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JEWISH REPRESENTATIVES VISIT TRANSNISTRIA; FIND DEPORTEES STARVING, ILL

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, July 8.(JTA)-- Representatives of the government-controlled Jewish Central Office in Bucharest were permitted last April to visit the devastated towns in Transnistria, the Rumanian-administered part of Axis-occupied Ukraine, to where tens of thousands of Jews have been deported from Bessarabia, Bukovina and other parts of Rumania, according to a report issued in Bucharest.

The report states that disease and starvation is taking a heavy toll of the deported Jews. More than 200 Jews were found to be suffering from paralysis while 401 showed symptoms of the initial phases of the disease.

The delegation emphasized that starvation among the deportees is so acute that they eat poisonous seeds. "Many of them have been fed on those seeds exclusively for a long time," the report pointed out, declaring that one of the effects of this "food" is that the people who eat it contract lathyrism, paralysis of the lower limbs, which is now wide spread among the Jewish deportees.

Another report from Rumania states that conditions under which the Jewish deportees in the Tulchin district of Transnistria live are so bad that the Rumanian authorities there were compelled to appeal to the central authorities in Bucharest for food in order to enable the Jews to perform the forced labor to which they are assigned.

Of 2,000 Jews who were sent from Tulchin to do forced labor in the city of Gaissin, on the left bank of the river Bug, only 400 are reported to remain alive. Conditions are even worse in other labor camps in the Tulchin district, especially in Warniarka, Paciore and Kapustiana. A contingent of 150 Jews was sent from the camp in Kapustiana to "somewhere east of the Bug River" but nothing is known of their fate, the report says.

AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS ADDRESS HUGE RECEPTION FOR JEWISH DELEGATION FROM RUSSIA

NEW YORK, July 8.(JTA)-- The hope that Jews in Russia will be given an opportunity to cooperate with the Jews of other countries in the building of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth was expressed here today by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Sholem Asch and other prominent American Jews addressing a huge open air reception at the Polo Grounds here, attended by thousands of Jews, in honor of the Jewish Cultural Delegation from the U.S.S.R., composed of Prof. Solomon Mikhoels and Itzik Feffer.

"In your country, as in our own, our brother Jews must be free to be builders and rebuilders of Eretz Israel, the Jewish Commonwealth, not merely the land of Palestine," Rabbi Wise said. He emphasized that "some men warn against fawning on the Soviet Union who never failed to fawn upon Czarist Russia," and declared that "had England, the United States and France heeded the Soviet insistence upon collecti-

security, Hitler and Mussolini, and later Japan, could not have made their savage assault upon mankind and freedom."

### Russian Jews Must Play Important Part in Post-War Jewish Life, Says Goldmann

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the administrative committee of the World Jewish Congress, addressing the gathering said that the first visit of two representatives of Russian Jewry to the United States was an event of deep significance not only for American Jewry but for the whole Jewish people. It is of the greatest importance to World Jewry, he declared, to have the great Jewish community of Soviet Russia re-integrated into the life and the affairs of the Jewish people. "During this war we have lost most of the Jewish community of Eastern Europe and therefore the Russian Jewish community, which is the second largest Jewish community in the world, will have to play an important role in shaping the future of the Jewish people," he stressed.

"No part of the Jewish people has understood better the necessity for strengthening the contacts and breaking through the walls which separated Russian Jewry from World Jewry than has the Yishuv in Palestine," Dr. Goldmann continued. He expressed the hope that the Russian Jewish delegates will stay in Palestine for a while on their return. On behalf of the World Zionist Executive he assured them of a hearty welcome. "Russian Jewry has played a decisive role in the upbuilding of Jewish Palestine and there is no reason why Soviet Russia as a Government and Soviet Russian Jewry with its great constructive abilities should not make a definite contribution to the solution of the Jewish problem through a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine," he concluded.

Sholem Asch emphasized that American Jews expect the Jews in Russia to help bear the responsibility for the Jews of the world. He expressed the hope that the Russian Government will secure a homeland for the Jews after the war.

