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JEWS ANNOUNCE NON-PARTICIPATION IN POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, July 12.(JTA)-- After several days of deliberations, the Small Zionist Actions Committee today adopted a resolution, by 21 votes to 1, announcing that Jews will refuse to participate in the post-war reconstruction plan of the Palestine Government which is based on the White Paper policy under which Jewish immigration to Palestine must cease next year.

"The Actions Committee," the resolution reads, "reasserts that the Jewish people and the Jews of Palestine will not participate in the reconstruction plan announced by the High Commissioner of Palestine as well as in any other future schemes based on the White Paper. They will fight all such schemes."

Preceding the adoption of the resolution, a general debate took place in which leaders of all Zionist factions expressed their agreement with the attitude taken by the Jewish Agency, opposing the post-war reconstruction plan of the Government, which was prepared without the advice of representative Jewish bodies. All speakers demanded that the Jewish Agency not restrict its opposition to the White Paper to merely non-participation in the reconstruction plan, which they said was intended to benefit only the Arabs, but urged the Agency to use all means to secure the White Paper's revocation.

David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Agency, in closing the debate, emphasized that the Jews of Palestine can be certain that the majority of Jews in the United States and other democratic countries will give utmost support to the Yishuv in the fight for its normal development and will concentrate all their efforts on securing annulment of the White Paper.

ROMANIA RELAXES FOOD RESTRICTIONS FOR FOREIGN JEWS AND DISABLED WAR VETERANS

ZURICH, July 12.(JTA)-- Bucharest newspapers arriving here today carry a report stating that the Rumanian Government has decided to issue regular food cards to foreign Jews who are in possession of permits to reside in Rumania, as well as to disabled Jewish war veterans and to widows of Jews who received decorations for bravery in the last war. Up to now these categories of Jews have received food cards stamped with the word "Jew," which allowed them less food than the rest of the population.

The new ruling will not apply to Jewish war orphans, the report says. It reveals at the same time that Jews suspected of securing food illegally will be sent, together with their families, to "fixed residences."

NAZIS CANCEL ALL INSURANCE POLICIES HELD BY JEWS IN HOLLAND

ZURICH, July 12.(JTA)-- German newspapers reaching here today report that the Nazi occupation authorities in Holland have issued an order declaring that all insurance policies held by Jews are cancelled as of June 30.

The insurance companies are instructed in the order to deposit the value of the lapsed policies in certain banks assigned to act as repositories for blocked Jewish accounts.

CANADA WILLING TO ADMIT MORE REFUGEES, PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES IN PARLIAMENT

OTTAWA, July 12.(JTA)-- Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced in the House of Commons that the Canadian Government "would be glad to play its full part" in caring for refugees, and is willing to admit some for the duration of the war.

"I cannot state how many additional refugees Canada will be prepared to receive," he said. "This depends on many factors not within the Canadian Government." He emphasized that there was an outstanding offer of the Canadian Government, made last autumn, to receive for the duration 1,000 Jewish children in unoccupied France and that this offer is still valid.

"If arrangements can be made through neutral countries or the inter-governmental committee for the departure of these children, we shall gladly accord them admission to Canada," he said. "Already there is a considerable refugee population in Canada and many have been admitted for permanent residence," he added.

The Prime Minister said Canada was not invited to the recent Bermuda conference on war refugees and had not been asked to accept decisions adopted there, but "would be glad to play its full part when the decisions were submitted to the United Nations." The Bermuda conference was between the United Kingdom and the United States. Canada had no prior information other than that the conference was being arranged, he explained.

Since April 1, 1933, some 39,000 immigrants entered Canada to become permanent citizens, the Prime Minister stated. The great bulk of them were refugees. "We have not, of course, done all that we could have done and perhaps we have not done all that we should have done," he said. "Our record, however, is better than it is frequently made out to be and I think that it will stand comparison with the records of other parts of the British Commonwealth and of the United States."

GEN. SOSNKOWSKI, NEW POLISH COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, WILL ISSUE STATEMENT ON JEWS

LONDON, July 12.(JTA)-- General Kazimierz Sosnkowski, new Polish Commander-in-Chief, will shortly issue a statement reaffirming that the policy of the Polish Government and Army as regards the Jews remains as it was under the leadership of the late Premier Sikorski, it was learned here today.

At the same time Polish official quarters today issued a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency denying a report credited to Kazimierz Armin, Polish Consul in Johannesburg, to the effect that the Polish Government had planned to organize Jewish military units composed of Polish citizens in Russia but that Jews opposed the project.

The statement emphasizes that the formation of separate Jewish units in the Polish Army in Russia would have been contrary to the fundamental policy of the Polish Government. A previous report stated that a separate unit of the Polish Army, consisting of 1,000 Polish Jews, had been formed at Buzuluk under the leadership of a Polish commander prior to the evacuation of all Polish forces from the U.S.S.R.

LIFE OF JUSTICE BRANDEIS DRAMATIZED IN PALESTINE; PLAY WILL BE BROADCAST

JERUSALEM, July 12.(JTA)-- The life of the late Justice Louis Dembitz Brandeis has been dramatized by the eminent actor-producer Herman Heuser, formerly of the Berlin State Theater, now residing here. The play will be broadcast by the Palestine Broadcasting Service in October, on the second anniversary of Judge Brandeis' death.

The play in three acts depicts Brandeis as a "people's lawyer" in Boston; his appointment to the United States Supreme Court in 1914 and his becoming head of the Zionist Organization, and the final phase of his life up to the establishment of "Ein Hashofet," the colony named after him.

JEWISH MEMBER OF CANADIAN GENERAL STAFF AMONG FIRST TO LAND IN SICILY

MONTREAL, July 12.(JTA)-- The Canadian press today discloses that Captain Samuel Lerner, of London, Ontario, was with the first troops to land in Sicily. He is serving with the Canadian General Staff in charge of operations.

