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JEWISH AGENCY SENDS ENVOYS TO NEUTRAL COUNTRIES TO FACILITATE IMMIGRATION OF JEWS

TEL AVIV, April 1.(JTA)-- Two representatives of the Jewish Agency have left here for Sweden and Portugal to supervise the transfer to Palestine of Jews reaching these two neutral countries from Nazi-held or Nazi-dominated territories, it was announced today at a press conference called by the Agency.

Addressing the conference, Elihu Dobkin, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency, appealed to the governments of the United States and of Britain to jointly appoint a high-commissioner vested with full authority to take all possible measures to save Jews in Nazi countries. He disclosed that the more than 30,000 immigration certificates which can still be used for Jewish immigration under the provisions of the British White Paper of 1939 have been assigned to Jews in various Nazi-controlled countries. Of these, he said, 10,000 have been allocated to Poland, Lithuania and Latvia; 5,000 to Bulgaria; 5,000 to Hungary; 9,000 to Bohemia-Moravia; 1,000 to Slovakia; 1,000 to Holland and 500 to Belgium.

"The most urgent task," Mr. Dobkin said, "is to save as soon as possible 5,000 Jewish children in the Balkan countries." A special committee of five, including Miss Henrietta Szold, has been formed by the Jewish Agency to prepare for the immigration and absorption of the children and for their education, he declared. He added that the Zionist Congress Court is now considering the complaints lodged against officials of the Jewish Agency who escorted more than 800 Jewish refugee children from Teheran to Palestine recently.

Estimating that it would cost \$400 a year to maintain each of the 5,000 refugee children, Mr. Dobkin emphasized that it is imperative that \$2,000,000 be raised at once for the current year. As soon as the children reach Palestine, they will be given training to fit them for agricultural work, he said. Children over 14 years old will choose for themselves whether or not they prefer a religious education. Children under 14 will be educated according to their family traditions. Those unable to decide for themselves will receive a religious education.

Nazis Burning Jews Alive in Eastern Galicia, Jewish Agency Hears

JERUSALEM, April 1.(JTA)-- Underground reports reaching the Jewish Agency here today from Nazi-held Poland state that the Nazis are avenging their military defeats on the Russian front by "burning alive thousands of Jews in Eastern Galicia." No details were given by a spokesman of the Jewish Agency who made the announcement to representatives of the Jewish press.

Reports reaching Jewish leaders from Poland here during the last few days confirm that the Nazis are now concentrating on the Jews in Galicia where the entire Jewish population has been isolated in twelve ghettos in the larger cities and in about twenty small centers designated as "Jewish townships."

NAZIS, FACING DEFEAT IN TUNISIA, INTENSIFY THEIR ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN

ZURICH, April 1.(JTA)-- With the Axis armies suffering smashing blows in Tunisia, the Nazi-controlled radio stations throughout France today launched an intensified anti-Jewish campaign, playing up the fact that Rene Mayer, a Jew, has been appointed by Gen. Giraud to the post of Secretary of Communications.

Simultaneously, the Nazi-controlled radio in occupied Belgium, today broadcast an appeal to all Belgians "to have confidence in Germany" and "not to remain indifferent to the Jewish question." The broadcast also quoted an article from the Nazi paper Brusseler Zeitung stating that "Jews must never re-enter the European continent."

The Paris radio today reported that a Polish Jew, Mendel Langer, was sentenced to death by a special court in Toulouse on the charge that he received a case containing explosives sent to him by an unknown person.

JEWS FROM SLOVAKIA AND BULGARIA REACH POLAND TO BUILD NAZI FORTIFICATIONS

GENEVA, April 1.(JTA)-- Several thousand Jews from Slovakia were reported today to have reached a labor camp near Lublin, in occupied Poland, where they will be placed at forced labor building second line fortifications on the Russian-German front.

Several groups of Jews deported from Bulgaria have also been brought to the Lublin and Radom districts for forced labor, the report said. The Slovakian Jews are housed in wooden barracks, sleep on straw, and their daily food allotment is reported to consist of a plate of soup, 300 grams of bread and two cups of coffee. The Jews from Bulgaria, for the time being, are confined in ghettos where they have to provide food for themselves until removed to labor camps.

