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JEWISH GROUPS IN PALESTINE UNITE TO AID JEWS IN NAZI-HELD COUNTRIES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2.(JTA)-- A United Committee to Save European Jewry, with representatives of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Jewish National Council of Palestine, the Agudas Israel and the New Zionist Organization participating, was established at an organizational meeting held here today.

At the meeting, it was decided to 1) press for urgent relief measures to assist the Jews of Europe; 2) take steps to see that the Yishuv's reaction to the slaughter of the Jews does not slacken, in view of the fact that no practical action has been initiated as yet by the United Nations; and 3) demand that the gates of Palestine be opened for immigration of refugee Jews.

The Hebrew Writers Association here today cabled to the Pen Club in Great Britain and America urging writers to "raise their voices against Nazi cruelties and help to save defenseless Jews from a merciless foe."

Scottish Churches Demand United Nations Help Jews; Urge Fight on Anti-Semitism

EDINBURGH, Feb. 2.(JTA)-- A conference of all Christian denominations in Scotland meeting here yesterday reaffirmed the recent statement of the Presbyterian Church demanding that the Allied nations make greater efforts to assist Jews who succeed in escaping from Nazi-held countries and guarantee the restoration of all civil and religious rights to Jews after the war.

The meeting, which was called by the Church of Scotland, stressed that it is the duty of Christians everywhere to combat anti-Semitism. It voted to establish a continuations committee, with representatives of churches and Jewish communities participating, to study the world situation and its relations to Jews as well as means of countering the spread of anti-Semitism.

MORRIS D. WALDMAN ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.(JTA)-- The election of Morris D. Waldman to the newly-created post of executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee has been announced here.

The duties of the new position, as listed in the amendment to the Committee by-laws under which it was created, are: "general supervision and counsel under the direction of the President and the Administrative Committee." Mr. Waldman will also be a member of all standing committees and special committees except the nominating committee.

The new by-law was adopted at the Committee's annual meeting on Sunday. At that meeting, Maurice Wertheim, retiring president of the organization, paid tribute to Mr. Waldman, describing him as "the rock of the American Jewish Committee, whom I am happy and proud to call my friend." Mr. Waldman has served with the American Jewish Committee since 1928.

BUCHAREST JEWS THREATENED WITH JAIL, FINES FOR "SHIRKING" SNOW SHOVELLING

ZURICH, Feb. 2.(JTA)-- The Bucharest Jewish community has been threatened with a heavy fine for the alleged inefficiency of Jews set to forced labor clearing the streets of the city of snow, it is reported in the Bucharest daily, *Timpu*, which was received here today. The mayor of the city, Gen. Reskanau voiced this warning, the newspaper states, adding that Jews "guilty of shirking will be sent to concentration camps and will be fined."

TWO MORE JEWISH OFFICERS IN RED ARMY RAISED TO RANK OF GENERAL

KUIBYSHEV, Feb. 2, (JTA)-- The promotion of two more Jewish officers in the Red Army to the rank of General in recognition of their achievements at the front, was reported today in the Soviet press. They are Lieut.-Colonel Maxim Reiter and Lieut.-Colonel Aaron Karpenev who have been raised to the rank of Lieut.-General. Last week the Council of Peoples Commissars announced the appointment of four other Jewish generals.

The press today also carries a list of Jewish officers who have been decorated for gallantry. The Order of the Red Banner has been given to Lieut.-Colonel Yuchin Novikov, Major Shale Kaulman and Battalion Commissar Moshe Konievsky. The Order of the Red Star was awarded to Surgeon Shavle Buchman.

DIES DENIES THAT ANTI-SEMITES ARE FASCIST OR THAT FASCISM IS ANTI-SEMITIC

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, (JTA)-- A denial that persons who express anti-Jewish views are necessarily pro-Nazi or pro-Fascist or that Fascism is anti-Semitic was voiced in the House of Representatives yesterday by Rep. Martin Dies in an oblique attempt to defend his committee against the charge that it had neglected to probe Nazi and Fascist groups in the United States.

"There have come repeated demands that this person or that person be branded as pro-Fascist or pro-Nazi simply because he expressed anti-Jewish views," Dies said. "I do not hold with those who condemn anyone on account of the misdeeds of some people in that race, but there is no law against a man's denouncing the South. God knows I have heard Southerners denounced as viciously in certain quarters of this country as I have ever heard Jews denounced."

