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PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ASKED TO SPEED ENTRANCE OF JEWS UNDER CURRENT QUOTA

JERUSALEM, May 23.(JTA)-- Expressing deep concern at the fact that none of the 13,500 Jewish refugees entitled to enter Palestine under the three-month quota expiring June 31 have as yet arrived, a delegation of the Jewish National Council today called upon high officials of the Palestine Government demanding that some action be taken.

The delegation, composed of Isaac Ben-Zvi and Dr. Abraham Katznelson, pointed out that the developments in the Balkan countries, from where the Jewish refugees are to be taken, may make it impossible for the prospective Jewish emigrants to leave these countries. It asked, therefore, that steps be taken immediately to secure transportation facilities for the refugees, so as to make it possible for them to reach Palestine before June 30.

Replying to the delegation's demands, James S. McPherson, Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government, declared that "His Majesty's Government and the Government of Palestine are fully aware of the urgency of the situation" and are taking all measures in their power.

The Jewish National Council today appointed a special committee to inquire into the circumstances of a fatal accident in which four Jewish students of the Tel Aviv high school were killed and twelve wounded. The students were hiking from Tel Aviv to Caesaria. Near Caesaria they discovered an abandoned mortar shell which exploded when moved by one of the hikers.

The Municipal Council of Petach-Tikvah voted to name a new street in the town "Rehov 93" - the Street of the Ninety-Three - in memory of the ninety-three girls of the orthodox Beth Jacob school in Warsaw who committed suicide en masse when in danger of being violated by the Nazis.

NAZIS USE BLOOD FROM 40,000 JEWISH CHILDREN FOR WOUNDED GERMAN SOLDIERS

JERUSALEM, May 23.(JTA)-- In spite of their "pure Aryan blood" theory, the Nazi authorities are now using blood taken from 40,000 Jewish children in occupied countries for transfusions for German soldiers wounded on the Russian front, it is reliably reported here today.

The report reveals that no less than 40,000 Jewish children from Western Europe and occupied Poland have been concentrated by the Nazis in occupied France for the sole purpose of furnishing blood for wounded German soldiers.

ROMANIAN JEWS WHO ARE STILL PERMITTED TO WORK FACE OUSTER FROM POSITIONS

GENEVA, May 23.(JTA)-- Eleven-thousand Rumanian Jews - the only Jews in all of Rumania who are permitted to work - face the loss of this privilege, it was reported here today, on the basis of an announcement in Bucharest that the entire system of "job privileges" will be revised on June 30.

It is feared by Jewish circles that the revision of the regulations may not only result in the privileged Jews being ousted from their positions, but may also result in their deportation from the country.

MEMBERS OF BRITISH PARLIAMENT RECEIVE APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE FROM EMBATTLED WARSAW JEW

LONDON, May 23.(JTA)-- Members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords and high dignitaries of the British Church were today in receipt of a desperate appeal for aid from the embattled Jews of the Warsaw ghetto.

Two messages from the ghetto, addressed to Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, Jewish deputy in the Polish National Council, and to his late colleague, Samuel Zygelbojm, were received last night through underground channels and Dr. Schwarzbart immediately had copies sent to all parliamentarians and church leaders together with an appeal for immediate assistance for the Jews.

The messages - dated April 28 and May 13 - review the battle in the ghetto between the Jews and the Nazis and reveal that many of the Jews were burned alive when German flame throwers set fire to the dilapidated ghetto buildings. They confirm that several members of the ghetto Council were shot and that about 1,000 Nazis have been killed. Particularly stiff resistance was put up by several thousand Jews who barricaded themselves in the underground storehouses of the ghetto, the messages reveal. They were overcome only when the Nazis brought up artillery and shelled their quarters, setting them afire.

The Jewish groups, it is disclosed, appealed to the population of Warsaw for help, but although the Poles sympathized with the Jews, there was little they could do. Only the United Nations can offer immediate and effective assistance, the messages, which are signed by the Central Committee of the Jewish Labor movement and the Jewish National Committee, conclude.

JEWISH LEADERS IN BUDAPEST ISSUE CALL TO JEWS TO BEHAVE "MODESTLY"

ZURICH, May 23.(JTA)-- Acting apparently under instructions from the Hungarian authorities, the Jewish Community in Budapest distributed a letter among its members asking them "not to give any opportunity for criticism of your appearance and behaviour." The text of the letter which reached here today reads:

"We ask our Jewish coreligionists in a most emphatic manner to see to it that our behaviour and attitude is worthy of these serious times when our position demands from us the greatest sacrifices. Let us be modest, disciplined, unimpeccable. Let us not occupy places of amusement, recreation, or on the beach. Let us not furnish any opportunity for criticism of our appearance and behaviour. In times like these, our duty lies in maintaining serious, modest and disciplined behaviour."

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT MAY PERMIT SENDING OF PARCELS TO JEWS IN RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, May 23.(JTA)-- Hope that the Palestine Government may soon permit the sending of parcels of food and clothing to Jews in Russia directly from Palestine was expressed here today by Eliahu Dobkin, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency.

Speaking to press representatives, Mr. Dobkin stated that 60,000 parcels valued at \$160,000 will be sent shortly to Russia from Teheran. "There are now better prospects of assisting Jews in Russia by sending packages to them," he said. He revealed that the Indian Government recently permitted Jewish organizations to send to Russia 2,000 parcels of tea, 2,000 packages of coffee and 1,000 parcels of clothing.

