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POLISH GOVERNMENT ACTING TO AID JEWISH REFUGEES INTERNED IN ITALY

LONDON, Sept. 10.(JTA)-- The Polish Government, through its representative at the Vatican, has taken steps to protect the interests of Polish-Jewish refugees in Italy, it was disclosed today by Tadeusz Romer, Polish Foreign Minister, when he received a Jewish delegation. There are an estimated 20,000 Jewish refugees in Italy, but no figures are available as to how many of them are Polish citizens.

The delegation also discussed with Romer the question of the pending exchange of refugees interned in Shanghai as well as the future of the Polish-Jewish refugee children who were recently transferred from Teheran to Palestine.

PALESTINE JEWS DANCE IN STREETS AT NEWS OF ITALY'S SURRENDER

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10.(JTA)-- Aged Orthodox Jews danced in the streets under the light of the moon when news of Italy's capitulation reached them as they were assembled in the synagogues offering the traditional prayers on the occasion of the new moon. Many worshippers hurried to the Wailing Wall where they spent the night reciting prayers of thanksgiving.

The news of the surrender, which coincided with the third anniversary of the first bombing of Tel Aviv by Italian planes, created a carnival atmosphere in Jerusalem. Crowds assembled, congratulating each other and singing. Passers-by were kissed by or kissed pretty girls. Special editions of the newspapers appeared with streamer headlines, while motion picture houses flashed bulletins on their screens.

Leading Jewish institutions, it was learned today, are planning to address an appeal to the United Nations, urging them to allow Balkan Jews to flee into Italy from where they could proceed to Palestine.

HUNGARY AGREES TO PAY PENSIONS TO WIDOWS OF JEWISH CONSCRIPTS KILLED IN RUSSIA

ZURICH, Sept. 10.(JTA)-- The Hungarian Government has agreed to pay pensions to the widows of Jewish slave laborers who perished on the Russian front, according to Budapest newspapers reaching here today. The pensions will be equal to those paid the widows of Hungarian soldiers.

If this new regulation is observed, it will mark a sharp reversal of policy on the part of the Hungarian authorities. Although there has been a statute on the books providing for the payment of allowances to families of Jews sent to forced labor battalions, the regulation has not been enforced in practice. Various devices were used to prevent Jewish women from obtaining the grants. The question was debated in Parliament several months ago when liberal deputies protested the treatment of the Jews and their families. It has been estimated by Soviet quarters that about 250,000 Hungarian Jews were sent to the Russian front. A large proportion of them died either from mistreatment, starvation or wounds.

DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES URGE CONGRESS TO ADMIT EUROPEAN JEWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.(JTA)-- A plan to suspend immigration quota restrictions for the duration of the war and for six months after its end as a means of saving European Jews from Axis persecution and annihilation has been submitted to Congress jointly by the National Democratic Club and the National Republican Club.

The proposal was made public last night in a statement signed by William G. Fullen, president of the National Democratic Club, and Thomas J. Curran, president of the National Republican Club.

The plan calls for a simple joint resolution by Congress instructing the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to draw up regulations lowering immigration bars for "any alien who shall prove to the satisfaction of the proper immigration officer or to the Attorney General that he is seeking admission to the United States to avoid religious persecution."

A joint statement outlining the plan says: "There is overwhelming proof that the Nazis, carrying out Hitler's program as contained in Mein Kampf and as reiterated many times both before Germany entered the war and since, are systematically murdering the Jews in Europe within their control with the intent to bring about the complete annihilation of these Jews. The best available figures indicate practically one-half the Jews within the control of the Nazis have been wantonly killed."

It was further stated that the plan proposed involved only a temporary suspension of quota restrictions and would not affect permanent immigration policy.

BRITISH FASCISTS DELIBERATELY JOINED PALESTINE POLICE TO AVOID CONSCRIPTION

LONDON, Sept. 10.(JTA)-- The charge that a large percentage of the British police in Palestine are "enthusiastic members" of the outlawed British Union of Fascists, of which Sir Oswald Mosley is the leader, is made in the press here today, which states that "this does not make the situation in Palestine easier."

Many members of Mosley's party have gone to Palestine and joined the police there in order to avoid being conscripted into the Army. The Week, a political weekly news-letter writes. The London Jewish Chronicle draws special attention to the charges.

The Evening Standard reports that a group of London doctors have formed an anti-Semitic organization under the name of the "Medical Policy Association." Interviewed by a representative of the Evening Standard, leaders of the new association denied that they were anti-Jewish. "We fight against Jewish Fascism and international Jewish control," they said. The bulletin issued by the new group, however, refers approvingly to the notorious forgery, the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

JEWS LAWYER ELECTED TO SYRIAN PARLIAMENT; CAIRO JEWS HONORED

CAIRO, Sept. 10.(JTA)-- Ezra Azrak, 35, a prominent attorney, has been elected to the Syrian parliament, it was learned here today. He will be the only Jew in that body.

Colonel Ralph Harari, former president of the Zionist Organization in Cairo, has been made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire, while his sister has been made a member of the Order of the British Empire for organizing welfare service for the Allied troops in Alexandria, it was announced here today.

MORGENTHAU LAUDS JEWISH ACHIEVEMENTS IN PALESTINE IN MESSAGE TO ZOA CONVENTION

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 10.(JTA)-- Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., in a message to the 46th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America which opens here tomorrow at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, declared that the solution of the problem of Jewish homelessness in Europe is "a task which must engage the attention and the efforts of all men of good will, citizens and statesmen alike, until it is well accomplished."