"When they say Fascists, what do they mean by Fascist?" he continued. "Most of them mean people who have expressed anti-Semitic views; but that is not Fascism, for Fascism is not anti-Semitic; with all its faults, with all its sins representing an evil form of government, one thing cannot be charged to Fascism, and that is that it was anti-Semitic at the time of its origin."

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL NAMES DR. SILVER AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 2, (JTA)-- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland, has been named National Chairman for 1943 of the United Palestine Appeal, it was announced here today. This is the sixth year of service given to the organization by Dr. Silver, it was pointed out.

The 1943 nationwide campaign of the United Palestine Appeal will seek the American share of budgets totalling \$9,500,000 to be spent during the year in the Jewish homeland by the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund, the two basic institutions which comprise the United Palestine Appeal.

Elected with Dr. Silver as officers of the United Palestine Appeal are Professor Albert Einstein, Dr. Solomon Goldman, Federal Judge Julian W. Mack, Henry Monksy, Nathan Straus and Miss Henrietta Szold, now in Jerusalem, as Honorary Chairmen. Co-Chairmen are Dr. Stephan S. Wise, who will also serve as Chairman of the Administrative Committee, Louis Lipsky, also Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Bernard A. Rosenblatt and Judge Morris Rothenberg.

REFUGEES IN EUROPE LOOK TO U.S. FOR HELP, DR. JOSEPH SCHWARTZ REPORTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.(JTA)-- Relief needs among refugees in Europe are steadily increasing and the United States is looked to as the major source of help, according to reports brought here by Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, who arrived from Lisbon by clipper yesterday.

Dr. Schwartz stressed that within the enemy lines work was still being carried on to get refugees across the borders. Committees of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee formed before the war began are still secretly functioning, he said. He stated that an average of 150 persons escape daily from France over the Pyrenees, and that the attitude of Spanish authorities had relaxed, apparently because of sympathy for France and because of a general "change of feeling" that he said swept through Spain after the occupation of North Africa by the Allies.

"Some refugees are interned or imprisoned," he said. "But none are sent back to France. My latest information is that the Spanish have been releasing refugees of non-military age." Dr. Schwartz said that there were 12,000 refugees in Spain and Portugal who could be removed if asylum could be found for them.

IRISH JEWS ASK APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF RABBI OF EIRE

DUBLIN, Ireland, Feb. 2.(JTA)-- The annual convulse of the United Hebrew Congregations of Ireland meeting here voted to empower the Jewish Representative Council of Eire to appoint a Chief Rabbi for the Irish Free State.

Eire, which has about 5,000 Jews, has not had a Chief Rabbi since 1937 when Rabbi Isaac Herzog left to assume the post of Chief Rabbi of Palestine. Since that time Chief Rabbi Joseph Hertz of Great Britain has also acted as Chief Rabbi of Ireland. The Chief Rabbinate of Ireland was first created in 1925.

OVER 8,000 JEWS NOW SERVING IN SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES, SMUTS REPORTS

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 2.(JTA)-- There are now 8,366 Jewish men from South Africa serving in the British forces, 2,200 of whom have left the country for active service, it was revealed today by Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts in the course of a report to Parliament.

URUGUAYAN STATESMAN LAUDED FOR SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE TOWARDS REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.(JTA)-- The "profound gratitude of South American Jews" for the "generous and sympathetic policy in favor of the victims of Nazi racial persecution" displayed by Dr. Alberto Guani, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Vice-President-elect of Uruguay, was voiced by Ezra Teubal, Argentine industrialist and Jewish leader, at a reception for Dr. Guani at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel here. Mr. Teubal said that "Dr. Guani contributed as far as possible to opening the doors of America to the victims of a persecution, the monstrosity of which I need not emphasize here."

PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING CONDITION OF EUROPEAN JEWRY ON VIEW AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.(JTA)-- The misery that masses of European Jews experienced from 1930 to 1940 is the theme of fifty photographs which went on exhibition yesterday in Teachers College library. They are a few of the hundreds taken by Roman Vishniac, a professional photographer, while in Europe representing the Joint Distribution Committee. Much of the exhibit concerns economic life of the Jewish ghettos.