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AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE TO OPEN IN NEW YORK ON AUGUST 29; WILL LAST FIVE DAYS

NEW YORK, June 17.(JTA)-- The American Jewish Conference, in which all Jewish membership organizations are participating, will be convened in New York City and will open its sessions on August 29, it was announced here today by the headquarters of the Conference.

The Conference will conclude on September 2. During the five-day deliberations various problems concerning post-war Jewish rights in Europe and in Palestine will be discussed and a program will be formulated for presentation to the Peace Conference.

U.S. CONSUL IN PALESTINE GETS JEWISH PETITION; NON-JEWISH SOLDIERS ALSO SIGN

JERUSALEM, June 17.(JTA)-- The Jewish National Council of Palestine today handed to the American Consul-General and to other diplomatic representatives of the Allied Governments in Palestine copies of the Jewish petition asking for speedy measures to save Jews in Europe from extermination.

The petition, it was reported here today, was signed by approximately 350,000 Jewish men and women throughout the country, comprising about eighty percent of the Yishuv. In addition all Jewish school children in Palestine signed a similar petition addressed to the children of the democratic countries. Many non-Jewish officers and men of the Allied forces now stationed in Palestine demanded that they be allowed to affix their names to the petition.

HATE AGAINST JEWS TURNS INTO HATRED OF NAZIS IN AUSTRIA, NEUTRALS REPORT

STOCKHOLM, June 17.(JTA)-- Neutral travelers arriving here from Vienna are quoted in the press here as stating that the hatred against Jews which the Nazis have attempted to instill in the factory workers of Austria is now gradually turning into hatred of Germany.

"The only hope of Austria today is that the country will cease to be part of the Reich after the war is over," an Argentinian coming from Vienna told the German-language newspaper Die Welt here today.

The Nazi newspaper Bukarester Tageblatt which reached here today from Rumania reports that in view of the fact that the "Rumanization Office" finds it difficult to induce non-Jews to rent the dwellings from which Jews are ejected, it has decided to permit Jews to remain in dwellings under its administration, providing they undertake to make necessary repairs. The contracts will then guarantee that they are not to be ejected from their homes for twelve months, the paper adds.

100,000 JEWISH HOMES IN WARSAW GHETTO DESTROYED BY NAZI GUNFIRE

LONDON, June 17.(JTA)-- The Polish Government-in-Exile today estimated that 100,000 Jewish flats and 2,000 factories and workshops were destroyed by Nazi gun fire in the Warsaw ghetto during the three-week battle between the Jews and Nazi troops. During the Nazi siege of Warsaw in 1939, only 76,000 apartments were destroyed in the entire city, the Government pointed out.

BRITISH LABOR PARTY CONVENTION DEMANDS RESCUE OF JEWS IN EUROPE; SUPPORTS PALESTINE

LONDON, June 17.(JTA)-- A several-hour discussion on the position of the Jewish people in Axis-held Europe marked today's session of the annual conference of the British Labor Party. The session was climaxed by the adoption of a resolution calling on the United Nations to take measures to rescue European Jewry on a scale "proportionate to the unparalleled crime" committed by the Nazis.

Expressing "horror and indignation at Hitler's bestial campaign of extermination of European Jewry," the resolution urged all the Allied nations who are in a position to do so to admit Jewish refugees and to assist neutral nations to do the same. The resolution also emphasized that victory must ensure for Jews full civil, political and economic equality.

Touching on the question of Palestine, the resolution reaffirmed labor's traditional policy of favoring the building of Palestine as a Jewish national home and recommended that the Jewish Agency be authorized to make the fullest use of the country's economic absorptivity to develop the country, including unoccupied and undeveloped land. At the same time it demanded for the Jewish people an equal status among the free nations of the world and urged the party's National Executive to combat the growth of anti-Semitism as a factor vitally connected with the Nazi-Fascist outlook.

William Stoner, a Scotch delegate, in seconding the resolution implicitly criticized Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, Labor member of the Cabinet who was present at the time, for his attitude on the refugee question, declaring it was a libel on the British people to say that the admission of a few refugee children would create anti-Semitism.

Prof. Harold Laski, noted British economist, winding up the debate on the resolution, which was adopted unanimously, stated that "as a member of the Party executive and as a Jew, I accept this resolution on behalf of the executive committee." He added that the Party accepts the right of the Jews to build a homeland in Palestine and regrets "the trickle of appeasement shown in this respect by obstructions from various sides." He appealed to all Laborites to use their power and influence for "the salvation of the victims of the foulest crime in history."

CHIEF RABBI OF ENGLAND SUPPORTS PALESTINE RABBIS IN CONFLICT WITH JEWISH AGENCY

LONDON, June 17.(JTA)-- Chief Rabbi Joseph Hertz today issued a formal statement supporting those rabbis in Palestine, England and America who have criticized the Jewish Agency for Palestine because it allegedly attempted to deny religious education to the majority of the orphaned Polish-Jewish children who recently arrived in Palestine from Teheran,

Rabbi Hertz stated that "the Jews of the free nations are glad that the 716 Teheran children have been admitted to Palestine, but are amazed that the majority of them have been placed in non-religious settlements." He added that "it was gratifying to learn that the Agency has expressed its readiness to hold further discussions on the subject" and voiced the hope that "past errors will be rectified and such occurrences prevented in the future."

CONGRESSMAN RANKIN SAYS HE WILL FIGHT MODIFICATIONS IN PRESENT IMMIGRATION LAWS

WASHINGTON, June 17.(JTA)-- Congressman John Rankin of Mississippi has blocked passage of a bill which would allow the entry into the United States of the father of two Jewish boys who are now serving in the United States Army.