"The fine work," the statement continues, "of reconstruction and rehabilitation that has been accomplished by the Jews of Palestine has aroused my sympathetic interest and admiration and I have been particularly struck by reports of the contributions Palestine has been able to make to the war to strike down the oppressors."

More than 1,000 delegates, representing over 500 Zionist units throughout the country, are attending the three-day session of the Zionist convention. A review of the situation in Palestine and the Near East will be presented by Judge Louis E. Levinthal, president of the Zionist Organization of America.

Marked gains which have been achieved by the Zionist movement in the past year are reviewed in detail in the annual report submitted to the delegates by Simon Shetzer of Washington, D. C., executive director of the Z.O.A. He reports an organized Zionist membership of over 250,000, including the Zionist Organization of America and its affiliated and constituent organizations: Hadassah, Womens Zionist Organization, Order Sons of Zion and other Zionist groups. Mr. Shetzer announced that in the past year more than 60 outstanding congregations have enrolled en masse in the Zionist Organization of America.

Referring to the participation of America Zionists in the United States war effort, Mr. Shetzer in his annual report cited the raising of \$20,000,000 in war bonds in a single month this year as a result of a campaign conducted by the Organization under the chairmanship of Judge Morris Rothenberg of New York.

ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE NAMED TO DISTRIBUTE 1943 FUNDS OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.(JTA)-- An Allotment Committee has been appointed to allocate the funds raised by the 1943 United Jewish Appeal it was announced today by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, chairman of the Fund-Raising Committee of the Joint Distribution Committee and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.

On the basis of the agreement continuing the United Jewish Appeal for 1943, the Allotment Committee will have the responsibility of distributing all funds raised by the nationwide campaign above the initial sum of \$9,100,000. The distribution of these funds will be made by the Allotment Committee among the constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal in accordance with its analysis of their respective needs and programs in the current year.

As has been the practice in the selection of an Allotment Committee in previous years, the membership of the committee comprises two representatives of Jewish communities at large, named by both the J.D.C. and U.P.A. The 1943 Allotment Committee consists of James H. Becker of Chicago and I. Edwin Goldwasser of New York, for the Joint Distribution Committee; Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland for the United Palestine Appeal; and Joel Gross of Newark, Louis Caplan of Pittsburgh and Edwin J. Schanfarber of Columbus, O., for the Jewish communities at large.

AGUDAS ISRAEL CONVENTION DEMANDS ANNULMENT OF WHITE PAPER

FERNDAL, N.Y. Sept. 10.(JTA)-- A resolution urging the British Government to annul the White Paper and to open the gates of Palestine to Jewish immigrants was adopted here today by the fourth annual convention of the Agudas Israel of America.

The resolution also asked the mandatory power to guarantee the religious character of Palestine. "The Jews come to Palestine not by virtue of any diplomatic documents," the resolution reads, "but by the strength of the Divine declaration embodied in the Bible, and recognized by the entire civilized world. It is the Bible which calls Palestine the Land of Israel, and the Jewish people will therefore never recognize any violation of that Divine right so long as they remain faithful to their religion and to the laws of Israel."

The convention discussed a plan for immediate rescue of as many European Jews as possible from the grip of the Nazis; the creation of a national fund for the support of Orthodox Jewish education in the United States; the centralization of the orthodox educational system; the creation of a central organization embodying orthodox Jewish communities throughout the United States; and the strengthening of religious institutions in Palestine. A prayer was delivered for ultimate victory for America and her Allies, and an appeal to the religious conscience of the world "not to forget the lost tribe of Israel in the dark forest of Nazi-Europe," was voiced.

Speakers Attack Zionist Leadership; Convention Hears Roosevelt Greeting

A severe attack on Zionist leadership in the United States was voiced by Rabbi Eliezer Silver, president of the Agudas Israel Organization of America, addressing the convention. Rabbi Silver also read to the convention a message from President Roosevelt which said: "It gives me great pleasure to extend hearty greetings to Agudas Israel of America. I trust that the organization will be ever faithful to the highest ethical and moral principles of the Jewish religion."

Terming the present Zionist leadership in the United States "assimilationist and opponents of real orthodox Judaism," Rabbi Silver emphasized that "the Agudas Israel does not combat Zionism, but its reformed leadership which constitutes a new dangerous element in American Jewry." He charged the non-reform leaders in the Zionist movement with giving "silent support to a tendency which is solely responsible for the degradation of orthodoxy in American Jewish life."

"The Agudas Israel," Rabbi Silver said, "will fight these assimilationist reform leaders who have become so powerful that at the recent session of the American Jewish Conference missionary statements were read out and no orthodox delegate dared to protest against them. The Agudas Israel will continue its work in Palestine and its struggle for the rescue of those who are in the ghettos, as well as for a strong orthodox Jewry in America."

Mr. Jacob Rosenheim, president of the World Agudas Israel Organization, who recently arrived here from London, delivered a message of greeting in behalf "of those orthodox Jews in the ghettos who are forced to silence by the most brutal tyranny ever in existence and who, in their hour of distress, find hope only in the trust in God." It is their wish, Mr. Rosenheim concluded, that we, in the free countries, "defend the old heritage of Israel, its traditions and its great mission, as the President of the United States rightly asks us to do."