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40,000 JOBS FILLED IN 1941 BY JEWISH EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA)-- Nearly 40,000 jobs were filled during 1941 by nineteen Jewish employment agencies in the United States and Canada, according to a report released by the Jewish Occupational Council today. During the year, the report reveals, about 50,000 persons applied to these Jewish agencies for jobs or guidance, and the agencies received approximately 71,000 requests for workers from employers.

The Jewish Occupational Council is the central clearing house and national coordinating agency for all Jewish economic adjustment service organizations. Its report on employment agency activities during 1941 is based on statistics forwarded each month by the nineteen agencies which operate in seventeen cities under local Jewish auspices.

The Jewish employment agencies reporting to the Jewish Occupational Council are located in Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Montreal, Newark, New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, and Toronto. All are supported and maintained by local Jewish Welfare Funds, Federations or other community efforts.

AMERICAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE MEETS IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 20. (JTA)-- The twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the joint resolution by both houses of Congress favoring "the establishment in Palestine of the national home for the Jewish people" will be celebrated by the American Palestine Committee at its second Annual Dinner at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, on Monday evening, May 25, it was announced here today by senator Robert F. Wagner, chairman of the Committee.

Comprising 67 senators, 143 congressmen, Cabinet members, governors, mayors, jurists, clergymen, educators, writers, publishers and civic and industrial leaders, the Committee which numbered 300 members when it was organized in March, 1941 now has more than 800 American leaders on its roster. Its purpose is "to give expression to the interest, sympathy and moral support of the American people for the Jewish National Home in Palestine."

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who arrived in this country from London last month, is one of the prominent speakers who will address the gathering, Senator Wagner announced. From London, Arthur Greenwood, member of the British War Cabinet and head of the Labor Party in the House of Commons, and Lord Wedgwood will speak to the assembly by radio.

SLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY NEGOTIATE OVER SHARING CONFISCATED JEWISH PROPERTY

ZURICH, May 20. (JTA)-- The Slovakian Government has initiated negotiations with the Hungarian authorities concerning real estate, stock and bank deposits of Hungarian Jews which have been confiscated in Slovakia, the pro-German Prague daily Neue Tag reports today.

It is probable that this property, the total value of which is estimated at fifty to sixty million kronen (approximately $2,000,000) will be turned over to Hungarian "Aryans" residing in Slovakia, with the exception of land holdings which it is expected will be retained by the Slovakian land office.

The Bucharest radio heard here today announced that Jews have been forbidden to enter cafes in the Rumanian town of Galatz. Persons violating the order will be liable to six months' imprisonment in a concentration camp. The broadcaster stated that the ban will soon be extended to other towns.

JEWS IN FRANCE SINGLED OUT BY NAZIS FOR EXECUTION; YELLOW BADGE FOR JEWS IN OCCUPIED ZO

VICHY, May 20. (JTA)-- New executions, the introduction of a yellow badge, and "improvement" of the existing anti-Jewish laws will face Jews in France before the month is over, according to announcements made in Paris today by the German authorities and by Darquier de Pellepoix, the French Commissioner for Jewish Affairs.

The German authorities, in their announcement, stated that Eastern European Jews living in occupied France will pay with their lives for any attacks on German soldiers, regardless of whether these assaults are made by Jews or unknown persons. They also declared that an order compelling Jews to wear a yellow Mogen David on their sleeve will be issued within the next ten days.

The announcement was made following the execution in Paris yesterday of five Jewish hostages because unknown persons had thrown a bomb at members of the occupation forces. Declaring that the five men executed were all "of Eastern European origin," today's announcement states they were executed because the actual assailants escaped.

"Since Eastern European-born Jews have participated in other assaults on members of the German police, the five were chosen for the firing squad," the announcement reads. "More Eastern European Jews will be shot if those guilty of the attack are not discovered within eight days."

Darquier de Pellepoix, in his statement to the press, today announced that a special police force will be formed "to detect and frustrate Jewish plots against the French community." He declared that not only will he carry out the existing anti-Jewish laws more firmly than heretofore, but will "improve" upon them.

