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PALESTINE OMITTS ENTRY SCHEDULE AGAIN; CITES 'ECONOMIC AND OTHER FACTORS'

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government announced today it was omitting the immigration schedule for the three months ending June 30, but would issue a limited number of certificates to replace those unused under previous schedules.

The announcement continues in effect a policy inaugurated for the previous six months, which was attributed to "economic and other factors." A statement published in a special edition of the official Palestine Gazette said:

"The economic and other factors specified in the notice of Dec. 26, 1940, announcing the decision not to prescribe an immigration quota for the six months ending March 31, 1941, while changing circumstances, are still of influence and the High Commissioner, with the Colonial Secretary's approval, has decided not to prescribe an immigration quota for the three months from April 1 to June 30, 1941.

"The position will be reviewed with respect to the succeeding quarter, July to September, in the light of future circumstances. Replacement immigration certificates in strictly limited numbers will continue to be granted during April to June in special cases.

"The figures on Jewish immigration since April 1, 1939, are as follows: Certificates available subject to economic absorptive capacity under the policy declared in Command Paper No. 6019--50,000. Secondly, supplementary refugee certificates--25,000. Total--75,000.

"The immigration authorities have granted from April 1, 1939, to March 30, 1941, certificates numbering 19,601. Secondly, actual arrivals from April, 1939, to March, 1941--legal immigrants, 14,678; illegals deducted from the quota, 16,100; to be deducted from quotas, 2,090; total, 32,868; balance on account on April 1, 1941, is 42,132.

"It is expected that a number of immigrants will continue to enter Palestine on grants of the immigration authorities during the last 12 months."

James Roosevelt Gets Palestine Children's Message to FDR

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- Captain James Roosevelt, United States air observer, leaves Palestine today with a message from kindergarten children to President Roosevelt hailing him as "the good grandfather of children the world over." The message, in the

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form of an illustrated album, was presented to Captain Roosevelt by a girl, in the name of her fellow-pupils, when he visited the Jewish colony, Dagania Aleph. Later, when he visited the Ashdod Yaakov settlement, school children met with him flowers.

From Ashdod he flew to Ein Hashofet (The Judge's Well), American Jewish colony named for ex-Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, where he expressed himself as impressed with the settlement's development. He remarked that he was sorry his mother was not there, that she would be glad to see the fine results of four years' work and voiced the hope that he could visit Palestine with his mother after the war.

In the course of his visit Captain Roosevelt flew in a plane of the Aviron Company, expressed interest in the development of Jewish aviation and praised the Jewish pilot, Zukerberg. He also visited the Hebrew University and was escorted by President Judah L. Magnes, to a Bible lecture.

London Paper Demands Arming of Jews

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- The News-Chronicle demanded editorially today the arming of Palestine's Jews.

"Our obligation to protect the Jewish national home must be fulfilled," the paper said. "The best way to ensure that Palestine never falls to Hitler is to arm the virile Jewish population. They will fight for their homes against Hitler as even we should not. All they need is modern weapons and these America is best able to provide. From the point of view of winning the larger war there could not be a better investment."

JDC MAPS PLANS TO MEET NEW RELIEF DEMANDS IN FRANCE

VICHY, May 20. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee office in France has made contact with local relief bodies to consider measures to meet effectively the increasing demand for relief resulting from the influx of Jewish refugees from occupied France and others, following the intensified anti-Jewish measures and internment of foreign Jews.

Meanwhile, the number of Jewish refugees regularly assisted by the J.D.C. through the Committee for Refugee Assistance alone has reached nearly 16,000, compared with 6,000 six months ago, while 50,000 applications for emigration have been registered by the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association, which is financed by the J.D.C.

THOUSAND PALESTINE JEWS INTERNED IN GREECE

STOCKHOLM, May 20. (JTA) -- A thousand Palestinian Jews are among 10,000 British subjects now in a prison camp in Corinth, Greece, the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm Tidningen reported today, describing a visit to the camp under the heading, "Ten Thousand Starving Prisoners in Cosmopolitan Camp."

COURTS MARTIAL OPEN IN DUNERA CASE

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- Courts martial were held today in the headquarters of the Duke of York to try army officers accused of mistreating and robbing refugees being transported to Australia for internment on the S.S. Dunera last July.

COUNCIL PLANS LIMITED EXPANSION OF BUDGET SERVICE FOLLOWING REFERENDUM

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Expansion of the national advisory budget services in accordance with the results of the recent referendum, but limited so as to meet the views of many of those who voted in the negative, has been authorized by the board of directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, it was announced today by Sidney Hollander, president.

This action was taken by the board at a meeting Saturday following the report of the committee of tellers, consisting of Joseph Goldstein, Rochester, chairman; Donald Kaffenburgh, Hartford, and Kurt Peiser, Philadelphia. Their canvass of ballots showed the proposal had received 141 affirmative votes and 127 negative, with a number of agencies not voting.