The father, Moses Tennenbaum, who is now in Cuba, is prevented by a technicality in the immigration laws from joining his children in America. The boys appeared in uniform before the House Immigration Committee last week and related how they had been separated from their father and mother for almost five years by a technicality. The Immigration Committee unanimously endorsed a special bill which would permit the father to enter this country. The State Department also approved the bill.

However, when Congressman Dickstein of New York, chairman of the Immigration Committee, asked the House for unanimous consent for immediate consideration of the bill, Rankin objected. He insisted that the bill go to the Committee on Rules. "I am not in favor of breaking down our immigration laws piecemeal," he said. "I am not in favor of breaking them down by collateral attack; I am not in favor of using the Chinese as a smoke screen to break them down; I am not in favor of using the war as an excuse to destroy the immigration laws that it took us so long to build up, and that the American people expect us to sustain and not to destroy."

STIMSON ASKED TO INVESTIGATE POLISH ANTI-SEMITES ENROLLED AT WAR DEPT. SCHOOL

WASHINGTON, June 17.(JTA)-- Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson was asked today to investigate why Michael Grazynski, anti-Semitic Polish ex-Governor of Upper Silesia, is being trained for post-war administration in liberated Europe at the War Department's School of Military Government. The request came in a letter addressed to the Secretary of War by Congressman Emanuel Celler. It reads:

"I am informed that Michael Grazynski who holds the rank of major in the Polish Army is enrolled at the War Department's School of Military Government at Charlottesville, Virginia on the recommendation of the Polish Government-in-Exile.

"I am further advised that Michael Grazynski's record as Polish administrator of Upper Silesia revealed a most discriminatory attitude towards minority peoples, particularly the Jews, that he had expelled hundreds of Jews from a good part of Silesia and had committed many to concentration camps. It is further alleged that he instituted a boycott of Jewish concerns and levied unreasonable taxes against them in an effort to force them out of business, together with other Nazi-like practices in the treatment of Jews.

"I do hope you can investigate these charges. It would be unseemly, to say the least, to have a person unable to meet the charges alleged against him to hold a position of power in our Government.

"In the light of daily pogroms and massacres in Nazi-controlled countries and the revulsion of feeling that exists against such blood-lust and against those who inflict tortures on Jews and other minority victims, it would be contrary to the dictates of common humanity to place your Department's imprimatur of approval upon such a Pole who may have perpetrated cruelties upon the helpless similar to Nazi practices.

"I do beseech your earnest consideration to the end that you might have sifted the facts of these charges."

LEADERS OF UNITED NATIONS BELIEVE JEWS IN SOME SECTIONS OF EUROPE WILL BE SAVED

NEW YORK, June 17.(JTA)-- Leaders of the United Nations, in messages transmitted to the Jews of this country, have offered hope that some sections of European Jewry now faced with destruction by Hitler will be saved, thanks to intervention by neutral countries, and that the Jewish problem will definitely be considered at the forthcoming Peace Conference.

The messages, brought from London by Rabbi Irving Miller, member of the governing council of the American Jewish Congress and secretary general of the World Jewish Congress, were summarized today by Rabbi Miller at a press conference at which he stated that he received "intimations of very significant and confidential character" that the British White Paper, which provides for the closing of Jewish immigration to Palestine in 1944, may be modified.

Rabbi Miller reported that during his stay in London he was received by forty-five leading statesmen of the United Nations. While pessimistic concerning the possibilities of saving Jews in occupied Poland and the Baltic countries, Rabbi Miller expressed the belief that there are possibilities of rescuing Jews in Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria without approaching Germany. He revealed that a number of neutral countries, unhampered by considerations of the United Nations, are now negotiating for the emigration of a substantial number of Jewish children in Axis countries.

Quoting Ivan Maisky, Soviet Ambassador in Britain, Rabbi Miller revealed that the Russian Government would be one of the governments which will seek "comprehensive consideration" of the Jewish problem at the peace conference. Leaders of the United Nations have also indicated that in the matter of repatriation they are prepared to consider residence rather than citizenship as the basis for returning persons to former homelands.

YESHIVA COLLEGE GRANTS DEGREES TO DEANS OF YALE AND NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, June 17.(JTA)-- Dr. Wilbur L. Cross, former governor of Connecticut and present Dean Emeritus of the Yale Graduate School, and Dr. Enoch George Payne, Dean of the School of Education of New York University, were the recipients of the honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws and Doctor of Humane Letters, respectively, at the twelfth annual commencement of Yeshiva College which was held here today. Forty-four graduates of Yeshiva College received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and two graduates of the Yeshiva's Bernard Revel Graduate School received the higher degree of Doctor of Hebrew Literature. Eighteen prizes were awarded.

DR. A.A. BERG, NOTED JEWISH DOCTOR, ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

NEW YORK, June 17.(JTA)-- Dr. A.A. Berg, one of the nation's leading surgeons, last night was chosen as president-elect of the International College of Surgeons at its annual meeting in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Dr. Berg will take office in 1945. At the closing session of the meeting, the surgeons heard a paper by Dr. Felix Mandl of the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem on the use of certain extracts from animal tissues in healing wounds and sores of long duration.

DAVID DRUCK, PROMINENT JEWISH WRITER, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 17.(JTA)-- David Druck, noted Jewish author, died here today after a prolonged illness. He was sixty years old. Born in Kreuzburg, Latvia, he came to the United States in 1920 and joined the editorial staff of the Jewish Morning Journal, a New York daily, where he worked until his illness. He was the author of a biography of Baron Edmond Rothschild, which also appeared in Paris in a French translation; a history of the Jewish Press, and a volume on Bible commentators.