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DIVISION AMONG PALESTINE JEWS AVERTED AS RIGHTISTS GET MORE REPRESENTATION

JERUSALEM, May 22. (JTA) -- Division in the Jewish community was averted at the last minute when the Jewish Agency Executive ratified an agreement between the Vaad Leumi (Jewish National Council) executive and the Right bloc allotting the rightists satisfactory representation.

The Hebrew daily Haaretz declared the sole opponent of the agreement was Isaac Gruenbaum, Gen. Zionist leader, who asserted that a convention of the General Zionist "A" Group in Tel Aviv would withdraw its opposition to the Vaad Leumi although it did not believe in the durability of the agreement.

It is understood influential Jewish circles have approached the Government to mediate between the Vaad Leumi executive and the orthodox Agudath Israel in reaching an agreement which would not affect the Agudah's principles.

Jewish Groups in London Seek Unity On Palestine

LONDON, May 22. (JTA) -- Following this week's appeal by the Agudath Israel for united action of Jewish organizations on Palestine, a special meeting of the Palestine Committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews was held today with Agudists, Zionists and Revisionists participating together for the first time.

A conference of the British Agudath Israel, attended by more than 250 delegates from all parts of the country, had appealed for cooperation of all Jewish groups in support of Palestine because of the critical hour.

Resolutions were also adopted expressing confidence in an Allied victory that would restore the freedom of European Jews and make possible continuation of the "glorious traditions of Jewish life," welcoming Polish Premier Sikorski's declaration of Jewish equality in a liberated Poland and expressing conviction that Poles and Jews would fight side by side for restoration of their common fatherland.

H.A. Goodman, presiding, stressed that the threat to Palestine called for co-operation of all Jewish organizations concerned with Palestine and declared that the whole Palestine Jewish community would rise to defend their soil. "In this hour of danger to Palestine," he said, "Agudists, Zionists and Revisionists should do their utmost to achieve cooperation."

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NAZIS IN FRANCE FORBID JEWS TO CHANGE RESIDENCE, SELL VALUABLES

ZURICH, May 22. (JTA) -- An order prohibiting Jews in Paris and other parts of Nazi-occupied France from moving from their present dwellings or absenting themselves from their homes for more than 24 hours has been issued by the German military authorities in France, it was reported here today.

Issuance of this order indicates that the Nazi authorities intend to continue their raids on Jews and wish to be certain that their victims will be at home whenever the Nazi vans come to collect them for internment in concentration camps.

Other orders issued by the Nazi authorities forbid Jews in occupied France to sell their jewelry or other valuables. Traveling of Jews on trains will be checked throughout the occupied territory and Jews will be barred from a number of summer resorts in occupied France.

JEWISH AGENCY DEPLORES OMISSION OF ENTRY SCHEDULE

JERUSALEM, May 22. (JTA) -- In connection with the Palestine Government's announcement that the current immigration schedule was being omitted because of unemployment and unsatisfactory absorptive capacity, the Jewish Agency stated today that unemployment had not increased in the last three years and simultaneously the country had absorbed more than 20,000 immigrants.

Jewish mixed farming suffered a shortage of hands, while on the other hand it was impossible to use unemployed for mixed farming, the statement said. It added that the Agency had asked for a certain number of certificates for laborers and for Youth Aliyah and expressed regret that the Government did not prescribe a quota.

A Palestinian Jew serving with the Royal Air Force somewhere in the western desert has invented important aviation improvements and the military authorities have ordered that he be sent to London to submit his work to the Air Ministry, it was reported today. The newspaper Davar said the man, whose name cannot be given, is 24 years old and was born in Petach Tikvah.

The King's Gallantry Medal has been awarded posthumously to the British constable, Horace Rutland, who lost his life in rescuing passengers of the refugee ship S.S. Patria, which sank in Haifa harbor after an explosion last Nov. 25.

JEWISH NURSERY IN BRITAIN TO BE NAMED FOR ROOSEVELT

LONDON, May 22. (JTA) -- The first Jewish day nursery in Leeds will be opened shortly and will be named after President Roosevelt, it was learned today. A committee of the ORT-OSE headed by Dr. Schwartzman has gone to Leeds to make the final arrangements. The Ministry of Health will contribute one-third of the cost of the ORT-OSE President Roosevelt Leeds Day Nursery.

Meanwhile, a deputation of the Federation of Synagogues turned over to the mayor of Stepney a £5,000 check as an interest-free advance to the Government in connection with War Weapons Week.

