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WEIZMANN ACTS TO SECURE TRANSFER OF 70,000 RUMANIAN JEWS TO PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. (JTA)-- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, today acted to secure the acceptance by the Allied Nations of an alleged proposal made by the Rumanian Government, expressing willingness to permit the transfer of 70,000 Rumanian Jews from the concentration camps in Transnistria to Palestine or any other place of refuge selected by the Allies.

The offer is reported to have reached the United Nations through neutral channels. It provides that a sum of approximately \$200 must be paid to the Rumanian treasury for each of the 70,000 Jews permitted to leave the country. This sum is to cover the "travelling expenses" of the refugees. The released Jews would, under the Rumanian proposal, be transported on Rumanian ships displaying the insignia of the Vatican to indicate that the vessels were on a non-belligerent mission. The transfer would be effected under the supervision of the Papal Nuncio and the Bishop of Bucharest.

The report of this proposal, though not confirmed in official circles in Washington, has provoked a flurry of activity among Zionist leaders now in the capital. Zionist spokesmen here pointed out that the plan, if accepted, would not only save the lives of 70,000 Jews, but would help to relieve the manpower shortage in Palestine. They brushed aside the suggestion that the Nazis could plant spies among the 70,000 emigres and pointed to the fact that among the 45,000 Jews who have entered Palestine since the beginning of the war, not one spy has been found, since the Jewish Agency assumed full responsibility for safeguarding against spies getting into the country in the guise of refugees.

Washington Officials Sceptical; Say Plan Needs-Nazi Approval

Officials in Washington viewed the report of the Rumanian proposal with scepticism. They pointed out that similar reports have not been confirmed in the past. They also emphasized that the proposed use of Rumanian ships would require the approval of the Nazi military command and that the Nazis badly need all the shipping they have in the Black Sea. They added that Nazi propaganda to the Arabs frequently reported that large numbers of Jews are about to enter Palestine.

Zionist leaders here, on the other hand, predicted that no difficulties would arise from Arab opposition now that it no longer can be financed by the Axis. (In London it was stated that the United Nations had taken no decision on the reported Rumanian proposal because it would be risky to stir up trouble throughout the Moslem world and also because the shipping difficulties would be tremendous if a more distant haven than Palestine were chosen.)

The Rumanian proposal is interpreted by well-informed circles here as an indication that Rumania expects the Russian Army to capture Transnistria which is situated between the Bug and the Dniester rivers. About 250,000 Rumanian Jews

were deported to Transnistria soon after the Nazi occupation of the territory, which was placed under Rumanian administration. Apparently no more than 70,000 of the victims remain alive, and the Rumanian authorities would consider it a good bargain if they could secure \$14,000,000 for the release of the exiled Jews before the latter are released by the Russian Army.

British Youth Ask Government to Save Jews from Nazi Extermination

LONDON, Feb. 14. (JTA)-- The British Youth Council for Christian-Jewish Relationships at its conference today adopted a resolution expressing its horror at the Nazi massacres of Jews and urging that every effort be made to map out a plan "for the immediate rescue of these defenseless human beings."

At a meeting of students of the University of Manchester, Vice-Chancellor Sir John Stopford urged that steps be taken "for the evacuation of every Jew that can be saved from Nazi Europe." He demanded that immediate consideration be given to the possibility of exchanging enemy prisoners for Jewish children in Nazi territories and suggested that Palestine be opened to every Jew rescued from the Nazis. He also urged international aid to neutral countries to enable them to admit Jews from Nazi-controlled territory.

NAZIS ORDER DUTCH JEWS TO MOVE TO AMSTERDAM; BELIEVED PRELUDE TO DEPORTATIONS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. (JTA)-- The Nazi-controlled Brussels radio, in a Flemish-language broadcast to Belgium, announced today that Jews living in "numerous" municipalities in Holland have been ordered to move to Amsterdam "as soon as possible." The broadcast was heard by monitors of the Federal Communications Commission.

Observers here pointed out that in the past such orders have been a prelude to mass-deportations of Jews, since the Nazis have been using Amsterdam as a concentration center from which the deportees are shipped to eastern Europe. It is thought that as a result of the recent large-scale deportations of Dutch Jews there are few remaining in Amsterdam, necessitating a round-up of those still residing in the smaller towns and villages throughout the country.

6,000 JEWS BEING KILLED BY THE NAZIS DAILY IN ONE CITY, JEWISH CONGRESS REPORTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA)-- The American Jewish Congress today reported that it has received information from Europe confirming the news that new mass-executions, at an accelerated tempo, are taking place in Nazi-held Poland. One report, dated January 19, asserts that "in one place in Poland, 6,000 Jews are killed daily," the Congress announcement said.

"By the end of March no Jews will be left either in Prague or in Berlin," the information received by the Congress states. It reveals that twenty-one members of the German Jewish Representation have "disappeared" from Berlin and that representatives of the Berlin Jewish Community are being held as hostages.

BRITISH PARLIAMENTARIANS DEMAND GOVERNMENT OUTLAW NEW ANTI-SEMITIC PARTY

LONDON, Feb. 14. (JTA)-- A demand that the Government clamp down an immediate ban on the recently formed "British National Party" on the ground that it is anti-Semitic, pro-Nazi and anti-Soviet, was made today by many peers and members of Commons, led by Lord Wedgwood.

They charge that the group is merely a new form of the illegal "British Union of Fascists," which was headed by Sir Oswald Mosley, and "is spreading the same vile anti-Semitic abuse as the Nazis."

CHILE ORDERS 3,500 REFUGEES TO MOVE FROM CAPITAL TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

Buenos Aires, Feb. 14. (JTA)-- Newspapers in Argentina carry moving accounts of the tragic situation of Jewish refugees in Chile as a result of the recent Government decree which ordered 3,500 refugee immigrants to move from Santiago to agricultural districts on the pretext that when they entered the country they pledged to settle in the sparsely-populated southern regions as agricultural workers, but instead settled in Santiago and established themselves in small shops and industries.