Capt. Lerner is the son of David Lerner, prominent member of the Labor Zionist movement in Canada and well-known government arbitrator in labor disputes in the dominion.

ARAB LEADERS APPREHENSIVE OVER POST-WAR STATUS OF PALESTINE, CORRESPONDENT REPORTS

BOSTON, July 12.(JTA)-- "Arab leaders are apprehensive that Washington may attempt to influence London when the time comes to make a definite settlement of the Arab-Jewish question after the war," the Christian Science Monitor reports in a dispatch from Cairo by Joseph G. Harrison, the paper's correspondent with the United Nations' forces in the Middle East.

"It is apparent," Mr. Harrison cables, "that the United Nations' hopes of being able to end the European war before too long a time have given rise to increased diplomatic jockeying throughout the Middle East, since all parties with claims to present to the conference table believe it necessary to be in the best position by the end of the war. This fact undoubtedly is partly responsible for the increase in Arab-Jewish tension in Palestine, and for the greatly heightened interest in the question of Arab unity."

The correspondent claims that "Arab leaders here and elsewhere complain bitterly" of the caption which Life magazine in New York placed under a reproduction of King Ibn Saud's anti-Zionist statement which it published recently. This caption declared: "Such a drastic statement will naturally dismay all those who have struggled through the years for some compromise of this most difficult problem. That Ibn Saud's position is disputable historically, economically, and religiously will be demonstrated by a competent Zionist in pages of Life in a later issue." The Arabs claim the caption's wording places Life directly behind the Jewish argument and is bound to affect the opinions of numerous Americans, Mr. Harrison says.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY ARRANGES LECTURES ON DESTROYED JEWISH COMMUNITIES

JERUSALEM, July 12.(JTA)-- A series of lectures on Jewish centers in Europe destroyed during the war has been inaugurated at the Hebrew University. The lectures will commemorate those Jewish communities which played a leading part in Jewish public and cultural life in the past.

Among the lecturers are Professors B.Z. Dinaburg and Joseph Klausner, who will lecture on Odessa, Professor J. Gutman, who will speak on the Berlin community, Professor M.H. Torczyner and Mr. F. Lachover, who will deal with the history of Warsaw, Professor Hugo Bergman, who will speak on Prague, Dr. M. Broido, who will speak on Lwow, Dr. I. Simon on Frankfurt, and Mr. G. Alon on Lithuania.

JEWISH PRIVATE FROM NEW YORK RECEIVES KEYS OF BRITISH BISHOP'S PALACE

LONDON, July 12.(JTA)-- Private Harry Goldstein, U.S.A., of New York, can claim the honor of being the first Jew to whom the keys of an ancient English Bishop's palace have been surrendered.

Goldstein received the keys yesterday in his capacity as chairman of a soldiers' committee which arranged the presentation ceremonies at which the palace, which is at Norwich, was turned over to the American Red Cross as a servicemen's club. The building was erected in 1096.

BRITISH MINISTRY CONSULTS RABBINATE ON EXTINGUISHING OF LIGHTS ON SABBATH

LONDON, July 12.(JTA)-- Instructions on how to exercise the greatest possible economy in fuel without transgressing the religious law which forbids the extinguishing of lights on the Sabbath, are given to the Jewish community here in a letter addressed by the Chief Rabbi, Dr. J.H. Hertz, to the ministers of all synagogues.

"The Ministry of Fuel," the letter reads, "has consulted with the Chief Rabbinate on the following problem: According to Jewish religious law, it is not permissible to extinguish gas or electric light on the Sabbath. For that reason, in observant Jewish homes, a light is kept burning, and a gas jet for preserving the warmth of food.

"The Ministry realizes that a religious principle is involved and does not desire to interfere with conscientious observance of the Sabbath. However, owing to the exigencies of the times and the serious fuel position, economies should be effected.

"The Chief Rabbi and the Beth Din, therefore, request the Jewish community to carry out the following suggestions: (a) For light, to use the lowest gas or electric light possible. For preserving the warmth of food, to use the minimum of electricity or only one gas jet, which should be kept as low as possible. (b) Whenever possible to make necessary arrangements before Sabbath for the turning off of gas and electric lights as soon as they are not needed. (c) To economize as much as possible during the week.

"The Chief Rabbi and the Beth Din are sure," the letter concludes, "that the Jewish community, while fully observing the Sabbath, will readily respond to their appeal for economy, which is most vital at this stage of the war."

CANADIAN JEWISH POST-WAR CHARITY PROBLEMS DISCUSSED IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, July 12.(JTA)-- The pressing need to strengthen the financial position of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, not only to meet immediate needs but to enable the Federation to cope with the major problems it will face in post-war years, was stressed at its annual meeting here in the joint report of Samuel Bronfman, president, and E.E. Workman, chairman of the executive committee.

"None of us knows what lies immediately ahead," the report said, "but it is very evident to all that there will fall upon the Federation many post-war problems, the solution of which will call for a sound financial position. It is to be hoped devoutly that the time will eventually come when all forms of charity will be but a memory - that man may live in complete freedom from want, in complete assurance of all the necessities of life. However, that day is not yet, and the Federation is now looking at some of the problems with which it will be faced at the cessation of hostilities."

HEBREW EXHIBITION OPENS IN LONDON; PROGRESS OF HEBREW SHOWN IN DIAGRAMS

LONDON, July 12.(JTA)-- An exhibition of Hebrew books and of diagrams showing the growth of Hebrew education in Palestine and in Poland since World War I was opened here today in the Anglo-Palestine Club in the presence of a large audience. Speakers at the opening ceremony pointed out that there is greater interest in Hebrew in Britain at present than ever before.