment of a unified campaign organization for three important causes.

"The needs of the Jewish people require from the free Jews of America unprecedented generosity. The establishment of a national quota is not an estimate of such needs but merely a framework of irreducible minimums which the agencies urgently require for their tasks. Such a framework endeavors to take into account the experience of the past but it must also consider the inescapable obligations of the present in order to direct attention to the increased requirements which must compel increased generosity from all Jews. Accordingly, the United Jewish Appeal, conscious of its obligations to the Jews of the world as well as to the Jews of America, earnestly hopes that new levels of giving will be established so that a goal of \$25,000,000 may be reached for the needs of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service."

#### COURTS TO RULE ON WHETHER ARAB CONVERT TO JUDAISM MAY HOLD FORBIDDEN LAND

LONDON, March 9. (JTA) -- The puzzle of whether land in the "prohibited" zone of Palestine can be transferred to an Arab converted to Judaism will shortly be unravelled by the Palestine courts, The Zionist Review reports.

The question has arisen in connection with an application on behalf of an Arab of Beisan married to a Jewess and converted to Judaism. He is the heir to 500 dunams of land in the Beisan valley left by his father, but his family is opposing the transfer on the ground that transfer of property to Jews in this area is prohibited under the land regulations of 1940.

The Review asks: "Could any story provide a more scathing comment on the absurdity and injustice of the White Paper's land regulations?"

BOUNDARIES OF WARSAW GHETTO REPORTED SHRINKING

LONDON, March 9. (JTA) -- The boundaries of the ghetto in Warsaw have been narrowed, leaving less living space for the Jews, according to information reaching Polish Government circles here today. The boundaries were reportedly still not exactly defined and undergoing continuous changes.

The Nazis were said to be transferring to the ghetto non-Jewish wives who refused to divorce their Jewish husbands. Entry of non-Jews into the ghetto is permitted only to holders of special passes. This restriction is applied even to uniformed police officials. A street car is still permitted to cross the ghetto without making any stops within ghetto territory. Prior to entering the ghetto gates the cars are inspected by German police to make certain that no Jew jumps into the moving car while passing the ghetto.

ALL-JEWISH UNITS SAW FIRST ACTION IN AFRICA; BOMBED ITALIANS

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- Troop contingents formed entirely of Jews went into action for the first time in the war during the British campaign in North Africa, Raoul Aglion, who participated in the drive as a Free French observer, disclosed in an interview here today.

Aglion, former member of the French Legation at Cairo, said the units have an excellent account of themselves, fighting under the blue-white flag of Palestine and officered by Jews.

Jewish fliers bombed the fleeing Italians and ably cooperated with the British in other flying operations, he said. The Jewish contingents by now probably have clashed with the German units sent hastily to Africa to bolster the badly-shaken Italians, he stated.

The French observer, who reached this city via the Cape of Good Hope recently, said that many Foreign Legionnaires, stationed in Syria, escaped into Palestine when the Franco-German armistice was signed to fight for the British. Many of these men--including a number of German Jews--fought at Derna and Sidi Barrani.

"The Jewish contingents," he said, "consist principally of infantry and fliers. The Jewish officers commanding them are excellent. The stream of volunteers for the Air Force is particularly great. Recently in Palestine authorities asked for 600 volunteers in this arm. More than 3,000 immediately volunteered."

Naturally, these units are under the supreme command of Gen. Archibald Wavell, Aglion said.

The contingent of Jewish troopers from Tunisia is particularly large, he said. These are fighting in Free France formations.

At first the British in Palestine looked askance at Foreign Legionnaires from Syria who were of German origin but the Legion officers who accompanied them in their flight finally convinced the British that suspicions of their loyalty were unfounded. These troops fought as well as any others at Sidi Barrani and other points.

He said the Italians through the Vichy-controlled Alexandria consulate had warned Free French leaders that Free Frenchmen would be shot as rebels if they were caught. This

threat has not yet been carried out, owing largely to lack of opportunity. No Free Frenchman or Foreign Legionnaire has yet fallen alive into the hands of the Italians, it was said.

A Polish cavalry brigade, which escaped from Syria, and which included a number of Jews, also gave a good account of itself in the fighting.

#### ATHENS JEWS TO ERECT MEMORIAL FOR METAXAS

ATHENS, March 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of this city has donated 25,000 drachmas for erection of a memorial to the late Greek Premier, John Metaxas, it was announced today.

The announcement coincided with religious memorial services for the late Premier throughout the country. A special service was performed at the main synagogue here today by Chief Rabbi Barsilas.

#### DEWEY ASKS AID FOR PALESTINE AS 'ANOTHER FRONTIER OF DEMOCRACY'

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey last night urged support of the Jewish homeland in Palestine as "another frontier of democracy," addressing members of some 1,000 communal and fraternal organizations with an aggregate membership of 475,000 at a rally of the Council of Organizations for Palestine at Cooper Union.

"Tell the Jews of this country that when they help Palestine they help the cause of human freedom," Dewey said. "Tell them that the vast majority of Americans favor all out aid to the struggling democracies. Tell them that Palestine, like England, is another frontier of democracy. Let them reckon with pride the 8,000 Jews from Palestine in the British army, of whom 1,500 are in the Royal Air Force."

Judge Morris Rothenberg, asking aid for the United Palestine Appeal drive, which is now part of the United Jewish Appeal, said "Palestine is now linked with Britain in the first line of defense." Other speakers included Max Nordan and leaders of local Jewish organizations.

#### GOLDSTEIN NAMED J.N.F. HEAD FOR 8TH TERM

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein has been unanimously elected to his eighth term as president of the Jewish National Fund of America at the annual meeting, it was announced today. The meeting also elected Jacob Sineoff and I. K. Kowalsky co-treasurers, Louis Segal secretary, Mendel M. Fisher executive director, a board of directors of 51 members and an administrative committee of 16.

#### REFUGEE SHIP REACHES ISTANBUL

STOCKHOLM, March 9. (JTA) -- The Nazi-controlled Copenhagen radio reported today that a Panama-flagged ship arrived at Istanbul carrying 700 Jewish refugees from Rumania.

#### MANY JEWS REPORTED EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE FROM NORWAY

STOCKHOLM, March 9. (JTA) -- The newspaper Tidningen reported today that a large number of Jews recently left Norway, presumably for Palestine, via Sweden and Russia, although their ultimate destination was not definitely known.