The decree gave the refugees sixty days notice, but police authorities in Santiago served the immigrants with orders to leave the capital within thirty days. Among the Jewish refugees affected are many who have established prosperous businesses which they are now forced to dissolve. Exempted from the decree are refugees over 60 years of age who can prove that they have relatives living in Santiago.

Jewish organizations in Chile are reported to have appealed to the authorities concerning the decree which has aroused dissatisfaction among the liberal elements in the country. It is reported in the Argentine press that circles close to the Supreme Court in Chile have indicated that if an appeal is lodged with the higher courts, the measure may be declared illegal.

In view of the fact that the decree has provoked much criticism in the country, the Chilean Government has announced the formation of a committee to study separately each individual appeal by the refugees. The Committee is composed of representatives of the Departments of the Interior, Labor, Commerce, Foreign Affairs and Immigration. Groups in Chile who oppose the order point out that a considerable proportion of the Jewish refugees who have entered the country since Hitler came to power in Germany have established new industries producing commodities formerly imported from other countries.

NAZI TANK DONATED IN HONOR OF ERNST VOM RATH CAPTURED BY JEWISH RED ARMYMAN

Kuibyshev, Feb. 14. (JTA)-- A Nazi tank, donated to the German army in memory of Ernst vom Rath, counsellor of the German embassy in Paris who was assassinated there in 1938 by a Polish-Jewish youth, Herschel Grynszpan, has been captured by a Russian Jewish tankist, it was reported in a local newspaper here today.

According to the paper's correspondent, the Red Armyman, Solomon Ravnitsky, who was formerly heavyweight boxing champion of Odessa, jumped from his own tank in the midst of a battle with Nazi infantry and tank units and, using a tommygun, cleared a path through the advancing Germans until he reached the Nazi machine. He succeeded in throttling the lone German who barred his way and silenced the tank, enabling the Russians to advance and capture the village where the German units had been based.

When he examined his trophy after the battle, Ravnitsky found the following inscription on its side: "This tank is a gift in memory of our beloved son Ernst, who was killed in Paris while in the performance of his duties, by a dirty Jew criminal." It was signed "the vom Rath family." When he saw the inscription Ravnitsky asked permission to take over the tank, which was granted. Since then, the correspondent reports, he has driven the machine into battle many times and participated in the recent Soviet advances on the central front.

REPORTS OF ANTI-JEWISH VIOLENCE BY POLES IN PALESTINE EXAGGERATED, SAYS RABBI BERLIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.(JTA)-- Reports of large-scale organized anti-Jewish rioting by Polish soldiers in Palestine were described as "greatly exaggerated" today by Rabbi Meir Berlin, World President of the Mizrahi Organization, who arrived here from Palestine by plane two weeks ago.

Rabbi Berlin confirmed the report that a brother-in-law of Berl Katznelson, Jewish labor leader, was killed during a brawl with Polish soldiers in Rehovoth several months ago, but denied that there have been outbreaks of violence in Tel Aviv. Polish soldiers were barred from the city for four days some months ago, he stated, as a warning to them to cease provoking petty quarrels, and not because of any wide-spread anti-Jewish activity on their part. Rabbi Berlin stressed that the anti-Semitic remarks and agitation by some of the individual soldiers definitely did not represent the attitude of the Polish military authorities in Palestine.

He branded an "absolute lie" the report that several Poles had been caught attempting to set fire to the Bnei Brak, in Tel Aviv, the largest community center in the city. Lastly, he described the reported stabbing of a Jewish school boy by a Polish youth as a children's quarrel which was not an indication of a wave of anti-Jewish terror.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS ADOPTS LARGEST BUDGET IN HISTORY OF COMMUNITY

TORONTO, Feb. 14.(HTA)-- A budget totalling \$452,000 - the largest in the history of the Jewish community of Canada - was adopted by the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress, meeting here in special session under the chairmanship of Mr. Samuel Bronfman, national president of Congress, to consider present and post-war problems confronting the Jewish community. At least \$300,000 of this year's budget, representing the largest sum ever contributed by the Canadian Jewish community for this purpose, will be devoted to the relief of Jewish war victims.

It was disclosed at the meeting that the number of Jewish internees in Canada has decreased from 2,600 to 160. Of the 2,440 who have been released, 800 remain in Canada, while the others have returned overseas. Mrs. Anne Cowan, executive secretary of the United Jewish Refugee and War Relief Agencies, reported that of \$45,000 lent to Jewish refugees by the U.J.R. and W.R.A. during the last four years to enable them to settle on farms, \$11,000 had already been repaid and payments were being made periodically on the balance. In accordance with a suggestion by Mr. Bronfman, payments on this account will be placed in a special fund which will be used for refugee farm-settlement in the future. Mr. Bronfman also drew attention to the fact that the success of the U.J.R. and W.R.A. in settling refugees on farms had been so marked, that the Canadian government was likely to permit it to extend its activities in the future.

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, for fifteen years spiritual leader of the Holy Blossom Congregation, announced that he would shortly leave Canada for the duration of the war to assume a position with the Union of Hebrew Congregations of the United States and Canada. Rabbi Eisendrath is national chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the Congress.

PIONEER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION CABLES FUNDS TO PALESTINE WORKING WOMEN FOR CHILD CARE

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.(JTA)-- The Pioneer Women's Organization this week cabled \$20,000 to the Working Women's Council, its sister organization in Palestine, for the care of refugee children in its institutions, which are to be expanded in order to make room for children now on their way to Palestine from Iran, it was announced here today.