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## SHIPS TAKING FOOD TO GREECE COULD BRING JEWS FROM NAZI EUROPE SAYS SWEDISH PRESS

STOCKHOLM, March 29.(JTA)-- A suggestion that Swedish ships now being used to carry mercy shipments of food to Greece be utilized for transporting Jewish refugees from the Axis-occupied countries is made by the London correspondent of the Svenska Morgenbladet in an article appearing in that paper today.

The correspondent, Björn Hallström, points out that the Swedish ships pick up the food destined for Greece mainly in Canadian ports. These vessels, which usually return empty, "could be used to save Jews in the Balkans and other occupied countries," he writes.

Hallström states further that he has been informed that circles in London which are interested in rescuing as many of the European Jews as possible, support this proposal. According to information available here, there are about seven Swedish ships engaged in transporting supplies to Greece and it is planned to put more in operation.

A strong denunciation of anti-Semitism was issued here today by the annual meeting of the International Women's Federation for Peace and Freedom. An official statement adopted by the gathering demanded that the democracies take measures to outlaw the dissemination of anti-Jewish propaganda.

## ARABS IN PALESTINE ASK IMMEDIATE ENFORCEMENT OF WHITE PAPER; CONFLICT FEARED

JERUSALEM, March 29.(JTA)-- The recent announcement by the High Commissioner of a sweeping post-war reconstruction plan for Palestine is being utilized by almost the entire Arab press in Palestine as a springboard from which to launch demands for immediate enforcement of the White Paper of 1939, which provides for the termination of Jewish immigration to Palestine in the Spring of 1944. The Arab papers also ask the immediate establishment of an agency to speed the reconstruction forecast in the High Commissioner's address.

Supporting the White Paper, which it bitterly opposed on its issuance in 1939, the newspaper Falastin, one of the leading Arab organs, cites the recent assertion by Sir Ronald Storrs, former Governor General of Jerusalem, that the younger Arab generation is more moderate than the older, as an argument for British-Arab rapprochement. "Common British and Arab interests require that the present opportunity not be lost," Falastin writes.

"Is not the British Government's reluctance to enforce the White Paper immediately, designed to push Arabic youth to extremes?" Falastin adds. "The British statesmen and press have previously complained that the Arab extremists are stubborn. Now the Arabs have changed."

Sir Ronald's recent warning that armed conflict may break out between Jews and Arabs in Palestine is echoed not only by the Arab and Hebrew press here, but by informed Arab and Jewish laymen. The only new factor in the situation is that these hints of forthcoming conflict have begun to appear in the press.

JEWS FROM TRIPOLITANIA JOIN ALLIED FORCES TO FIGHT ROMMEL IN TUNISIA

JERUSALEM, March 29.(JTA)-- Many Jews from Tripolitania have joined the Fighting French army and are actively participating in the battle against General Rommel's forces in Tunisia, it is reported here today.

The report also disclosed that British military authorities are building a synagogue for Jewish soldiers in the Western Desert.

SIXTY PERCENT OF FRENCH GUERRILLAS ARE JEWS, NAZI RADIO SAYS

LONDON, March 29.(JTA)-- In an effort to discredit the growing resistance to the Nazis throughout France, which has been climaxed by organized guerrilla fighting in the mountain provinces near Switzerland, the German-controlled Paris radio today stated that "sixty percent of all the guerrillas in Upper Savoy are Jews."

Underground reports reaching here from the Nazi fortified zone around Pas de Calais, France, reveals that Jews are being brought there from Belgium for forced labor building fortifications. They work from 4:30 in the morning until 6:00 P.M. and are housed in barracks where they sleep on straw, 140 persons in each barrack. They must walk seven miles daily to and from work and are forced to work some days until ten o'clock in the evening.

