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DR. LEO BAECK, CHIEF RABBI OF GERMANY, DEPORTED TO TEREZIN FORTRESS

ZURICH, March 25. (JTA)-- Dr. Leo Baeck, the 70-year-old chief rabbi of Germany, has been deported by the Nazi authorities to the fortress of Terezin in Czechoslovakia, according to reliable information reaching here today. ✓

Dr. Baeck, who is the president of the Reichsvereinigung, the central Jewish organization in the Reich, was arrested by the Gestapo in Berlin on various occasions when he courageously intervened for the Jews of Germany whose spiritual leader he has been for many years. He was deported together with several thousand other German Jews in the mass-expulsions which were resumed this month, the report said.

Renewed deportations of Jews from France were also reported here today. A transport of 2,500 alien Jews was sent from France to Nazi-held eastern territory last week and more Jews are being rounded up by the French police for deportation to Nazi-occupied devastated territories in the east, the report stated.

Netherland circles here today report that new concentration camps for Jews have been established in southern Holland, at Vught. They also released a report stating that synagogues in Holland went unheated through the winter, having been denied fuel by the Nazi occupation authorities. The oldest Jewish orphanage in Amsterdam, founded in 1826, has been closed, the report revealed.

RECONSTRUCTION PLAN MEANS GHETTO FOR JEWS IN AN "ANGLO-ARAB STATE," BEN-GURION SAYS

JERUSALEM, March 25. (JTA)-- The post-war reconstruction plan for Palestine as announced yesterday by Palestine's High Commissioner, resulted in a severe attack today on the British Government by David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency.

Analyzing the plan before a session of the Assefath Hanivcharim, the Jewish National Assembly, Ben-Gurion warned the gathering that "the Jewish future in Palestine is in grave danger." He charged the British Government with plotting to make Palestine "an Anglo-Arabic State with a Jewish ghetto" in which Jews will not be safe.

"The gift presented to us in the form of the post-war reconstruction plan must be considered with great care," he said. He expressed resentment at the fact that the High Commissioner of Palestine did not mention in his broadcast yesterday that the Jews have brought prosperity to the entire country. "Only a Jewish administration is able to carry out the post-war reconstruction of Palestine for the benefit of much-suffering Jewry as well as for the local population," he declared.

Jews Will Not Cooperate Unless White Paper is Abolished

The outline of the projected plan, given by the High Commissioner yesterday, provoked much unfavorable comment among Jewish leaders here since it emphasized the needs of the Arabs who, the High Commissioner said, "are less provided for" than the

Jews. This feeling of dissatisfaction found its chief expression in Ben-Gurion's address before the Assefath Hanivcharim. He announced that "the Jews will not cooperate on the post-war reconstruction plan unless the White Paper is abolished,"

"We shall be compelled to finance reconstruction which is not for us," Ben-Gurion added. He challenged the part of the plan dealing with post-war agricultural reconstruction. "It is erroneous to think," he said, "that there is not sufficient land in Palestine. There is plenty of uncultivated land. What the country needs is people to cultivate it as well as Jewish immigration,"

Reviewing the general attitude of the Palestine Government towards the Jews, Ben-Gurion said: "From the beginning of the war we declared this war to be our war despite the blow of the White Paper. We offered full assistance to England, but the Chamberlain regime declined it. Then came the land restrictions robbing us of equality before the law, and making this the only spot in the British Empire where racial discrimination was introduced.

"Then another blow came - for the first time under English rule 1,600 horror-stricken Jewish refugees who escaped from Hitler's sword were expelled from the Jewish homeland to a distant island where many of them died. We don't forget such things. We would not be worth human honor if we would have forgotten them. We also do not forget the aid we have given to England when under conditions of war we helped to increase the area under cultivation and established many war industries."

Ben-Gurion concluded his address with the warning that Jews will fight the White Paper policy of the British Government "to the very end." He expressed the hope that Jews in the United States and other democratic countries will lend their maximum aid to this fight.

ANGLO-AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES WILL NOT BE DELAYED, HULL STATES

WASHINGTON, March 25, (JTA)-- The Anglo-American conference on refugee problems will be held at the earliest practicable date and will not be delayed by difficulties over finding a meeting-place, Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today.

This was taken as a reference to Canadian annoyance over the fact that Hull's recently published note to Great Britain suggested Ottawa as a site for the conference without his having consulted the Canadian Government. He said the place of the conference had not yet been determined finally.

Hull confirmed that his current conversations with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden dealt in part with the most recent phases of the Jewish refugee problem, among others. He said that he and Mr. Eden had met each other half way in their thoughts, ideas and efforts to find ways of advancing the problem further toward a satisfactory solution. Every attention was being given to this, he added.

FORMER TEL AVIV SCHOOL TEACHER FIGHTING WITH RUSSIAN GUERRILLAS IN LITHUANIA

TEL AVIV, March 25, (JTA)-- Selig Dukshitzky, a former school teacher in this city, is now fighting with a Soviet guerrilla band in Lithuania, it was revealed in a letter received today by his relatives here.

Dukshitzky, who was visiting the town of Dolhinow, near Vilna, when the war broke out, and was consequently unable to return to Palestine, reports that in April and May of last year the Germans slaughtered 3,100 Jews in Dolhinow. The few Jewish survivors, including the ex-school teacher, fled until they encountered a Russian partisan band.