BRITAIN SPENT \$5,000,000 TO AID REFUGEES SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF WAR

LONDON, April 1.(JTA)-- The British Government has spent about five million dollars since October, 1939 to aid refugees, it was announced in the House of Commons today by Richard K. Law, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs.

Declaring that it is impossible to ascertain the exact number of Polish Jews massacred by the Nazis in occupied Poland since the outbreak of the war, Mr. Law stated that it is estimated that more than one million Jews have been killed by the Nazis in Polish territory.

JEWS WISHING TO EMIGRATE FROM BULGARIA MUST OBTAIN PERMISSION OF FINANCE MINISTRY

ZURICH, April 1.(JTA)-- Jews wishing to emigrate from Bulgaria must henceforth obtain a special permit from the Ministry of Finance, which will be issued only after an examination of the applicant's finances has been completed and it is determined whether he has paid all taxes, according to a report from Sofia by the Nazi Transocean news service appearing in the local press.

Previously it was reported that the Bulgarian Government has issued instructions to all local authorities that no difficulties are to be placed in the way of Jews desiring to leave the country.

JEWS IN PALESTINE ASTONISHED AT EGYPT'S CONVOCAION OF PAN-ARAB PARLEY

JERUSALEM, April 1.(JTA)-- The Jewish population here today read with astonishment the announcement made last night in the Egyptian Senate that the Egyptian Government has taken upon itself to call a conference in Cairo of representatives of Arab countries for the purpose of discussing the question of the establishment of a Pan-Arab federation. It is obvious that Mustafa Mahas Pasha, the Egyptian Premier in whose name the announcement was made, is acting with the approval of the British authorities.

The announcement last night follows a recent informal conference at which the Egyptian Premier was host to Arab journalists from Palestine to whom he stated that the Egyptian Government "is as much interested in the Palestine question as in the Egyptian question." He disclosed that the Egyptian Government, through its minister in Washington, had lodged an inquiry with the State Department regarding the nature of the pro-Zionist activities of the 68 members of the Senate and the 194 members of the House of Representatives who signed a statement declaring that the Balfour Declaration "was designed to open the gates of Palestine to homeless and harassed multitudes and to pave the way for the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth."

ZOA ISSUES PROCLAMATION ASKING FOR UNLIMITED IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 1.(JTA)-- The immediate opening of the doors of Palestine by the British Government "for the unlimited entry of all Jewish refugees, irrespective of their ports of embarkation" and the abrogation of the White Paper restrictions, are demanded in a proclamation issued today by the Zionist Organization of America here over the signature of its president, Judge Louis E. Levinthal.

The proclamation was issued in connection with a nation-wide campaign to "mobilize Zionist manpower" for the purpose of safeguarding the post-war status of Palestine as the Jewish Commonwealth. It refers to the scope of the Jewish tragedy abroad, and declares that "while the Governments and peoples of the United Nations have given us words of sympathy, none has yet proceeded to an effective, generous act by means of which those in danger of death could be rescued or those whose bondage held a gleam of hope could be freed."

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS OPENS 38TH CONVENTION IN NEW YORK TODAY

NEW YORK, April 1.(JTA)-- A closed pre-convention meeting of the executive board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations this afternoon ushered in the three-day 38th council of the UAHC, which is meeting concurrently with the fifteenth biennial assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and the tenth biennial convention of the Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

The convention will be officially opened tomorrow morning at the Hotel New Yorker by Robert P. Goldman, president of the UAHC. The opening session will also be addressed by Mr. Adolph Rosenberg, president of the UAHC, who will also present Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, recently appointed director of the UAHC. Tomorrow afternoon a round-table session of presidents and rabbis on rabbinical pensions will be held and also a symposium on the "Pillars of Our Faith," which will feature addresses by Rabbi Leon Fram of Detroit, Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith and Rabbi Alexander Steinbach of Brooklyn.

"ALTSTADTER GAON," FAMOUS RABBI, DIES IN GALICIA

NEW YORK, April 1.(JTA)-- The Emergency Council to Save Jewish Religious Leaders from Dangerous Zones in Europe today received information from Switzerland that Rabbi Chaim Isak Jeruchem, known as the "Altstadter Gaon," has died in Aldstadt, Galicia, at the age of 78.