MORE BUDAPEST JEWS BEING TAKEN FOR SLAVE LABOR, NAZIS REPORT

ZURICH, March 29.(JTA)-- More and more Budapest Jews are being drafted for use as slave labor - many with the Hungarian forces on the Eastern front - according to a Nazi Transocean news agency dispatch today from the Hungarian capital.

Additional classes of persons "regarded as Jews" are to be called up between April 27 and May 13, the Transocean report stated. From reports reaching here recently, it is estimated that more than a quarter of a million Hungarian Jews have been conscripted for service building military roads and fortifications in Russia. Thousands of these have died from hunger and mistreatment.

80 JEWS AMONG 500 WINNERS OF RUSSIAN PRIZES IN FIELD OF SCIENCE, INDUSTRY

KUIBYSHEV, March 29.(JTA)-- More than eighty Jews are among the 500 scientists and inventors who, last week, were awarded Stalin Prizes for outstanding achievements in their respective fields, according to figures issued today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee here.

The prizes, which are similar to the Guggenheim Awards in the United States, range from 200,000 roubles downward. Among the recipients of the first prize are Leonid Leibenson for his researches in the field of elasticity and Prof. Michael Auerbach of the Moscow Medical Institute. A woman physician, Lena Stern, was awarded a second prize of 100,000 roubles for important medical discoveries. She is director of the Institute of Physiology of the Academy of Sciences.

Winner of prizes in the field of chemistry include Jacob Zeldovich for research on gas detonations, and Isaac Krichevsky and Daniel Siklis for research on nitrogen derivatives. Many prizes also went to Jews who have perfected new weapons of warfare, including trench mortars and small arms. Others were honored for developing new technological processes.

FEDERATIONS URGED TO COMPLETE DRIVES FOR JEWISH NEEDS DESPITE WAR CHEST DEVELOPMENTS

NEWARK, N.J., March 29. (JTA)-- The relationship of the National War Fund, Inc., and other war chest developments to independent fund-raising for local, national and overseas Jewish needs was analyzed by more than 100 Jewish community leaders attending the Conference of the Central Atlantic States Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, at the Essex House here, which concluded yesterday.

Harry Greenstein, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Baltimore urged the scheduled completion of 1943 Spring drives for Jewish needs, regardless of the outcome of local negotiations between the welfare and war chest. Pointing out that the war chest campaigns this Fall would raise funds for 1944, Mr. Greenstein stressed that failure to go through with the Spring campaigns would seriously handicap the rescue programs of Jewish relief organizations.

The delegates were cautioned to examine their local needs and problems to meet contingencies in the developing local and national war chest situation. The opinion was expressed that the local Jewish community should enter war chest negotiations, fully cognizant of its own needs and prepared to mobilize all resources on behalf of the community-wide enterprise. Speakers at the conference included Sidney Hollander of Baltimore, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; Israel November, chairman of the Jewish Community Council of Richmond, Va.; Kurt Peiser, executive director of the Federation of Jewish Charities of Philadelphia; Rabbi Barnett Brickner of Cleveland and others.

Isadore Hermann of Camden, N.J., was elected president of the Central Atlantic States Region. Other officers elected include Moritz M. Gottlieb of Allentown, Pa., and Israel November of Richmond, Va., vice-chairman, and Milton Kutz of Wilmington, Del., treasurer and Ellis Radinsky, secretary.

JWB ACTIVITIES IN USO AND ROLE OF JEWISH CENTERS IN WAR-TIME DISCUSSED AT N.Y. MEETING

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA)-- Over 400 communal leaders of New York, including representatives of 80 community centers in New York, Long Island and Westchester, met in all-day conference yesterday at the Commodore Hotel to hear reports of the activities of the Greater New York Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board and to discuss the role of the Jewish centers and Y's in meeting the dislocations caused by the war. The occasion was a joint annual meeting of the JWB's Greater New York Metropolitan Section, and of its Greater New York Army and Navy Committee.