The board, Hollander said, considered carefully the expressed desire of those voting both for and against the proposal. "It decided not to expand its services to the full extent authorized by the majority," he said, "but to limit it for the year 1941 to services desired by the majority and many of the minority who wanted more than the Council had been giving but less than the referendum contemplated.

"The referendum was taken on the question of the Council proceeding immediately to organize an advisory service which would, in addition to fact finding, make recommendations on the appeals of agencies appealing to welfare funds, their campaign goals and financial needs. In view of the variety of opinions expressed by member agencies, it was considered desirable to undertake the expanded service experimentally and to impose certain specific limitations.

"The reports in 1941 will not attempt to translate evaluations in terms of total budget requirements and no specific recommendations will be offered to member agencies on approved minimum or maximum financial needs of any organization. Future plans will be made by the board after consideration of the results of the 1941 experiment.

"It was generally agreed by the members of the Board who represented both the affirmative and negative points of view that these decisions most nearly squared with the divergent views expressed by the member agencies."

HERZOG SAILS FOR PALESTINE; GETS \$10,000 FROM HADASSAH

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine sailed today on the South African steamship City of New York for Cape Town en route home after a four-month visit to the United States to seek support for Palestine religious institutions. He will proceed to Jerusalem from Cape Town by airplane or steamship.

Delegations of rabbinical and Zionist groups were on hand at the Brooklyn pier to bid farewell to Rabbi and Mrs. Herzog. The ship was thoroughly searched by Federal agents before the sailing as result of an anonymous telephone call to police warning that a Nazi agent had planted a bomb on the vessel timed to explode before its departure.

Before sailing, Dr. Herzog received a gift of \$10,000 from Hadassah for transfer of Talmudic students from Lithuania to Palestine, relief of refugee rabbis and scholars already in Palestine and facilitation of establishment of religious teachers in colonies. In announcing the gift, Mrs. David de Sola Pool, Hadassah president, stressed the "aged-old duty of Israel to safeguard and enrich the religious teachings of the Jewish people."

J.D.C. SPENT \$4,400,000 SINCE FOUNDING TO AID RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- The spiritual life of Jews overseas is being maintained by the Joint Distribution Committee, in conjunction with its programs of relief and rehabilitation, Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman, announced today. Despite the tremendous task of relieving Jewish distress in more than 50 overseas countries, Hyman emphasized, the J.D.C. has also made a special effort to provide substantial assistance to Jewish schools, educational projects, chedarim, yeshivoh and other institutions of learning.

"The J.D.C. extends assistance to more than 100 school organizations, yeshivoh and other educational institutions in 40 overseas countries, including Latin America," Hyman said. "In Palestine alone, 60 schools and yeshivoh, accommodating 20,000 students, receive assistance from the J.D.C. For the past several years, the J.D.C. has granted to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem \$12,500 annually. This was to help maintain refugee professors and scholars at the university. In the five months from January through May of this year, the J.D.C. has spent \$30,000 for religious and cultural aid work. During 1940, when the J.D.C. was providing the necessities of life to a million men, women and children, it allotted \$102,000 for religious and cultural institutions. More than half of the total went to Palestinian institutions and groups. Eighty-five per cent of the institutions thus supported are orthodox."

"On Jan. 1, 1941," he reported, "the authorities in Lithuania decreed that all refugees in that country must file, by Jan. 25, their intention to receive Soviet citizenship or be declared stateless. The great bulk of the refugees in Lithuania accepted Soviet citizenship. Most of the rabbis and yeshiva students, numbering 3,000 to 4,000, feared to do so. Urgent cables were received by the J.D.C. to evacuate them by furnishing transportation to Japan. The J.D.C. bent every effort to effect this evacuation. Thus far the J.D.C. has helped 500 of this group to emigrate. Of these about 100 have reached countries of permanent asylum and 400 are in Japan awaiting emigration. The J.D.C. is now carrying the burden of feeding, sheltering, granting medical aid and other forms of assistance to those in Japan."

Since its establishment, Hyman revealed, the J.D.C. has expended a total of \$4,400,000, both through the Cultural Committee and directly, for the rescue, support, establishment and encouragement of Jewish religious institutions. This amount, he pointed out, is over and above the assistance extended to the religious leaders, teachers, and students as part of the general relief work of the J.D.C.

GOV. OLSON URGES AID FOR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Expressing regret that it required great suffering on the part of millions of victims of Hitlerism to teach us the lesson that no group can be safe unless all groups are safe, Governor Culbert L. Olson of California recently urged "all men and women of good will of all faiths" to give the widest support to the United Jewish Appeal, addressing a dinner of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Sacramento.

WEIZMANN ASKS GREATER SUPPORT OF PALESTINE

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann tonight urged intensified aid of the Palestine Jewish community, declaring "they must be given the chance to carry to fruition the dream of a Jewish homeland" and "to withstand the Nazi monster at their very gates." He addressed a United Jewish Appeal dinner at the Hotel Plaza in honor of Louis Altschul, Bronx UJA leader.