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REPRESENTATIVES OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS DISCUSS POST-WAR PROBLEMS IN GENEVA

GENEVA, Aug. 11.(JTA)-- Representatives of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, of the World Jewish Congress and of the World Orthodox Agudath Israel are now holding conferences here at which post-war Jewish problems are being discussed, including the problem of Jewish emigration after the war as well as Palestine. A general agreement between the representatives of the three groups is expected. This in turn will have to be ratified by each of the organizations.

(A study of the Jewish situation in Nazi-controlled countries made by neutral observers reaching this country today, places at approximately 4,000,000, of the number of Jews who have been massacred in various countries under Nazi control. This is the largest figure of dead in this war next to, perhaps, the number of Russian soldiers and civilians killed on the Russo-German front. Hitherto the general impression had been that approximately 2,000,000 Jews had been exterminated by the Nazis and their satellites.)

Leaders of Jewish organizations here are closely watching the developments in Italy with a view to obtaining the evacuation of thousands of Jews from Italian-administered Balkan territories when the Italian armies withdraw from these territories. The Jewish situation in Bulgaria is also being closely watched in connection with possible changes in the Bulgarian regime.

A report reaching here today from Sofia states that the Bulgarian Commissioner for Jewish Affairs, Belov, announced that though conversion of Jews to Christianity is not forbidden by law in Bulgaria, the status of Jews baptised since 1941 will not be changed. Such converts, the Commissar said, will be considered as Jews and treated as such under the existing anti-Jewish laws. Commissar Belov made his announcement in connection with a decision adopted this week by the Bulgarian Synod urging priests to make no difficulties for Jews who wish to join the Christian church and to help them change their names.

A report reaching here from Bucharest confirms that under a law of March, 1943, providing for a special status for Jews who have rendered eminent services to the country, the Rumanian authorities have granted five Jews equal status with "Aryan" Rumanians. The five Jews are the lawyer Rosenthal, who took part in the peace conference of Trianon as legal councillor in 1919; the university professors Aurel Candrea and Sanielevici; Constantin Hlott, a member of an old shipping family, and Alexander Cerban. It is the first time that the new law has been applied. An explanatory statement points out that these five men by their attitude had "linked themselves with the Rumanian national body."

ANTI-SEMITIC LIES EXPOSED IN AUSTRALIA BY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. 11.(JTA)-- Anti-Jewish propagandists in Australia today suffered a heavy blow when members of the Parliament made public data showing that of 84 land purchases in the Shepparton fruit-growing center, a hundred miles from Melbourne, only five were made by Jews. The anti-Semites alleged that Jews in that area "seek to capture control over the district by purchasing properties while Australians are fighting on the battlefield."

DELEGATION APPEARS TODAY BEFORE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PLEAD FOR JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.(JTA)-- Secretary of State Cordell Hull will receive tomorrow in Washington a delegation of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People which will submit to him the resolutions adopted at the recent conference of the Committee in New York, it was announced here today. The announcement said that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has agreed to broadcast a message of hope and encouragement to the Jewish people of Europe over short-wave radio.

"The Emergency Committee is working on a plan for aggressive action by the forces of public opinion toward immediate implementation of its demand for the creation of an Intergovernmental Agency specifically charged with the task of aiding the Jews of Europe marked for total extermination at the hands of the Germans," the announcement added.

At a meeting today of the executive board of the Emergency Committee, it was reported that Mr. Arish Ben-Eliezer, a member of this body, will leave for the Middle East to survey conditions there and report back to the Committee.

JEWS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD LAY HOPES ON AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE, WISE SAYS

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.(JTA)-- Not only are the hopes of American Jews fixed upon the forthcoming American Jewish Conference which opens at the end of this month, but "it is not too much to say that world Jewry shares every high expectation of its outcome," Rabbi Stephen S. Wise declares in a "forecast" published in the current issue of Opinion today.

"If some Conference dilettanti should urge that the world is wearied with stories of Nazi crimes against the Jews and that the point of saturation has been reached, let it be made clear that the victims have gone unheard, wholly unredressed, and almost unpitied," Rabbi Wise states. "It is not only anger that has a privilege but a sense of oceanic and unmerited wrong. Definite truths must be brought to the full understanding of the delegates."

Outlining the objectives of the Conference, Rabbi Wise says that "it may not be forgotten that it is sought to arrive at agreement respecting three leading problems. One, the status of Jews in the post-war world, including the right of repatriation for those to whom denuded, impoverished, shattered homes in long-conquered lands are still home; Two, the indefeasible right of expatriate Jews to migrate to the lands, large or small, within the United Nations; and, finally, the duty of the United Nations to make it possible for Jews as a people to rebuild their Jewish National Home, a Jewish Commonwealth that shall conform to every standard of social-economic idealism, adumbrated and more than adumbrated by the miraculous resettlement of more than half a million Jews within fifty years.

"The Conference has still another objective, to name the men who shall present its decisions and hopes to the Peace Conference, or Conferences, that are bound to follow the war. Such choice comes to be a matter of lesser importance, if the Conference reach clear-cut decisions," Rabbi Wise declares. "It goes without saying that the Conference is to be more than a series of complaints and much more than a series of compromises, and that its delegates to any world Conference after the war are not to be free agents, with power to whittle down or minimize decisions definitely reached by the Conference."