CONGRESSMAN SOL BLOOM DECLARES BERMUDA REFUGEE CONFERENCE WAS A SUCCESS

NEW YORK, May 23.(JTA)-- Declaring that in his opinion the chief purpose of the Bermuda Conference on Refugees was to activate the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, and this has been done, Congressman Sol Bloom of New York City, chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee and one of the three American delegates to the Bermuda parley, today told 800 women gathered at the "Victory Donor Luncheon" of the HIAS at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel that "as a Jew I am perfectly satisfied with the results of Bermuda."

Congressman Bloom added that the conference succeeded in doing even more than revitalizing the Inter-governmental Committee but that he was bound not to reveal its accomplishments and recommendations. He appealed for unity within the ranks of American Jewry and indicated that he believed the Jewish problem could be solved by securing equality of races before the law and not by segregating the Jews in any one part of the world.

AMERICAN JEWISH HEROES DAY MARKED THROUGHOUT NATION; ROOSEVELT SENDS MESSAGE

NEW YORK, May 23.(JTA)-- Mass meetings, parades and religious services in New York and other cities marked the 45th annual celebration of American Jewish Heroes Day today. Many of the nation's leaders and representatives of the United Nations took official recognition of the day by sending greetings to the Jewish people of America and lauding the patriotism and heroism that Jews have shown since the founding of the Republic, in the defense of their nation.

The United Jewish War Effort, which sponsored special observances of the day throughout the country, made public messages from President Roosevelt, Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, and other national leaders, paying tribute to the patriotism of American Jews. The President, in his message, expressed the hope that "American Jewish Heroes' Day will inspire all who participate with a renewed appreciation of the sacrifices made by American Jewish heroes and their contributions to the upbuilding of our free institutions." Secretary Knox declared that "the Navy is proud to salute its officers and men of Jewish faith whose courage and patriotism have contributed so much to the struggle against the common enemy of mankind."

WEIZMANN RETURNING TO ENGLAND; SAYS IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE WILL NOT END IN 1944

NEW YORK, May 23.(JTA)-- Speaking at a luncheon in his honor at the Hotel Commodore today, tendered by the Jewish National Workers Alliance, Dr. Chaim Weizmann revealed that he is returning to England in three weeks.

Discussing the political situation in Palestine, Dr. Weizmann expressed the belief that the gates of Palestine will not be closed in March of 1944, as provided for under the White Paper of 1939. He praised the Jewish workers for their contributions to the upbuilding of the Jewish settlement in Palestine and voiced the opinion that the intellectual steadfastness of Palestine's Jews will enable them to build up the country despite obstacles and to pave the way for larger immigration in the future.

ZIONIST CONVENTION IN ARGENTINA ADDRESSED BY HIGH OFFICIALS

BUENOS AIRES, May 23.(JTA)-- A three-day convention of the Zionist Federation of Argentina opened today at Santa Fe. It was addressed by the governor of the district and other high officials.

The convention will demand free Jewish immigration to Palestine, the annulment of the British White Paper, the post-war establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State and Jewish representation at the forthcoming peace conference, it was indicated in the opening speech by Nathan Gesang, president of the Argentine Zionist Federation.

JEWISH COMMANDER OF RUSSIAN PARACHUTISTS KILLED IN DARING FORAY BEHIND NAZI LINES

KUIBYSHEV, May 23.(JTA)-- Major Caesar Kunnikov, a Jewish commander of parachute troops and former editor of a Moscow daily newspaper, was today awarded, posthumously, the title Hero of the Soviet Union for a daring foray in the rear of the Nazi lines on the Kuban front.

Major Kunnikov, who was commander of a detachment of 200 parachutists, was dropped together with his men far behind the Nazi lines in an attempt to halt the German retreat until the main body of the Red Army could catch up with them. Despite almost overwhelming odds, Kunnikov's detachment not only stopped the Nazis, but killed 2,000 of them and destroyed many machinegun nests and several fortified positions in a six-day battle during which Kunnikov was mortally wounded.

REFUGEE SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE FOR AMERICAN WAR EFFORT, SURVEY INDICATES

NEW YORK, May 22.(JTA)-- Evidence of an important source of untapped manpower available to America through the talents of refugees in this country is revealed in a survey of alien specialized personnel issued today by the National Refugee Service. The survey is based on an analysis of the abilities of 2,250 of America's newest arrivals, all specialists in the field of science, social science, medicine and commerce.

Contrary to the general belief that this country is a haven for large numbers of refugees, only some 250,000 refugees of all faiths have actually entered the United States since Hitler's advent, the survey shows. Recent reports based on the Anglo-American Bermuda Conference on refugee problems, revealed that this Government has issued some 500,000 visas, since 1933, to persons in countries now under Axis domination. But many visa holders never arrived, others were only visitors, and a final group were regular immigrants, not persons fleeing religious or political persecution.

Concrete information concerning the capabilities of the persons included in the survey is given in tables which classify them according to age, sex, occupation, nationality, citizenship status, and knowledge of languages. Some of the tables are supplemented with brief case histories which reveal impressive backgrounds and exceptional skills. The occupational specialties fall within four groups -- science and mechanics, social science, medicine and medical work, and business. Listed under these headings are some 22 general classifications which represent approximately 100 professions, vocations, and trades.

The list includes a specialist in high explosives, the inventor of a widely used mining fuse, the former director of one of Europe's largest steam turbine factories, and the chief of a famous European air-line system. The field of medicine offers a number of outstanding specialists, including one in gastro-enterology who invented an instrument now in world-wide use. Businessmen comprise the largest single group.

Of the 2,250 persons included in the survey, 1,970 are male and 280 are female. About half are between the ages of 46 and 64. This large proportion of mature individuals is partly due to the fact that many younger refugees are serving the war effort directly, in the U. S. Army, it is pointed out in the report.