JEWISH WAR PRISONERS SEGREGATED BY NAZIS INTO SEPARATE UNITS, RED CROSS REPORTS

LONDON, March 25. (JTA)-- The British Red Cross today informed the Agudas Israel Organization here that investigations of the condition of British Jewish war prisoners in Nazi camps has established that, on the whole, they are treated no differently than other captives.

As far as could be ascertained, the Red Cross report stated, the only form of discrimination that is practiced is that Jewish prisoners, mostly Palestinians, are formed into exclusively Jewish labor detachments. These groups, however, are treated the same as other non-Jewish detachments.

CHAIRMAN OF JEWISH ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE APPEALS TO U.S. JEWS FOR AID FOR RUSSIA

KUIBYSHEV, March 25. (JTA)-- Solomon Mikhoels, chairman of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Russia, today broadcast from here a direct appeal to the Jews of the United States and England to intensify their aid to Russia in order to help the Red Army defeat the Nazis.

"We are not calling for charity," the noted Jewish artist, who has been decorated by the Soviet Government, said in his appeal to the Jews in the democratic countries. "We are calling upon you to fulfill your duty." A similar request was made by a Polish-Jewish writer, Bunim Heller, who stated that Jewish writers who escaped from Nazi-occupied Poland are given all possible aid in Russia and are having their works published here by government publishing houses.

The Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee also announced today that the Jewish State Theater of Kharkov has settled in Samarkand where it is continuing to give performances for groups of evacuated Jews and Jewish refugees from Poland, and that "hundreds of thousands of Jewish books have been sold by the Jewish publishing house 'Emes' during the last six months, as a result of increased interest in Jewish literature."

PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC CHURCH LEADERS IN HOLLAND INTERVENE FOR JEWS

WASHINGTON, March 25. (JTA)-- Swiss press reports received by the Office of War Information today said that a new joint letter of protest had been sent by the Protestant and Catholic churches of Holland to Reich Commissioner Arthur Seyss-Inquart denouncing conscription of manpower, persecution of Jews and deportations of Dutch citizens.

The letter, read from the pulpits of all signatory churches, was quoted by the Swiss newspapers Neue Zuercher Zeitung and Liberte, which reported that it had evoked "sharp reaction" from Nazi officialdom. A possibility of anti-church measures was suggested in the dispatches, which represented Nazi authorities as promising to "react suitably," soon.

The statement said the compassion of all Dutch Christians "goes out especially to those young people who have been forcibly torn from their homes and it goes out also to Jews and Catholics of Jewish descent who are today exposed to much deep sufferings."

JEWISH REFUGEE CHILDREN FROM RUMANIA ARRIVE IN PALESTINE

HAIFA, March 25. (JTA)-- Seventy-five Jewish refugee children from Rumania arrived here today. They travelled by way of Turkey and Syria.

LEHMAN'S OFFICE MAPS PLANS FOR MEDICAL RELIEF IN COUNTRIES LIBERATED FROM NAZIS

WASHINGTON, March 25.(JTA)-- Extensive plans for medical relief in countries liberated from Nazi occupation are now being mapped out by the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation, it was announced here today by Herbert Lehman, director.

"It is apparent that the control of epidemics is an integral part of the problems which confront the OFRRO," Mr. Lehman stated. "Hunger and disease will be two major facts in any populations freed from enemy domination. These two horse-men always follow in the wake of war. The Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations has recognized from the outset the necessity of planning and executing an extensive medical and health program in theatres of relief operations. Almost from the outset of our operations, the several Governmental agencies concerned with the various aspects of public health and medical care were asked to provide their assistance. A number of these agencies have been working on these problems in advance of the creation of the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations.

"Accordingly, I created an Advisory Committee on Health and Medical Care under the chairmanship of Surgeon General Thomas Parran, U.S. Public Health Service, and asked the heads of a number of other Departments to assign representatives to sit on the committee. In establishing this committee, I asked it to undertake the following work:

1. To collect and analyze available information concerning disease prevalence and important health problems in areas which may be reoccupied by our armed forces.
2. To appraise the epidemic and other disease conditions which are likely to be an important part of relief and rehabilitation.
3. To estimate the amount and kinds of essential health and medical supplies and equipment which must be provided.
4. To consider - at least in general terms - the numbers, skills and potential sources of personnel needed to deal with epidemic and other health problems.
5. To consider, in conjunction with appropriate agricultural and other sources of information, the nutritional problems ahead.

Mr. Lehman pointed out that "in the field of health, as in other sectors of the task of bringing relief and rehabilitation to the liberated peoples, it is apparent that there will be needed not only the full participation of Governments but also of all voluntary agencies and foundations experienced in this field. The task will be so tremendous that even the combined efforts of Government and private agencies will be unable to meet all the demands."

AMERICAN LABOR ZIONISTS OPEN CONVENTION ON JEWISH PROBLEMS TODAY

NEW YORK, March 25.(JTA)-- A three-day convention of the American Labor Zionist movement opens tomorrow at the Hotel Pennsylvania when one thousand delegates gather to discuss a post-war program for Jewish reconstruction. The convention will voice the opinion of 40,000 organized Labor Zionists on the main issues confronting the Jewish people today, and will evolve a program of action to be presented for consideration at the forthcoming American Jewish Assembly.

Following an address by Moshe Shertok, head of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency, the convention will deliberate on the three-fold objective of organizing American Jewry to assume greater responsibilities for the fate of the Jews in Europe and Palestine; the adoption of a program regarding the future status of Jews in Palestine and in post-war Europe; and a plan whereby American Jewry combined with Jews of other lands can best bring these proposals to the World Peace conference in the name of the entire Jewish people.