REPRESENTATIVES OF POLISH JEWS IN AMERICA PUBLISH REPORTS ON NAZI "DEATH CAMP"

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.(JTA)-- The American Representation of the General Jewish Worker's Union of Poland, which maintains contact with the Jewish underground movement in Nazi-occupied Polish territory, today made public a detailed report on the mass-executions of Jews in the Tremblinka Death Camp which is situated in the village of Tremblinka, near the railway line running from Warsaw to Bialystok. A similar report was released today also by the Representation of Polish Jewry in the United States.

"Guards, most of them Ukrainians, are placed in strategic positions around the Camp, carrying machine-guns," the labor report says. "Strong searchlights have been installed to detect escaping prisoners. A special railway siding has been built to bring the prisoners directly from the freight-trucks into the Camp. Nearby there is a platform which can hold 3,000 men. A strange building is situated along a side road. It is newly erected. It has no windows. An eye-witness reports that it consists of a long corridor with small cells on both sides. A special arrangement of pipes supplies liquid gas into the cells. This is Death House No. 2.

"Death House No. 1 is also provided with special extermination machinery. Not far away is a large cemetery and special grave diggers work there en-masse. The slaughter-house is headed by an S.S. Captain called Zauner. He is feared by everybody and is known for his brutality and cruelty.

"The Germans also established a Jewish Guard, whose job it is to sort the clothes of the victims. Jews employed as Guards cannot carry on this work for more than a fortnight because of the inhumanly cruel treatment they receive from the Germans. They are maltreated, beaten and often shot. Sometimes they will report to their Chief that they cannot carry on any longer, and beg for mercy - to be shot. The executions take place in a special square. The victim stands on the edge of the grave and is shot on the back of his head. The next in turn is ordered to throw the body of the previous victim into a large pit. It is reported that one day 500 such Guards were shot in turn, the executions going on from 7 o'clock in the morning until 3 in the afternoon. New guards are recruited from newcomers.

Two Transports of Deported Jews are Delivered to Tremblinka Daily

"Two transports of victims are brought to Tremblinka daily, sometimes more," the report continues. "The trucks in which they are brought are cleared very quickly. The Jewish Guard is ordered by the Germans to give them instructions. 'You can be confident of your future' is the first thing that greets a newcomer to Tremblinka staring at him from a huge poster. The poster continues to inform him that he will go East to work and his wife will be in charge of his household. But before he goes on to his destination, the newcomer is told that he must be bathed and deloused, and must deposit his money and valuables with the cashier.

"The man in charge of the auxiliary Jewish police, called Kapos, orders all men to stand in rows of ten, to take off their boots and all their clothing, and to prepare for a bath. Everybody is entitled to a piece of soap and is allowed to take his documents with him. Meanwhile the members of the Service take away his clothes. The order to strip their clothing applies to women and children as well."

The report then describes how the naked victims are driven into the Death House. When the cells are filled to capacity, the doors are hermetically sealed

and the process of asphyxiation by liquid gas begins. The gas pours in through the apertures in the pipes. The process lasts about fifteen minutes. Sometimes there are so many victims that there is no room for them in the execution chambers. Then the surplus is held in the forest nearby, where they can hear the voices and cries coming from the slaughter house.

"Next comes the work of the grave-diggers," the report continues. "They are driven to work by the Germans and their task is to remove the bodies of the victims from the execution chambers. Liquid gas operates in a very peculiar way. It makes the corpses stick together - bodies, legs, hands - one shapeless mass. In order to enable the grave-diggers to remove the bodies separately, they are sprayed with cold water. Then the bodies are placed on the platform and are taken away. The work has to be done very quickly, and the latest order issued by the Chief of the slaughter house is 'One man, two corpses.' This means that each of the grave-diggers has to bury two victims.

"It is obvious that the Germans intend to increase this process of extermination, as a new slaughter house with a capacity of eight to ten thousand victims daily is now being built," the report concludes, emphasizing that the Tremblinka slaughter-house has been in operation since March, 1942.

PALESTINE JEWISH COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS RELIEF WORK WITH J.D.C. DIRECTOR

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11.(JTA)-- The next weekly session of the executive of the Jewish National Council of Palestine will be devoted to a discussion of the work of the American Joint Distribution Committee in Palestine, it was announced today by Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Council.

The announcement was made after a report which Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the J.D.C. who is now on a visit here, presented at today's session on the relief activities of the organization, emphasizing that the J.D.C. is seeking to extend aid to Jewish refugees all over the world. Mr. Ben-Zvi expressed his thanks to Dr. Schwartz for his report. A reception was tendered Dr. Schwartz today by Israel Rokach, mayor of Tel-Aviv, where the J.D.C. representatives met with representatives of all Jewish refugee groups at which plans were proposed for the rescue of Jews from the Nazis.

MANY SOLDIERS WATCH TISHA B'AB SERVICES AT WALLING WALL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11.(JTA)-- Large numbers of soldiers, Jewish and non-Jewish, members of the Allied armies now stationed in Palestine, were among a crowd of many thousands who visited at the Walling Wall yesterday. The traditional Jewish religious services, mourning the destruction of the Temple, were held on the site of the ancient Temple. The Hebrew press in Palestine appeared on Tisha B'Ab in black bordered pages.

JEWISH AGENCY ASKS RUSSIA'S AID IN CONTACTING POLISH JEWS IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.(JTA)-- In an effort to contact Polish Jews in the distant parts of Russia, the Jewish Agency for Palestine has transmitted a request to the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Kuibyshev asking that the Soviet news agency, Tass, publish the news in the Russian press that a special committee has been established in Palestine for the purpose of aiding Palestine Jews to find the addresses of their relatives who are now scattered throughout Russia as refugees from Poland, it was reported here today by the American Representation of Polish Jewry.