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SMUTS LAUD JEWS' AID TO SOUTH AFRICAN WAR EFFORT

JOHANNESBURG, May 22. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Jan C. Smuts today paid tribute to Jewish participation in the South African war effort, in a message to the South African Zionist conference which opened in Bloemfontein.

"Your troubles have merged in the vaster troubles which have overtaken the major portion of mankind in the present catastrophe," Gen. Smuts said. "In such circumstances of universal calamity we can but stand loyally with each other and range ourselves in the joint defense of ideals which we share in common.

"I am glad to say that as far as South Africa is concerned, the response of Jewish citizens is just as good as that of other sections of the population. Their percentage in voluntary military service is approximately the same as the Afrikaner and British sections. The efforts of Jewish women on the home front are very great.

"In the years following the war it will be remembered that the Jews neither failed nor faltered in supporting the Allies. Let's fight the good fight with all our might."

First "Goodwill Day" Marked in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, April 4. (JTA-By Mail) -- The first organized Goodwill Day to be held in South Africa was observed last week-end. There was a widespread response from practically all denominations in the Union. Special goodwill services were held in synagogues and churches throughout the country, many of them attended by worshippers of other denominations.

A national broadcast was delivered over all stations of the South African Broadcasting Corporation, when the Bishop of Johannesburg gave an address in English, and Dr. W. Nicol, Moderator of the Dutch Reformed Church, spoke in Afrikaans. Goodwill Day received the almost unanimous support of the South African press.

2 OFFICERS CLEARED OF MAJOR CHARGES IN DUMERA CASE

LONDON, May 22. (JTA) -- Two army officers were acquitted by a court martial today of the major charges against them arising from alleged robbery and mistreatment of refugees being transported to Australia for internment on the S.S. Dumera last July.

Sergeant Arthur Helliwell was cleared of three charges of assaulting internees and failing to safeguard an internee from mistreatment. The only remaining charge against him is disobeying the lawful command of a superior officer to provide an internee with blankets and water.

Sergeant-Major Charles Bowles was acquitted of nine charges of stealing and receiving property. He pleaded guilty to two minor charges. Decisions on ten remaining charges against him will be announced later.

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U.S. DELEGATION LEAVES JUNE 20 FOR PAN-AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA) -- A delegation of American Jewish leaders will sail on June 20 for Montevideo, Uruguay, to participate in the Inter-American Jewish Conference, which has been summoned by the American Jewish Congress in cooperation with the World Jewish Congress. The delegation will include Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Louis Lipsky, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Dr. Samuel Margoshes.

Twenty communities of North, Central and South America are expected to participate in the deliberations, which will be held from July 9 to 11. The conference will seek to (1) bring about closer contact and fuller cooperation between the Jewish communities of the Western Hemisphere; (2) consider and coordinate methods of bringing material and moral help to Jews in Europe, and (3) unite all American Jewish communities in their effort to facilitate the establishment of the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

SEEK FUNDS FOR 1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS IN N.Y. JEWISH SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA) -- An emergency campaign to provide a thousand scholarships for children in the Jewish religious schools was launched today at a luncheon at the Empire State Club by the Community Council of the Jewish Education Committee of New York. Under the chairmanship of Harry Liebovitz, the Community Council, consisting of leaders in business and the professions, has undertaken to raise funds for scholarships for needy children in a ten-day campaign during which each of the workers will seek to get contributions of at least one scholarship a day.

RIEGLMAN HEADS GROUP TO AID HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA) -- Harold Riegelman was elected chairman of the Advisory Committee of New York Council of the American Friends of the Hebrew University last night at its first meeting at the Harmonie Club. Salmann Schocken, chairman of the university's executive council, declared: "We laid certain plans which we might rely upon in an emergency. Today that emergency is upon us and we shall carry on with those plans." Other speakers were Edward M.M. Warburg and Dr. Nathan Ratnoff.

JEWS JOIN IN TRIBUTE TO BISHOP MANNING

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders joined last night in an inter-faith dinner at the Hotel Biltmore marking the 75th birthday of Protestant Episcopal Bishop William T. Manning. Former Justice Joseph E. Proskauer was the Jewish speaker.

CANADIAN JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY FORMED

MONTREAL, May 22. (JTA) -- Formation of a Canadian Jewish Publication Society was announced today, aiming "to hand down to the coming generations Canadian Jewish history, past and present." The Society will publish a Canadian Jewish Year Book, in addition to several other works of Canadian Jewish authorship.

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