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ZIONIST "WAR-TIME CONGRESS" DISCUSSES POST-WAR POSSIBILITIES FOR PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 1.(JTA)— The possibility that the British Government will reward the Jews in Palestine for their contribution to the war effort, which is acknowledged both by the civil and military authorities, was hinted here at today's session of the "war-time congress" which is taking place in lieu of the World Zionist Congress, with more than 200 delegates of the last Zionist Congress in 1939, which was interrupted by the outbreak of the war, in attendance.

"There is always the possibility that as a reward for the Jewish war efforts, the British Government will revert to the policy which it pursued in the last war with regard to Palestine," Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, told the session today in reporting on the post-war political outlook for Palestine. He stressed the dual policy which the Palestine Government is now pursuing with regard to the Jews. "On one hand the government admits the necessity of utilizing Jewish industry and Jewish man-power for military purposes, while on the other hand, it fears that these very industries and troops might become an obstacle in the way of certain other aims which the government is pursuing."

Jewish Agency Working on Program of Arab-Jewish Relations

Referring to Jewish-Arab relations, Mr. Shertok said: "We are not striving to rule or dominate anybody. We are not striving to exploit the country. Our ideal is not eternal strife with our neighbors. We do not want to live with a sword in hand. We want only the right to live our national life as free human beings. There is already Jewish-Arab rapprochement. The Jewish Agency for Palestine is doing much towards establishing sincere and friendly relations between Jews and Arabs, but only the creative forces in this country will decide the issue." Shertok concluded his report with an appeal for internal unity among the Jews in Palestine, stressing that "there is no greater danger for our national cause than a split in our internal forces."

Cables of greetings from Dr. Chaim Weizman and American Zionist leaders were read to the gathering at today's session. The Ohel Theatre where the congress is taking place is crowded with hundreds of guests, creating an atmosphere of pro-war Zionist Congress.

The suggestion that all Zionist drives be merged was made at the session today by Dr. Aaron Barth, Mizrahi leader and attorney of the World Zionist Congress. Dr. Emil Shorok, head of the economic department of the Jewish Agency, spoke of the necessity of bringing more laborers to Palestine in order to prevent the closing down of many plants established by Jews with much effort and sacrifice. "In order to meet the shortage of labor, the doors of Palestine must be opened for thousands

of Jewish refugees from Poland now stranded in Russia, instead of importing workers from the Sudan and other places in Africa," Shmorak said.

Measures to Prevent Acute Post-War Unemployment Demanded

At the same time, Eliezer Kaplan, executive member of the Jewish Agency, in addressing today's session emphasized the necessity for making preparations now for post-war reconstruction of Palestine so as to prevent acute unemployment which might arise after the war is over. "Such unemployment may be converted into a political issue and cause grave difficulties," he warned.

In reviewing the Jewish achievements in Palestine since the last World Zionist Congress of 1939, Mr. Kaplan reported that \$60,000,000 in Jewish capital has come into Palestine during the last three years. The areas cultivated by Jews during these three years are yielding more crops than under their former owners. The Jewish Agency and the Keren Hayesod had an income of more than 10,000,000 dollars during the period, of which thirty percent has been spent on agricultural colonization, twenty-two percent on security, and the remainder on other work in Palestine.

\$20,600,000 SPENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PALESTINE SINCE OUTBREAK OF WAR

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (JTA)—More than \$20,600,000 were spent by the Jewish Agency, the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund for the development of Palestine during the last three years since the outbreak of the war in September, 1939, it was reported here today by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal. About one-half of this sum was spent by the Jewish National Fund for the purchase of land. The other half, provided by the Jewish Agency and the Keren Hayesod, was expended for transportation of refugees, colonization, labor, trade, industry, education, security and religious needs.

"It is a source of satisfaction to the United Palestine Appeal that through its channel the Jews of America contributed the largest percentage of \$20,600,000 expended for every branch of development in Palestine since September, 1939," Dr. Silver stated. In the past, some American Jews may have regarded themselves the benefactors of homeless refugees who had found freedom and opportunity in the Jewish National Home. Today all of us realize that we in America are the beneficiaries of the fighting capacities of the Jewish community in Palestine, which is, unreservedly and with increasing resourcefulness, an invaluable ally in the conduct of the war.