A special message to the gathering was brought by Brigadier General Ralph K. Robertson, Commanding General of the Metropolitan Military District, who spoke of the JWB as the organization of Americans of Jewish faith, constituting one of the six groups comprising the USO. Gen. Robertson spoke of the American heroes of all faiths and told of "a Meyer Levin who received a medal of honor" and added that he had presented the Purple Heart, posthumously to Louis Schleifer's parents on behalf of the Secretary of War, recently. Frank L. Weil, JWB President and the Vice-President of the USO, spoke of the responsibility of the civilian in the war effort.

PROF. BALABAN, JEWISH HISTORIAN, DIES IN POLAND; WAS DEPORTED FROM WARSAW GHETTO

LONDON, March 29. (JTA)-- Prof. Meyer Balaban, famous Jewish historian, who was among the Jews deported by the Nazis from the Warsaw ghetto to an unknown destination, died en route, it was learned by Polish-Jewish circles here today. He was 65 years old. He was a professor of history and geography. For the last 25 years he had devoted himself to Jewish history in Poland concerning which he published many works.

DR. MORGENSTERN WARNS AMERICAN JEWS AGAINST A JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE

FONTIAC, Mich., March 29.(JTA)-- Addressing Temple Beth Jacob, at a ceremony which marked the burning of the mortgage, Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of Hebrew Union College, declared that should Palestine be granted statehood, the status of American Jews would immediately change, as they would be classed as "foreigners" in the land of their birth.

Dr. Morgenstern pleaded against intense nationalism, declared that Judaism is universal and is the cradle of all religions and of true democracy and justice. Speaking on the topic "How to Achieve Jewish Unity," Dr. Morgenstern declared that Palestine is not the solution to the Jewish problem. He said he doubted that Jews in Palestine would ever be granted statehood and that the physical problem of transporting 2,500,000 Jews would prove an almost insurmountable task. He declared, however, that if the Peace Conference established a Jewish State he would pray for its success.

267 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FURNISHED FOR ARMED FORCES BY B'NAI B'RITH

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 29.(JTA)-- A total of 267 recreational facilities at Army camps, isolated military barracks and Naval stations, air bases, Coast Guard bases and Army hospitals in 29 states and the District of Columbia were furnished, decorated and equipped by B'nai B'rith during the year ending March 15, as part of its national war service program, it was announced here today by Henry Moneky, president of B'nai B'rith and chairman of its national war service committee.

Included in these were five day rooms for Negro troops and one for the WAACS. In addition, the B'nai B'rith in Canada has equipped 29 recreational huts and clubs for members of the British Empire forces stationed in the Dominion. The 267 recreational facilities in the United States include company, squadron and battalion day rooms, lounges, game and card rooms, libraries, canteens, induction centers, chapels, and hospital solaria and sun rooms.

ANNUAL FRATERNITY AWARD TO JEWISH ENSIGN KILLED AT PEARL HARBOR

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 29.(JTA)-- The Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity Award for outstanding achievement, posthumously honoring Ensign Ira Weil Jeffery who was killed in action at Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941, was presented to his father, David C. Jeffery, by James C. Hammerstein, executive secretary of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, at a joint meeting of the B'nai B'rith Lodges of Minneapolis. Ensign Jeffery was the first Minneapolis man to lose his life in the present war.

The U.S. Navy is now building a destroyer to be named the U.S.S. Jeffery. In Minneapolis one of the B'nai B'rith lodges has been named the Ira Weil Jeffery Lodge.

PROF. MOSES KROLL, EXPERT ON JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN SIBERIA, DIES IN NICE

NEW YORK, March 29.(JTA)-- Prof. Moses A. Kroll, well known Jewish economist and sociologist has died in Nice, France, at the age of 80, according to information reaching here today. Kroll was exiled to Siberia by the Czarist Government when he was 24 years old. After serving a term of eight years, he remained there for some time making explorations for the Imperial Russian Geographical Society. After the Revolution, he went to Paris where he was active in Jewish affairs. He was considered an expert on Jewish settlement in Siberia.