### Einstein, Monsky, Rosenberg Greet the Delegation

Prof. Albert Einstein sent a message expressing regret that he could not appear personally at the gathering, and emphasizing that "at this grave time, when so many of our people have fallen victim to the murderous lust of Germany, it is of peculiar importance to preserve and cherish the solidarity of the Jewish people. Such solidarity can only further the cooperation and the mutual understanding of the Russian and the American people."

Henry Monsky, president of the B'nai B'rith, in a statement read by Maurice Bisgyer, B'nai B'rith secretary, said that "we should emulate the Russians in the standards which they set up of equal treatment of races and of people." The Jews in America, he said, are grateful to the Russian army who shared their food and supplies with refugee Jews as well as others who came their way. "We have aided and shall continue to aid the Soviet Union materially by medical supplies, clothing, food and other essentials of war-relief," he stated. "I take pride in the fact that 600,000 Jews are serving in the Soviet Army and countless others are braving danger in the guerrilla units which attack the Germans behind the lines."

James N. Rosenberg, chairman of Agro-Joint, declared that American Jews pray "that the world will perceive that in Russia's treatment of all minorities, including Jews, lies the key both to Russia's unflinching heroism and unity and to a tranquil world when our evil enemies unconditionally surrender." Other speakers included Mrs. David de Solà Pool, president of Hadassah; Herman Hoffman, grand master of Independent Order Brith Abraham; Alex F. Stanton, grand master of the Independent Order Brith Sholem; Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, president of the Board of Ministers of New York. B. Z. Goldberg, chairman of the Committee of Jewish Writers and Artists, presided.

BRITAIN WOULD WELCOME U.S. PARTICIPATION IN SOLVING PALESTINE PROBLEM, OBSERVERS SAY

JERUSALEM, July 8.(JTA)-- The British Government would welcome the participation of the United States in solving the Arab-Jewish problem in Palestine, it was indicated here today by non-Jewish observers interested in the question of Arab-Jewish relations and in the post-war status of Palestine.

These observers, as well as many Arabs, believe that the fate of Palestine after the war will not be decided by Britain alone. They are convinced that the United States will play an important role in the settlement of Arab-Jewish relations in Palestine which is still a mandated territory. The Arabs are, therefore, mobilizing all their forces to influence American diplomats in the Arab countries and to make their views known in Washington through the diplomats of Arab countries in the United States.

American observers who study the situation in Palestine on the spot all come to the same conclusion: that the country is far ahead of the rest of the Middle East in modern developments and this is due to Jewish enterprise. These observers find that Jewish-owned industry in Palestine has made a remarkable contribution to the Allied war effort. Tens of millions of dollars of Jewish-manufactured goods have gone to the Allies, while Jewish technicians and scientists have contributed in an important degree to the Mid-Eastern offensive and defensive power. They also find that Arabs still own the majority of citrus orchards in the country.

At the same time, neutral observers here warn that Palestine's present industrial boom is due to war-time restrictions in other countries and that many war industries will be liquidated after the war. Arabs assert that much of the Jewish-manufactured products is now going to Arab countries which, they say, will boycott Jewish goods after the war if the Palestine question is not solved satisfactorily.

Despite all the Arab propaganda, American non-Jewish students of the Palestine situation cannot help but admit openly that the Jews have made a success of their venture and that what they have accomplished would recommend them as immigrants to any country in the world. Some of them are inclined to agree with the Jewish point of view that despite Palestine's lack of raw materials, it can become the industrial Switzerland of the Middle East through hard work and specialized training.

SO. AFRICAN ARMY HAS 9,250 JEWISH VOLUNTEERS; 920 JEWISH CASUALTIES REPORTED

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, July 8.(JTA)-- There are 9,250 Jewish men and women on full-time active service in the South African Army, it is stated in a review entitled "They Answered the Call," issued here by the South African Jewish Board of Deputies. This figure represents 10 percent of the Union's Jewish population and about 25 percent of its available man-power of military age. The figure is considered particularly high in view of the fact that the South African war effort is entirely voluntary, no conscription having been introduced here.

