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JEWISH BENEVOLENT AND FRATERNAL GROUPS TO AID RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA)-- Formation of a Council of Jewish Benevolent and Fraternal organizations, for the purpose of coordinating Jewish aid to the Russian people, was announced today by the Russian War Relief Society. Abraham Goldberg, Yiddish journalist, has been appointed chairman of the executive committee of the organization. Mr. Goldberg is Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Federation of Polish Jews in America, and member of the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress.

Included on the Executive Committee of the Council are prominent Jewish leaders, among them Benjamin Winter, President of the American Federation of Polish Jews; Herman Hoffman, Grand Master of the Independent Order of Brith Abraham; Harold O. N. Frankel, of the Executive Board of B'nai B'rith; Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, Chairman of the Executive Board, Rabbinical Council of America; Shalom Asch, author; Sam Markewich, of the Executive Board, Independent Order of Brith Abraham; and S. Low, of the Executive Council, Galician Jews of America.

B'NAI B'RITH OBTAINS 125 TORAH SCROLLS FOR ARMY CHAPELS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. (JTA)-- B'nai B'rith's national defense committee obtained 125 Torah Scrolls for use in Jewish religious services at Army chapels throughout the country in a nationwide campaign launched before the United States was attacked by Japan, it was announced here today by Henry Monsky, B'nai B'rith president and chairman of its defense committee.

Of this number, 51 have been presented to and are in use at 28 different Army posts in the United States and Hawaii, 16 have been assigned to 11 additional Army camps and Air bases in the United States and the Canal Zone and 78 are being held pending the completion of Army chapels and calls from the Jewish Welfare Board, through whose committee on religious affairs the Torah Scrolls are assigned and made available to Army chapels, Mr. Monsky stated. All of the Torah Scrolls obtained by B'nai B'rith were borrowed by its units from synagogues and temples for the duration of the emergency.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF U.S., BRITAIN MUST DEVELOP COMMON PROGRAM, SAYS BRODETSKY

LONDON, Dec. 26. (JTA)-- The Jewish communities of the United States and Great Britain are now sister communities involved in the same political situation and, therefore, should work out a common policy for Jews, to be put forward and supported by Jews in England and the United States, it was stated today by Prof. Selig Brodetsky, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Speaking of the consequences of the United States' entry into the war, Brodetsky pointed out that relations between English and American Jewry are now fundamentally changed. While contacts with Jews of America on problems of relief and post-war resettlement were established a long time ago, Brodetsky declared, these relations were affected by the fact that the United States was an ally but not a belligerent. Now, all that is changed, he stressed.

CUBAN JEWRY PRESENTS AMBULANCE TO BRITISH ARMY AT MASS RALLY

HAVANA, Dec. 26. (JTA)-- A cheque for \$1,750 to purchase an ambulance for use with the British army was presented here to British Ambassador Sir George Ogilvie-Forbes, at a rally of 5,000 Cuban Jews, under the auspices of the Jewish Committee for Aid to the Democracies. The meeting, which was the largest ever held by Cuban Jews, was broadcast throughout Cuba.

45 JEWISH-OWNED FIRMS IN PARIS SOLD TO NON-JEWS BY NAZI AUTHORITIES

ZURICH, Dec. 26. (JTA)-- The announcement on the Paris radio that the provisional administrators of forty-three large Jewish-owned firms in Paris had been removed, was interpreted today to mean that these "Aryanized" concerns had been sold to non-Jews, thus retiring their temporary directors.

Included in the list are some large business houses of Paris, such as Brunswick furs, Cecil shoes, La Cour Batave, one of the select department stores; Grand Maison furniture store of the Boulevard de Sebastopol and Hundred Thousand Shirts, one of the largest men's furnishing houses. Under a recent decree, proceeds from sale of Jewish property after paying a 10 per cent tax for the benefit of impoverished Jews, goes into a bank in the name of the owner.

The French Government has received the task of collecting a fine of 1,000,000,000 francs imposed on the Jewish community as part of the reprisals for aggressions against troops of occupation, it was also announced.

Execution of 95 Jews among the hostages ordered shot at the same time that the billion franc fine was imposed, was reported earlier this week by the Paris correspondent of the Berne newspaper, La Suisse.

POLISH CONSUL PROMISES TO AID JEWISH REFUGEES IN RUSSIA TO EMIGRATE TO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26. (JTA)-- An appeal to the Polish consul-general here, Baron Korsak, to attempt to facilitate the emigration of Polish Jewish refugees from Russia to Palestine, was made today by Elihu Dobkin, head of the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency. Baron Korsak promised to contact the Polish consuls in Kuibyshev and Tashkent, immediately, asking them to grant passports to certified refugees.

Meanwhile, the first shipment of winter clothes and other vital necessities for the Polish refugees in Russia left here today for Tehran en route to the Soviet Union. The articles were collected by the Polish Red Cross through the Jewish women's organizations in Palestine and South Africa.

JEWISH RESIDENTS OF PENANG WHO FLED JAPANESE OCCUPATION SAFE IN SINGAPORE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26. (JTA)-- Jewish residents on the island of Penang, which is off the coast of the Malay peninsula, north of Singapore, were removed from there before the Japanese occupation of the island, it was learned here today by relatives of the Penang Jews. They are now safe in Singapore, the reports state. Penang was seized by Japanese forces shortly after the outbreak of war with Britain and the United States.

NAZI RADIOS THROUGHOUT EUROPE RENEW ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA FOR ARABS

LONDON, Dec. 26. (JTA)-- Nazi-dominated radio stations in Paris, Berlin and Rome, today resumed spreading rumors of Jewish aspirations to dominate the Near East. Abetting Jewish designs on Arab territories are the United States and Britain, the broadcasts declare.

118 JEWISH REFUGEES ARRIVE AFTER FIVE-WEEK VOYAGE FROM EUROPE, AFRICA

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA)-- After a five-week voyage, 118 Jewish refugees arrived in New York today from Lisbon and Casablanca. Other groups of Jewish refugees had disembarked from the ship in Cuba, Santo Domingo and Vera Cruz. Their transportation was arranged by the Joint Distribution Committee.