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ONLY 25,000 REFUGEES WILL BE AIDED UNDER PROPOSALS BY BERMUDA CONFERENCE; FEW JEWS

HAMILTON, Bermuda, April 25.(JTA)-- No more than 25,000 refugees in Europe and an additional few thousand in Iran and other havens outside Europe are expected to be assisted by the measures which will be recommended by the Anglo-American refugee parley now meeting here, it was reported today.

The only Jews who will be immediately aided, it is indicated, are the 4,500 in Bulgaria and some in Rumania, whose transfer to Palestine had previously been arranged. As far as removing those refugees now in Spain, it is expected that the conferees will establish the order of evacuation as follows: first, 15,000 Frenchmen; then a few thousand Czechs and Poles; and, lastly, 5,000 persons of miscellaneous nationalities, mostly Jews.

The British and American conferees are now working on the joint report which they will submit to their respective governments, if they can iron out their differences. Otherwise, it is believed, there is a possibility that the two delegations will issue separate reports. The main point of difference seems to be the question of revitalizing the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees. The British have finally agreed to give up their idea of creating a new body to replace the Intergovernmental Committee, but they insist that the latter body, if allowed to remain in existence, must be reorganized with greater participation by the United States and with America assuming greater responsibility for solving the refugee problem as a whole.

The British delegation is also understood to be continuing to press for adoption of its suggestion that refugee transit camps be established in North Africa to where thousands of refugees could be evacuated and housed until permanent havens were found for them. These camps would be erected and administered by the British, under the plan proposed, with America footing the maintenance costs. The American delegation, however, is believed to be adamant in its rejection of this plan for military reasons.

There is apparent unanimity, however, as regards the following decisions:

1. There shall be no negotiations with Hitler, directly or indirectly. Therefore, there is no possibility of aiding the "potential refugees" still in Nazi-held territory.
2. As much assistance as permitted by the exigencies of war shall be extended to refugees now in neutral countries.
3. The ultimate solution of the refugee problem lies in a victory of the Allies, and measures of refugee aid must not be allowed to delay prosecution of the war.

American-Jewish Proposals Considered at Parley

HAMILTON, Bermuda, April 25.(JTA)-- Under-Secretary of the Home Office, Osbert Peake, one of the English delegates to the Anglo-American conference on refugees here today stated that the proposals in the joint memorandum submitted by American Jewish organizations "were considered as they arose during the course of discussion" at the sessions of the conference. "We could hardly let anyone prepare an agenda for the conference," he added.

NAZI PRESS STARTS CAMPAIGN AGAINST MONACO FOR SHELTERING JEWISH REFUGEES

ZURICH, April 25.(JTA)-- Nazi newspapers published in France, arriving here today, carry a concerted attack on the Principality of Monaco, the smallest country in the world, which is situated on the Riviera, for giving shelter to Jews escaping from France and for refraining from introducing the Nazi anti-Jewish laws.

The Pariser Zeitung, German-language newspaper published by the Nazis in Paris, says that the Monaco authorities must realize that countries in Europe which do not adopt the Nazi ideology concerning Jews are suspected of sympathizing with the enemies of Germany. The paper charges Monaco with permitting Jewish refugees from France to live in the principality "in great comfort."

Swiss newspapers report today that the Jews from the part of French Riviera occupied by Italy who have been ordered to move to Megeve, near the Swiss frontier, have been distributed by the Italian authorities there in five hotels, according to their means. They are under the supervision of the Italian police and must pay their own maintenance costs.

NAZIS COMPELLED TO USE JEWS FOR AGRICULTURAL WORK; RUMANIAN GENERAL IN DISGRACE

STOCKHOLM, April 25.(JTA)-- The Swedish press today reports that some Jews from occupied Poland have been brought to Germany to do forced labor in the fields in Schleswig-Holstein where the acute shortage of farm hands is threatening the forthcoming crop. The Jews are confined in separate barracks and are not permitted to buy tobacco and a number of other commodities.

The newspapers also report that General Cispeanu, Rumanian commander in charge of the Jewish concentration camps, has fallen into disfavor after being charged with "accepting bribes from rich Jews and releasing them from the camps."

NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS IN POLAND DESCRIBED BY EYE-WITNESSES REACHING PALESTINE

NEW YORK, April 25.(JTA)-- The World Jewish Congress today received a cable from the Polish Jewish Representation in Palestine giving eye-witness accounts of Nazi massacres of Jews in various parts of Poland as related by a small group of men who managed to escape from the Nazis and reach Palestine.

"All Jews in the city of Mikuliczyn were murdered at the end of 1941 during a six week orgy of murder," the cable said, "593 Jews were killed in three pogroms, 150 were shot and buried in a mass grave; 270 were later killed in the same way and finally the remaining 130. This information was given by an eye witness whose entire family was killed, consisting of his parents, a sister and her child, a brother and his wife and child.

"In the city of Delatyn, all the Jews were killed, among them the heads of the Jewish Council, Mr. Tuerkel and Dr. Scherf. In the city of Nadworna, virtually all the Jews were killed. The head of the Jewish Council, Dr. Schall, committed suicide after his family had been murdered. In Stanislawow, most of the Jewish population was killed during 1941 and buried in mass graves at Sport Place Kasa Oszczernodnosci. There are only 700 Jews left in that city now. The same fate overtook the Jews of Kolomyja Kossow Kuty in Peezenizyn, where the Jews were burned to death."

FRENCH RADIO CUTS OFF CHURCH BROADCAST TO SWITZERLAND WHEN PRAYERS FOR JEWS ARE OFFERED

ZURICH, April 25.(JTA)-- Swiss newspapers report today that a Good Friday musical broadcast from a monastery in France was cut off the air in the middle of the program when the priest officiating called for prayers for the Jews. The announcer explained that "for reasons outside the station's control," the program had to be interrupted.

FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PROCLAIMS "DAY OF COMPASSION" FOR PERSECUTED JEWS

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA)-- The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America today issued a call to all Christians in the country to observe next Sunday as a "Day of Compassion" for the persecuted Jews in Europe, emphasizing that "the sufferings of the Jewish people in Europe is beyond anything the civilized imagination can picture."

In its call, the Council urges "all Christian people" to pray "that God, in His mercy, may open the way for the deliverance of the Jewish people; that the hearts of all Christian people may be stirred to active compassion for the suffering of the Jews; that Christians in America may steadfastly oppose all tendencies to anti-Semitism in our own country; that the spirit of racial good-will and justice may be greatly strengthened among all men throughout the world."

The Council also sent to local churches a prayer written especially for delivery on the "Day of Compassion" which reads: "Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who hast made of one every nation of men, we plead before Thee the cause of the Jewish people, maligned and harassed, condemned to exile, harried from land to land, subjected to cruel indignities, and slaughtered by the thousands. Hear the prayers that rise to Thee from their extremity, and raise up advocates who shall secure for them justice, tranquility and the common rights of man. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Nazi Mass-Murder of Jews Depicted; Christian Aid Urged

A special bulletin entitled "The Mass Murder of Jews in Europe" was prepared by the Council and issued today for the purpose of providing information for the guidance of Christian churches in observing the "Day of Compassion." The bulletin is a digest of the evidence collected in many quarters concerning the treatment of the Jews in the Nazi-occupied countries of Europe. The material which is presented shows that the Nazi regime has pursued a policy not merely of discrimination against the Jews but of deliberate extermination. The bulletin states that the earlier Nazi policy had been one of subjecting the Jews to various indignities and civic disabilities but that in its larger state the anti-Semitic program has come to include forced labor, deportation and even massacre.

The research bulletin issued by the Federal Council also contains a statement adopted by the Executive Committee of the Council urging "Christian people throughout the country to give their moral support to whatever measures afford promise of rescuing European Jews whose lives are in jeopardy." Two specific proposals for help are put forward by the Council. One is "to offer financial assistance for the support of refugees that neutral governments may receive persons fleeing Nazi controlled territory, either by infiltration across their borders or of negotiations with the Axis powers." The second proposal is that the American and the British governments "provide places of temporary asylum to which refugees whom it may be possible to evacuate may be removed, with the understanding that they will be repatriated after the war or be provided with permanent homes in other ways."