PUBLICATIONS STATING "WASHINGTON IS RUN BY JEWS" ARE CONSIDERED DISLOYAL TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 20. (JTA)-- American publications claiming that "Washington is run by Jews" fall into the category of those whose loyalty to the United States in the present war is questioned, it was revealed here today at the hearings of the Post Office department to determine whether the magazine "X-Ray" should be permanently deprived of its second-class mailing privileges.

It was reported at the hearings that criteria on which to judge the pro-Nazi leanings of any publication in America have been set up by Harold D. Lasswell, director of war communications research at the Library of Congress. One of the questions which determine a publication's loyalty to the country is: "Does the publication say that Washington is run by Communists, plutocrats, Jews or crooks?"

Conference of Methodist Women Urged to Fight Racial Bigotry

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 20. (JTA)-- A nation-wide conference of Methodist women was urged today by Mrs. J. D. Bragg of St. Louis, national president of the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to unite in fighting religious and racial bigotry which, she said, have developed with the increased tempo of the war effort.

ROSENWALD FAMILY DONATES $50,000 TO U.S.O. WAR FUND CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA)-- The members of the Rosenwald family have doubled their 1941 gift to the USO by donating $50,000 to the current War Fund Campaign, it was announced today by Prescott S. Bush, national campaign chairman.

AGUDAS ISRAEL SAYS JEWISH AGENCY MUST REACH AGREEMENT WITH ORTHODOX NON-ZIONISTS

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA)-- The attitude of the Agudas Israel World Organization towards the resolutions on Palestine adopted here last week by the Extraordinary Zionist Conference was outlined in a statement made public today by Mr. Jacob Rosenheim, president of the Agudah, who is now in this country.

"As far as free Jewish immigration to and the free acquisition of land by Jews in Palestine is concerned, we fully endorse the Zionist claims," the statement reads. "We are sharing the hope of Dr. Weizmann that the genius of the British people will find, in good time, a better solution of the Jewish-Arab problem than that of the unfortunate White Paper. We are, however, as everybody and also the Allied governments will understand, unable to acknowledge the Jewish Agency in its present constitution and composition as the duly authorized representative of the whole Jewish people, as long as no internal agreement has been reached with the autonomously organized body of Orthodoxy all over the world, not represented in the Agency."

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF BRITH ABRAHAM POSTPONED FOR A YEAR AS RESULT OF THE WAR

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA)-- The fifty-fifth annual three-day convention of the Order Brith Abraham, one of the largest American-Jewish fraternal organization in the country, scheduled for this coming June in Atlantic City, was postponed for one year on account of the war, to permit the membership to devote all of their time to the country's national defense, it was announced here today.

The postponement of the convention was made known in a proclamation issued to the 400 lodges of the Order by Grand Master Herman Hoffman. In a referendum vote held among the lodges throughout the country, more than two-thirds favored postponement of this year's convention until 1943.

500 ORTHODOX RABBIS, IN SHEVOUTH MANIFESTO, CALL FOR SUPPORT OF UJA

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA)-- A Shevouth manifesto issued today by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada in the names of its 500 members calls upon the Jews in America to contribute to the United Jewish Appeal. The festival commemorating the handing down to the Jewish people of the sacred Book of the Law, embodying the principles of humanity, justice and democracy, the orthodox rabbis' manifesto declared, is an appropriate occasion for Jews to prove their loyalty to those principles by supporting the programs of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service, the three rescue agencies represented in the United Jewish Appeal.

CAMPAIGN TO RAISE $75,000 FOR HAIFA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY OPENED

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA)-- A nation-wide campaign to raise $75,000 to guarantee the continued existence of the Haifa Technical Institute in Palestine was launched here today. The institution lost most of its normal revenue as a result of the war.

At a dinner last week of the American Society for the Advancement of the Hebrew Institute of Technology in Haifa Dr. Karl Compton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, lauded the work of the Haifa institution and stressed the importance of keeping the school going, especially under the present conditions.

BECAUSE OF SHEVOUTH THE BULLETIN WILL NOT APPEAR ON FRIDAY