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TURKEY WILLING TO ADMIT 30,000 REFUGEES FROM RUMANIA AND BULGARIA, WASHINGTON HEARS

WASHINGTON, April 8.(JTA) -- Giving the State Department as his source of information, Representative Will Rogers, Jr., of California, today declared here that the Turkish Government has agreed to give temporary haven to 30,000 refugees from Rumania and Bulgaria who would later be sent to Pelestine and other countries,

State Department officials said that they could give no information on the matter "at the moment." It was learned, however, that a tentative proposal has been made, and that it is receiving attention from Under-Secretary Summer Welles.

Representative Rogers stated that agreements have already been reached between Turkey on the one hand, and Bulgaria and Rumania on the other, after negotiations in which the United States took an important part. The Turkish embassy here said it had no word of the agreements.

GOVERNMENTS-IN-EXILE URGED TO ASK FOR OBSERVERS AT BERMUDA PARLEY

LONDON, April 8,(JTA) -- Jewish organizations representing the Jews of Nazioccupied Poland and Czechoslovakia are making an effort to convince their Governmentsin-Exile of the necessity of securing representation at the Bermuda refugee conference, at least as observers.

The National Council of Czechoslovakian Jews in a resolution today asked the Czechoslovak cabinet to urge the initiators of the Bermuda Conference to admit observers from countries mostly affected by the Nazi extermination policy. Similar suggestions were voiced here by the Jewish members of the Polish National Council.

The Evening Standard, a London newspaper, published an editorial today expressing the hope that "the Bermuda conference will speed up the existing measures and also devise new effective methods" to save the Jews from Nazi annihilation. The paper points out that the great majority of the refugees and political prisoners are Jews and werns that "Nansen's difficulties after the last war are molehills as compared with the mountains of sorrow which the United Nations have it as their duty to remove."

ALL JEWS OUSTED FROM COASTAL AREAS IN HOLLAND WILL BE DEPORTED TO THE EAST

STOCKHOLM, April 8.(JTA) -- The Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet today reports that all Jews ousted from the coastal areas in Holland where the Nazis are building fortifications to prevent an Allied invasion of the continent, will be transported to Nazi-held Eastern territories.

The paper predicts that Jews will soon be deported from the city of Utrecht and other cities in Northern and Southern Holland. It describes the nervousness with which the Nazis are clearing the coastal section of Holland of "unreliable elements" and reports that the Nazis suspect a possible Allied landing at Hook of Holland, the port which is only several hours from the English coast and which has never been bombed by English flyers.

U.S. JEWS ASKED TO PRESS ALLIED GOVERNMENTS FOR SHIPPING FACILITIES FOR REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, April 0.(JTA) - The Jewish National Council of Palestine today directed an appeal to Jewish leaders in the United States asking them to exert pressure on the Allied nations to secure transportation facilities for the 30,000 Jews who can still enter Palestine under the provisions of the British White Paper.

The appeal urges the Jews of America "to evidence brotherly responsibility" with regard to the Jews in Europe who can still be saved from the Nazis. In addition to insisting that transportation be secured for refugee Jews wishing to go to Palestine, the Jewish National Council also emphasizes that American Jews must make stronger efforts to secure refuge for Jews from Europe in countries outside Palestine.

GEN. SIKORSKI ASSURES FULL EQUALITY FOR JEWS IN LIBERATED POLAND

LONDON, April 8.(JTA) -- Polish Premier Gen. Wladyslaw Sikorski, in a statement carried by the press here today, declares that life in post-war Poland will be based "on the principles of genuine democracy."

Touching upon the position of the Jews in post-war Poland, the Premier stated that "the principles of full equality of citizenship, freedom of speech, freedom of religion as well as cultural freedom, will be applied to the Jews" in a liberated Polish Republic.

AUSTRIANS TOLD "JEWISH REVENGE" AWAITS THEM IF NAZIS LOSE THE WAR

ZURICH, April 8.(JTA) -- Austrian newspapers reaching here today are filled with virulent anti-Jewish propaganda aimed at frightening the population in Austria with the boggy of "jewish revence" should the Nazis lose the war.

The central theme of this campaign is that one of the Allied war aims is to have all Jews returned to their pre-war homes. "One can easily imagine what we shall face should the Jews find their way back to Vienna," one of the Nazi papers writes. An editorial in another paper speaks of the "grinning faces" of the returning Jews and warns that "the Austrians can still defend themselves."

BULGARIA IMPOSES 36,000,000 LEVAS FINE UPON JEWS; DEFORTATIONS CONTINUE

ZURICH, April 8. (JTA)-- Stefani, official Italian news agency, reports from the Bulgarian capital of Sofia today that 36 Jews have been fined 1,000,000 lewas each for alleged violations of the anti-Jewish economic restrictions.

It is also reported that several aged Jews among those being deported from Bulgaria to Poland for forced labor, have died on board a tug travelling along the Danube River, into which they were jammed together with hundreds of other deportees.

NAZIS IN GABES LOOT BANKS OF 1,200,000 FRANCS BELONGING TO JEWS

LONDON, April 8.(JTA) -- Nazi officers in the city of Gabes, Tunisia, recently wrested from the Germans by Gen. Montgomery's forces, looted three banks there of 1,200,000 francs belonging to Jews before fleeing the city, the London radio reported today.

The Nazis forced the bank directors to surrender their books and prepare a list of all Jewish depositors. They then took the total amount belonging to Jews in bank notes.

