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# BERMUDA CONFERENCE WILL DEAL WITH REFUGEE PROBLEM, NOT WITH RESCUING JEWS IN NAZI LANDS

WASHINGTON, April 14.(JTA) -- The Anglo-American conference on refugees which opens in Bermuda on Monday, will not deal with the problem of rescuing Nazi victims in occupied countries, but will restrict its discussions to the problem of the refugees who have succeeded in leaving Nazi-countries and who are at present in Spain, Portugal and Switzerland, it was learned here today.

The cenference, it is expected, will also discuss the possibility of bringing out of Bulgaria 30,000 Jews whom the Bulgarian authorities are reported to be willing to permit to leave the country. Palestine visas for 4,000 Bulgarian Jewish children and 500 adults have already been secured, but transportation difficulties have held up their departure.

It is anticipated that the participants at the Bermuda conference will recommend to their respective governments that guarantees be given Switzerland concerning the maintenance of the approximately 12,000 refugees who have found a haven there. At the same time, the conference is also expected to find ways and means of enabling approximately 20,000 refugees in Spain to endgrate to oversea countries. A large proportion of these refugees are Frenchmen.

The problem of removing the 30,000 Jews in Bulgaria in order to prevent their deportation to Nazi-held Poland is expected to be discussed in light of the negotiations now under way with Turkey and Egypt to give temporary asylum to these Jews.

Preparations for the departure of the American delegation to the Bermuda Conference were completed today, while dispatches from Bermuda stated that the English delegation has already arrived there. Well informed circles here today again emphasized that no exagerrated hopes should be placed on the outcome of the conference, especially because of its "exploratory nature."

It was also emphasized here today that the Conference will not discuss the equestion of sending food to people in Nazi-occupied countries.

# ENLISTMENT OF POPE'S AID FOR JEWS IN EUROPE SOUGHT, EDEN REVEALS

LONDON, April 14.(JTA) -- The possibility of enlisting the assistance of the Pope in carrying out plans to aid Jews in Nazi-held territories is borne in mind at all discussions initiated by the British Government on the problem of helping Nazi victims, it was stated here today by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

The British Foreign Secretary made his statement in the House of Commons in reply to a request that the representative of the British Government at Vatican City urge the Pope to intervene for Jews in Nazi-controlled gountries.

Hope that the Bermuda Conference will result in coordinated relief activities for the Jews in Europe was voiced here today by Lady Reading, addressing a luncheon of the Women's Appeal Committee at which \$40,000 was raised for the transfer of Jewish children to Falestine and their education there.

#### 45,000 GREEK JEWS DEPORTED TO POLAND: HOMES, PROPERTY CONFISCATED

LONDON, April 14.(JTA) -- Forty-five thousand Greek Jews have been deported from Salonica, and their property and homes confiscated, it is reported today by Greek circles here. Shops belonging to the deportees have been looted by German soldiers. Before the war, there were approximately 55.000 Jews in Salonica.

Most of the Jews are being sent to Poland, the report adds. This jibes with information reaching the Polish Government last week, to the effect that a transport of 5,000 Greek Jews from Athens and Salonica had arrived in Poland under Nazi guard. It is not known to where these deportees were sent, after they were taken from the reception camps at Lwow.

The reports reaching the Greek Government-in-Exile here also state that Jews are being deportes from Macedonia. It is not clear whether these reports refer to the recent deportation of Jews from Bulgarian-cocupied Macedonia, or whether they indicate that Jews are also being expelled from sections of Macedonia which are still part of Greece proper.

# NAZIS MEET WITH RESISTANCE IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO SOW ANTI-SEMITISM IN DENMARK

STOCKHOLM, April 14.(JTA) -- Nazi attempts to transplant German anti-Semitism to Denmark continue to be met with resistance by the clergy there, reports reaching here today disclose.

Dean Johannes Mordentoft, writing in the organ of the Danish clergy, is quoted as stating; "Christians must be emeng the first to fight this dirty anti-Semitism. All honest people should take pert in this fight. Those who remain silent, or look upon anti-Semitism only with mild distaste, are accomplices in the campaign of hate." He urged a boycott of the anti-Jewish press. "We must tell news agents who advertise this gutter press that we will not deal with them until the offending posters have been removed, and that is the feeling of our friends as well."

Kaj Munk, a well-known Danish priest and playwright, told his community that if Danish Jews were treated like their Norweglan fellow-religionists, who have been deported, Danish citizens of the Christian faith would not only don the yellow armband but would consider that the Nazis had abolashed all rights and that anarchy had taken the place of order. Gunner Engberg, head of the Danish Y.M. G.As., he taken a public stand against anti-Semiticms, declaring "there is no difference between believers in the Old or New Testament. As the King has stated, 'A Dane is a Dane.'"

#### POST-WAR JEWISH RELIEF TASKS OUTLINED BY DR. SILVER; JEWISH AID PRAISED BY BATT

NEW YORK, April 14.(JTA) -- The major tasks which Jewish leaders will face in the years immediately following the war were outlined here tonight by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, addressing a dinner of the United Jewish Appeal at the Hotel Plaza.

"Broken lives in the broken Jewish centers of Europe will have to be rebuilt," he said. "Large scale and uninterrupted aid will have to be extended to them over a considerable period of time." Pointing out that the restoration of citizenship will not lift entirely the great social and economic tension under which the Jews in central and eastern Europe will find themselves after the war, Rabbi Silver emphasized that "in any future solution of the Jewish problem, Palestine must play an important role."

William L. Batt, vice-chairmen of the Wer Production Board, speaking at the dinner, preised the Jewish relief efforts. Such organizations as the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service have performed a tremendous task on the "human suffering front," he said.