"With the American armed forces represented today on the soil of the Jewish homeland in Palestine, it is all the more gratifying to the Jews of America that their generosity during the past quarter century, and particularly during the past three years of the war, helped to create in Palestine a reservoir of strength which is of inestimable importance today to the United States and to the United Nations as a whole. American soldiers stationed in Palestine alongside soldiers of other of the United Nations know that they are in the midst of a community which is not only wholeheartedly on their side, but which is sacrificing blood and treasure for a common cause," Dr. Silver declared.

Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes will be the guest of honor at the meeting of the National Council of the United Palestine Appeal to be held in New York City at the Hotel Biltmore on December 6, it was announced by Dr. Silver. Mr. Ickes will address the assembled communal leaders on the importance of mobilizing all of the resources of American Jewry in support of the Jewish war effort in Palestine.

EIGHTY PERCENT OF "ARYANIZED" JEWISH PROPERTY IN HOLLAND SEIZED BY GERMANS

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 1. (JTA)-- Five-sixths of the "Aryanized" Jewish-owned property in the Netherlands has passed into German hands, it is admitted in *Die Mithoorn*, an anti-Semitic Amsterdam newspaper, which reached here today.

Die Mithoorn also carries an attack on the Burgomaster of Apeldoorn, who, together with his wife, entertained a Jewish family at dinner in the building of the municipality. "The Burgomaster was forced to hide in a henhouse when it was discovered that he was entertaining Jews," the Nazi paper states.

Dutch firms, forced to discharge their Jewish employees, are sending out circular letters notifying their customers. "We regret to announce that Levi Wolf, through circumstances outside of his and our will, will no longer be in our midst after next Friday," one of the letters reaching here today states, indicating the Dutch firm's displeasure with the anti-Jewish regulations.

HITLER TELLS JEWS NOT TO LAUGH AT HIM; "PROPHECIES" WORLD-WIDE ANTI-SEMITISM

ZURICH, Oct. 1. (JTA)-- Repeating his now familiar anti-Jewish diatribe, Adolph Hitler, in his address in Berlin yesterday, again reiterated his threat to "eradicate" the Jews.

"Anti-Semitism," he said, "is growing, and every nation that enters this war will come out of it an anti-Semitic State. Jews laughed in Germany when I prophesied something. I don't know if they laugh still, or if they have already forgotten to laugh. But I can assure them they will forget to laugh everywhere. I will be right in this prophecy too."

RUSSIAN PRESS LAUDS JEWISH HEROES IN BATTLED STALINGRAD

KUIBYSHV, Oct. 1. (JTA)-- Reports in the Soviet press today laud many Jewish officers and men who have distinguished themselves in the bloody battle for Stalingrad which entered its thirty-eighth day today.

Sergeant Kosik and Private Berkovits were given the assignment of cleaning out a squad of Germans who were entrenched in hidden pits and ditches along a road on the outskirts of the city. As they approached the road, a group of German tanks appeared. Although their company was badly outnumbered, Kosik and Berkovits throw scores of "Molotov cocktails" setting the tanks afire and forcing their occupants to flee, making the Nazis easy targets for the Russian riflemen.

Another exploit reported in the press is that of a Jewish private, Bernstein, who led a group of thirteen trucks bearing ammunition through burning streets, under heavy aerial bombing and artillery fire, to relieve a Russian regiment that had been surrounded by the Germans during a night surprise attack. Other heroes mentioned are Sergeant Leib Fischman, who led his unit against 100 Nazi tanks, destroying fifteen and forcing the others to retreat; Lieut. Shoichet, whose platoon lured eighty-five Nazis into a trap and killed thirty-five of them; and nineteen-year-old cavalryman Abraham Rosnitsky, attached to a Cossack regiment, who made a perilous gallop across no-man's land to restore communications between two Soviet regiments.

A Jewish doctor, Simon Rafalovich, and his staff, are praised for continuing to work in their Red Cross hospital although a Nazi bomb scored a direct hit, killing six members of the staff.

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS FOR POST-WAR COOPERATION FORMED IN LONDON

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The children, who will be escorted out of Hungary and Rumania under the supervision of the International Red Cross, have already received transit visas through Turkey. Their transportation from Turkey to Palestine is being defrayed by the Joint Distribution Committee, which has just made a grant of \$19,000 for this purpose. Palestine certificates for the children were secured by the Hadassah.

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