RUMANIA DIFFERENTIATES BETWEEN "PEOPLE" AND "JEWS" IN OFFICIAL DECREES

LONDON, April 8.(JTA) -- A distinction between "people" and "Jews" is now made in all official decrees in Rumania, while in Bucharest Jews are being segregated into a special category in a census of the population now being taken there in connection with a possible evacuation of the city.

Reports reaching here today state that while Rumanian "Aryans" are required by the authorities conducting the census to fill out a white form, Jews in Bucharest must fill out white forms with red borders.

The Bucharest radio announced that the price of bread has been officially increased to 17 lei per 500 grams for people and to 33 lei for Jews. At the same time it was announced that the bread ration for Jews had been cut in half. The Jassy radio reported that the new sugar ration was 300 grams per person and 50 grams per Jew.

JEWS WILL NOT LET THE DOORS OF PALESTINE CLOSE, SAYS DR. WEIZMANN IN CANADA

TORONTO, April 8.(JTA) -- "The Jews who have set foot in Palestine will not let its doors close again" Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, declared here last night addressing a dinner arranged by the Canadian Palestine Appeal, attended by 1.500 persons.

Pointing out that if the provisions of the British White Paper are observed, it will mean that Palestine will be closed for Jewish immigration within a year, the leader of the world Zionist movement emphasized that the Jews "will not allow that the pledge made and solemnly signed by 53 nations should be broken."

There is more reason for implementation of the Balfour Declaration now than at any time since that historic document was issued, Dr. Weizmann continued. The Jews, he said, more homeless, more persecuted than ever, are now bound to Palestine by stronger ties. They have demonstrated their ability to develop Palestine in the years between wars, he added, estimating that Palestine can absorb 3,000,000 Jews if given the opportunity of free development.

"Even when the war ends, it will continue for us," Dr. Weizmann declared.
"Jewish life is completely uprooted in Europe and can never be rebuilt. Only Palestine remains a ray of hope for reconstruction of Jewish life."

Dr. Weizmann also pointed out that Russian Jewry has been lost for a whole generation and remained ignorant of Jewish achievements in Palestine. Attempts are now being made to again contact the Jews of Russia, he stated.

POLISH JEW HONORED FOR CONSTRUCTING MILITARY HIGHWAYS IN RUSSIA

KUIBYSHEV, April 8.(JTA) -- A well-known Polish-Jewish civil engineer, who built many of the largest bridges in Poland and whose textbooks were used in technical institutes throughout the country, has been given a cash award for his contributions to the Soviet war effort, it is reported today.

The engineer, F. Frantsos, fled from Nazi-occupied Poland in 1939 to Russia. Here he has built new bridges, repaired old ones and aided in the construction of highways from the industrial centers in the Urals to the fighting fronts in the Wests. Last week, Frantsos completed, far ahead of time, an important link in this system of military highways and was highly praised by government representatives who came to inspect the road.

SCHWARZBART ASKS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH DEPARTMENT BY FOLISH GOVERNMENT

IONDON, April 8.(JTA) -- The establishment of a Jewish Department by the Polish Government within the bureau which is preparing plans for the peace conference has been requested by Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, one of the two Jewish members of the Polish National Council, it was disclosed today with publication of the debate on the Polish budget which took place at a closed session of the Council last month.

At Dr. Schwarzbart's demand, the Government, at that session, allocated \$14,000 to Polish-Jewish organizations. He also requested that the Polish Government make provisions to care for the Polish-Jewish refugees abroad, pointing out that forty-two percent of the funds raised in America for Poles in Russia came from Jews. A government spokesman replied that the Polish authorities will continue to grant equal care to all Polish citizens abroad.

Discussing the section of the budget dealing with education, Schwarzbart stated that the Polish delegate to the recent International Council of Students was the only one to refrain from voting for a motion to condemn anti-Semitism. The government spokesman agreed that the delegate's conduct should be condemned.

MORRISON FLATLY DENIES JEWS RESPONSIBLE FOR LONDON AIR-RAID SHELTER DISASTER

LONDON, April 8.(JTA) -- A flat denial of the charge spread by anti-Semitic fascist groups to the effect that Jews were responsible for the recent air-raid shelter disaster, in which more than 170 people lost their lives, was made today in Commons by Home Secretary Herbert Morrison.

Morrison reported that an official investigation of the incident had been made and that the anti-Semitic rumors were completely without foundation. Many members of the House cheered when the Home Secretary made his report.

ANTI-JEWISH ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK ARE INCIDENTAL, INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHES

NEW YORK, April 8.(JTA) -- After a five-month investigation in all boroughs of 50 cases of anti-Semitic violence and vandalism, Commissioner of Investigation Herlands has found no evidence of co-ordinated anti-Jewish activities, it was reported here today.

The full report on the "various acts of vandalism and physical violence which have been inspired by persons seeking to stir up racial and religious disunity" will be completed shortly and made public, it was learned. The investigation, ordered by Mayor LaGuardia last November, had the cooperation of the Police Dept. It reveals that the cases of assault on Jewish wardens, the firing of synagogues, and defacing of patriotic exhibits in the Horace Greely Junior High School in Long Talland city, were individual acts of terrorism organized mainly by small bands of teen-age boys.

LEADERS OF U.A.H.C. DISCUSS THEIR ACTIVITIES AT PRESS CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, April 8.(JTA) -- The activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of the Hebrew Union College were outlined here today at a press luncheon tendered by Adolph Rosenberg, president of the Union at the Hotel Commodore.

The principal speakers, who included Mr. Rosenberg, Dr. Jonah Wise and Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, emphasized that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations which has just concluded its 58th convention in New York, is the organized body of 300,000 Jews in the United States and was the pioneer in the field of Jewish aducation.