### NAZIS OUST ALL JEWISH PATIENTS FROM HOSPITALS AND INSANE ASYLUMS IN HOLLAND

LONDON, April 14.(JTA) -- All Jewish patients, including the blind, were recently removed from hospitals throughout occupied Holland by the Nazi occupation authorities, it was reported today by the Netherland Government-in-Exide

A clandestine paper reaching London today from Holland reports that Jewish patients were also removed from the insane asylums there. They were all loaded into sealed trains where many of them died in the course of their journey to an unknown destination.

#### ARAB EXTREMIST PARTY REPORTED DRAFTING PLAN FOR UNDERSTANDING WITH JEWS

JERUSALEM, April 14,(JTA) -- The Hebrew press today reports that the Arab Istiklal party, which is considered an extremist party supporting the views of the ex-Mufti, has completed plans for a club which will advocate Arab-Jewish rapprochement. The Istiklal is simultaneously making all possible efforts to establish an Arab representation in Palestine and in London.

The Istiklal group has also started a campaign against the Arab Mejelsin party which demands the establishment of a Supreme Arab Council. The Istiklalists claim that the Mejelsin party does not represent the Arabs of Palestine.

In the meantime, the Arab newspaper Falastin today published a demand that the British authorities not confine themselves to making declarations on Jewish immigration to Falestine, but should announce what they intend to do with regard to enforcing other provisions of the White Paper, such as those concerning land restrictions, "in order to hand over the government in Palestine to Falestine inhabitants when the term of the White Paper expires next year."

#### NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE SECURES RELEASE OF JEWISH INTERNEES IN TEXAS CAMP

NEW YORK, April 14.(JTA) -- A group of Jewish refugees from Axis countries who reached British Honduras and were sent from there to the United States for internent as enemy aliens, have now been released from the internment camp in Seagoville, Texas, through the efforts of the National Refugee Service, it was announced here today. They are now at liberty in nearby Dallas, under the supervision of parole sponsors designated by the NRS, and arrangements for their resettlement is under way, the announcement said.

Another group of fifty refugees still confined in Camp Algiers, an alien detention station near New Orleans, will observe Passover in their camp at services arranged by the National Refugee Service, which is represented in the United Jewish Appeal.

Unable to obtain United States visas because of migration restrictions, these refugees chose the next best alternatives - South America and Central America. When those countries entered the war against Hitler they were brought to this country as "enemy aliens" together with a number of proved Axis sympathizers. Upon arrival in the United States, the women and children were removed directly to the Seagoville camp while the men were sent to other internment centers. For many anxious weeks they had no knowledge of each other's whereabouts. To aggravate the situation, many of the men were housed with avowed Nazis and Fascists and subjected to their insults. The National Refugee Service appealed to the State Department to correct these abuses. As a result, men with wives at Seagoville were sent there to join them and those who remained were given living quarters separate from their Nazi persecutors.

#### MANY JEWS IN CZECHOSLOVAK DIVISION FIGHTING BY SIDE OF RUSSIAN TROOPS

KUIBYSHEV, April 14.(JTA) -- Many Czech Jews are in the ranks of the Czechoslovakian division now fighting on the Russian front against the Nazis, it is disclosed by reports appearing in the press throughout Russia.

Two Jewish youths from Prague, who fled the Heinlein terror before the outbreak of the Russian-German war, are particularly lauded today for outstanding courage during a tank battle in which the Czechoslovak units repulsed an attack by 40 Nazi tanks, destroying many of them. The two are Corporal Gutman and Private Weiner.

The company to which Gutman and Weiner were attached was defending a small hill, armed with machineguns, automatic rifles and hand grenades, the report states. Heavy Nazi fire succeeded in killing many of the defenders of the hill and several of the officers. When it appeared as if the Czechs would be forced to retreat, Gutman and several other soldiers, including Weiner, decided to crawl toward the tanks and hurl "Molotov cocktails." The flaming explosive bottles disabled the leading German machines and compelled the others to retreat.

# 10,000 JEWISH CHILDREN WILL PRAY FOR CHILDREN OF EUROPE AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

NEW YORK, April 14, (JTA) -- More than 10,000 children, representing one hundred thousand pupils of the religious Hebrew schools of Greater New York, will participate in the Rally of Hope at Madison Square Garden on Sunday afternoon, June 6, it was announced today by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, honorary president of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations of America, who will act as chairman of the event.

The Rally of Hope, an unparalleled event in the history of the Jewish community of America, will mark a day of prayer, in which thousands of voices will be raised on behalf of the suffering children of Europe. One of the features of the children's rally will be a mass pageant, in which several hundred actors, singers and children will participate, and in which the Democracies will be urged to refrain from pity and protests and to take immediate and effective steps to rescue the Jewish people menaced by extermination.

#### HEBREW THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS VOLUNTEER TO WORK ON FARMS

CHICAGO, April 14.(JTA)-- One hundred and fifty students at the Hebrew Theological College here have volunteered to spend their summer vacatiog working on farms, it was announced today. This is being done with the approval of the War Manpower Commission.

Ranging in age from 16 to 25, the boys come from 14 states and two Canadian provinces. They represent classes from the rabbinical and preparatery departments of the Hebrow Theological College. During the time they are on the farms they will follow the traditional custom of holding religious services three times daily, strict observances of the Sabbath, and eating food prepared in full accordance with the dietary laws.

## YEHUDI MENUHIN HONORED FOR MANY CONCERTS FOR ALLIED RELIEF

LONDON, April 14.(JTA) -- Yehudi Menuhin, world-famous American-Jewish violinist, this week received a silver salver as a token of gratitude and appreciation for the many benefit concerts he has given in England for Allied relief, including one for the Jewish Mational Fund.