In commenting upon the significance of the bulletin, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, said: "The reports about the treatment of the Jews in Europe are so full of horror that many people assume they are merely 'atrocities stories.' The Federal Council's study of the evidence was undertaken for the purpose of finding out whether the reports are authentic and trustworthy. Although the censorship imposed upon the Nazi-occupied countries is so rigid that it is impossible to secure anything like complete information, the examination of the evidence by the Council's Department of Research and Education compels belief in the substantial accuracy of the reports which have come from Europe. It is impossible to dismiss the reports as 'atrocities stories.' When the full story is known, the actual facts may turn out to be worse than the fragmentary reports have indicated."

100,000 JEWISH SOLDIERS OBSERVED PASSOVER AT 300 COMMUNITY SEDORIM IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, April 25.(JTA)-- More than 100,000 Jewish servicemen in the United States celebrated Passover this year at 300 community sedorim while thousands of others were entertained in private homes, it is reported today by the National Jewish Welfare Board. Likewise, Jewish soldiers, sailors and Marines overseas marked the Passover holiday in India, Burma, New Guinea, Iraq, China, Australia, England, North Africa and practically every other place where American fighting men are stationed, according to reports reaching the J.W.B. office today from these territories.

In the Pacific, Chaplain Levi made a 2,000 mile trip from one isolated outpost to another to arrange for the observances. In North Africa the Jewish chaplain rolled behind the vanguard of the advancing armies, leaving Passover supplies so that the holiday might be marked in the traditional manner. In Panama, five community seders were held simultaneously - three in churches, one in a Masonic temple and another in a synagogue. In small towns in the United States, where no Jewish community exists, churches, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and other non-Jewish organizations provided facilities for the Jewish men stationed nearby.

HILLMAN URGES BERMUDA CONFERENCE TO SPEED AID FOR JEWS; WILLKIE LAUDS PALESTINE WORK

NEW YORK, April 25.(JTA)-- Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, speaking last night at a "third seder" at the Astor, sponsored by the National Labor Committee for Palestine as a tribute to the Histadruth, urged immediate action on the part of the British-American Refugee Conference in Bermuda for the rescue of European Jews from extermination by Hitler.

Complimenting the Histadruth upon its aid to European refugees, Mr. Hillman said that Palestine had absorbed 38,000 refugees since the war started and was anxious to bring in more. "In this connection," he added, "it is imperative for the Allied refugee conference in Bermuda to act promptly and with diligence. What Histadruth and other Jewish groups have been able to do for refugees in Palestine can be done on a larger scale." Mr. Hillman announced that his union had voted to give \$30,000 to the Histadruth for establishment of a vocational school in Jerusalem for the rehabilitation of refugee boys and men.

A message from Wendell L. Willkie expressed admiration for the work accomplished by Jewish pioneers in the upbuilding of Palestine and declared that "the continued barbaric program of extermination being carried out by Hitler against the Jewish people makes the work being done in Palestine today even more important than in the past, for there must be assurances now that homeless Jews of Central and Eastern Europe who survive this war can look forward to a homeland of their own in which they may find peace, security and happiness for themselves and for their children. Other messages were received from Sen. Robert F. Wagner and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. The 6,000 guests each paid \$25 to attend the "third Seder" which was held simultaneously in the Astor and Commodore.

J.D.C. APPROPRIATES \$200,000 TO MAINTAIN 1,000 FRENCH-JEWISH CHILDREN IN SWITZERLAND

NEW YORK, April 25.(JTA)-- The Joint Distribution Committee, one of the participating groups in the United Jewish Appeal, announced yesterday through Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, chairman of the European executive council of the committee, an appropriation of \$200,000 to guarantee the maintenance for one year of 1,000 homeless children who would be sent to Switzerland from France if such a rescue program materializes.

About 3,500 of the children are living in institutions in the formerly unoccupied area of France, funds having been provided for their maintenance in 1943; others are hiding in French Catholic and Protestant havens and some are in internment camps. After the war an attempt will be made to reunite them with their parents, if the mothers and fathers can be found alive, Dr. Schwartz said. He added that Switzerland would be willing to shelter the children if other governments, including the United States, would guarantee their eventual repatriation.