"They Answered the Call" briefly surveys the war effort of South African Jewry and reveals that Jews participated from the very beginning in the glorious drive of the South Africans through Kenya into Abyssinia and finally into North Africa. "They were at El Wak and at Mega. They were at Sidi Rezegh, at Tobruk, at El Alamein, in the desert, in the air, and at sea. They followed Montgomery in the last decisive push into Tunisia. They are well represented in the Sixth Division which has gone forward for service anywhere in the world."

The 9,250 Jews serving in the South African Forces have suffered 920 casualties; 180 have been killed, 312 wounded, 390 are prisoners of war and 136 are missing, the report discloses, adding that 27 South African Jews have been decorated.

AUSTRALIAN LEADERS APPEAL TO CHURCHILL TO ADMIT BULGARIAN JEWS TO PALESTINE

MELBOURNE, Australia, July 8.(JTA)-- An appeal to Prime Minister Churchill and to Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, asking that Jews from Bulgaria be admitted into Palestine in order to save them from deportation, was cabled from here this week under the signatures of twenty-four prominent Jewish and non-Jewish leaders in civil, religious and educational life in Australia.

"We are deeply concerned over the expulsion of the Jews from Bulgaria," the appeal read. "We strongly urge their admission into Palestine as the only country now capable and anxious to receive them. Also as the country which is geographically convenient and offers less transport difficulties than any other country. The only alternative is occupied Poland and death. We request the British Government to use its good offices with the Turkish Government to permit their transit. We appeal to you in the name of humanity to help the Jews whose sufferings have shocked the conscience of all freedom-loving people."

More than \$40,000 has been raised in the city of Sydney for the Jewish National Fund; it was announced here today. This is the largest sum ever raised for a Zionist cause in Australia. A campaign for the JNF is now being conducted in other states and cities.

HADASSAH AND WIZO TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION IN POST-WAR WORK IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, July 8.(JTA)-- Hadassah announced here today that it has asked its Council in Palestine to "consider ways of setting up a joint planning committee of representatives of Hadassah and WIZO, the Women's International Zionist Organization, so that both bodies may achieve a maximum of cooperation during the post-war period."

The Hadassah also announced that Dr. Yehudah M. Bavly, deputy director and treasurer of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Palestine, died this week in the Rothschild-Hadassah-University Hospital, in Jerusalem, after a long illness. He was 41 years old. The national board of Hadassah, upon receipt of the news of his death, voted to appropriate \$10,000 to establish the Bavly Medical Fund as a memorial.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION TO STUDY CAUSES OF ANTI-SEMITISM ASKED BY YIDDISH WRITERS

LONDON, July 8.(JTA)-- Establishment of an international commission to study the causes of anti-Semitism and means of eradicating them, was proposed here today at a meeting of the Yiddish Pen Club called to commemorate Yiddish and Hebrew writers who have been victims of the Nazis.

AMERICAN JEWISH WOMEN DEDICATE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN PALESTINE TO GHETTO HEROES

NEW YORK, July 8.(JTA)-- The Pioneer Women's Organization has decided to dedicate the Vocational School for girls in Tel-Aviv to the memory of the two heroic women pioneers, 29-year old Zivia Lubetkin, and 25-year old Tosia Altman, who "gave their lives in the defense of Jewish honor" in the Warsaw ghetto, it was announced here today. The Vocational School at Ramath, Gan, Tel-Aviv, is being built with funds supplied by the Pioneer Women of America through its sister organization in Palestine, the Working Women's Council.

WELSH WOMEN URGE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO AID REFUGEES, COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, July 8.(JTA)-- The North Wales Women's Peace Council, meeting in annual convention in the city of Bangor, today adopted a resolution urging the British Government "to give all assistance possible to European Jews and to actively combat anti-Semitism in Great Britain."