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JEWS FROM RUMANIA AND HUNGARY LEAVE FOR PALESTINE VIA TURKEY

LONDON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- A small number of Rumanian and Hungarian Jews reached Turkey last week and departed from there for Palestine after receiving Palestine visas in Istanbul. Dr. James Bernstein, European director of the Histadrut Emigration Association, informed Jewish organization here today in a cable from Lisbon. These are the first groups of Jews permitted to leave Rumania and Hungary for Palestine since those countries joined Germany in the war against the Allies.

Dr. Bernstein also confirmed that all the alien Jews - about 3,000 - who resided in Nice, on the French Riviera, were deported by the German authorities to an unknown destination about three weeks ago. Dr. Bernstein reported that an average of sixty Jews are still escaping from France into Switzerland every day. He estimated that there are 22,000 Jews among the 60,000 refugees who have found asylum in Switzerland. They include 1,800 Jewish refugees who succeeded in escaping to Switzerland from the parts of Italy now held by German troops. These are mostly Italian and Yugoslav Jews.

BRITISH MILITARY COMMANDER RECEIVES APPEAL FROM VERDICT IN PALESTINE'S "ARMS TRIAL"

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- A sixty-page memorandum asking for reversal of the verdict issued by the military court here in the trial of Abraham Rachlin and Leib Sirkin charged with illegal possession of arms, was dispatched to the General Officer in Command of British troops by Dr. Philip Joseph, the attorney for the defense.

The memorandum analyzes the "arms trial" and its procedure and asserts that there was no ground for the verdict of guilty under which Rachlin was sentenced to seven years and Sirkin to ten years imprisonment.

The municipalities of Tel Aviv and Haifa as well as the executive committee of the Union of Town Councils adopted resolutions protesting against the "arms trial," describing it as an attempt to besmirch the Jewish name in the war effort."

DANISH NAZIS PAID \$100 BY GERMANS FOR EACH JEW THEY DELIVER TO GESTAPO

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Danish Nazis receive 500 kroner, approximately \$100, from the German authorities for every Jew they deliver to the Gestapo, it was disclosed here today in a report which stated that the terror against Danish Jews continues.

The occupation authorities, however, have not succeeded in crushing the opposition of the non-Jewish population, it was indicated in another report which stated that the recently formed underground "Council of Danish Liberty" has posted a proclamation in Copenhagen University calling for a severance of all business relations with Germans "because by starting pogroms they have destroyed Danish justice." The proclamation also threatened reprisals against any Dane assisting the Gestapo in hunting down the Jews. The Svenska Dagbladet reports that the Nazis have decided to force Jews married to Aryans to wear Mogen David badges.

CHIEF RABBI OF ENGLAND URGES STALIN TO MEET WITH RABBIS IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Oct. 18.(JTA)-- The suggestion that Premier Josef Stalin meet Jewish religious leaders in Russia as he did with the Patriarch of the Orthodox Church there "in order to give official recognition to the legalization of Jewish religious life in the U.S.S.R.," was made here last night by Chief Rabbi Hertz addressing a gathering of 2,500 at the Stoll Theatre called by the Jewish Fund to Aid Russia.

Declaring that "Russia has done more than all the democratic countries together to save Jews," the Chief Rabbi expressed regret at the fact that the world is silent on the massacres of Jews in German-held territories. "Since the Bermuda Conference there is again silence concerning the fate of the Jews," he said.

Chief Rabbi Hertz lauded the governments of Switzerland and of Sweden for the hospitality which they are giving to Jewish refugees escaping from Nazi hands. Emanuel Shinwell, a leader of the British Labor Party, demanded retribution for the crimes which the Germans are committing against Jews. He denounced the "arms trial" in Palestine and compared the mild sentences of Arabs with the unprecedented heavy sentences imposed upon Jews. "I am proud of the men who tried to get arms to defend themselves, and I say to the Jews: 'Be proud and don't apologize to anyone for being a Jew.'" The meeting was presided over by Dr. Redcliffe Salaman.

POSITION OF JEWS IN NORTH AFRICA NOT YET SATISFACTORY, PROF. BRODETSKY REPORTS

LONDON, Oct. 18.(JTA)-- A solution of the Jewish problem in North Africa has not as yet been reached, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews reported yesterday at a session of the Board. "The Board is maintaining close contact with the Foreign Office on this question, but satisfactory action has not yet been taken," he stated.

The Jews throughout the world will welcome with gratitude President Roosevelt's ~~denunciation~~ of Argentina's suppression of the Yiddish press there which led to the lifting of the ban, Prof. Brodetsky said lauding the action of the President. He predicted that with increased German reverses there will come increased persecution of Jews in German-held territories. He paid special tribute to the Swedish Government for opening its doors to the Jews of Denmark, and pointed out that "the action of Sweden marks in a sense the beginning of a new development in international life."

JEWISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE OPENS IN PALESTINE; NON-JEWISH EXPERTS ATTEND

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18.(JTA)-- Archaeological research in Palestine has the two-fold purpose of advancing man's knowledge of ancient cultures and of establishing the unbroken connection between the Jewish people and the soil of the Holy Land, Issac Ben-Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, declared today addressing the opening session of the conference of the Palestine Jewish Exploration Society here.

Several reports were given concerning new developments in archaeological research in Palestine to an audience which included many non-Jewish archaeologists including several priests and monks.

### JEWISH NATIONALISM ASSAILED BY PRESIDENT OF HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, Oct. 18, (JTA)-- "There is absolutely no compelling urge towards Jewish nationalism today other than that of sheer desperation and despair," president Julian Morgenstern of the Hebrew Union College said here at exercises marking the opening of that Reform Jewish theological seminary's academic year.

Dr. Morgenstern spoke on the topic, "Nation, People, Religion--What Are We?" and he assailed the idea of Jewish nationalism at a time when Reform Jewry is confronted with a request for a decision to approve or reject the American Jewish Conference's recent resolution demanding that Palestine be proclaimed a Jewish commonwealth.

In his address he followed the history of "The Jews" from their origin in the Arabian Desert down to their present crisis to stress his declarations that the Jews' contribution to the world never has lain in the field of nationalism.

#### Says Jews, As A Nation, Have Made No Contribution To Civilization

"Israel, as a nation, has achieved no distinction whatever and has made no contribution whatever to human civilization," he said. "As a nation in the past, Israel was not one whit different from numerous other little and equally insignificant nations. And nothing whatever suggests that today, restored to national existence, Israel would be aught different from the many little, insignificant racial states which struggle desperately to maintain and to justify their national existence."

"On the other hand, that Israel is a people and Judaism a religion, and that these two principles are eternally and inseparably linked, and that in this indissoluble fusion they make Israel a unique people among the nations of the world, a people animated by the consciousness of divine commission to play in the world a unique role as the bearers and custodians of the knowledge of the one, universal God and of His way of life for all men and of the sole way of universal salvation, this fact is beyond all question. It is attested by all the evidence of 2600 years of Jewish history. Israel is indeed a people with a religion, a religious people, and naught else."

Emphasizing his belief that there is nothing un-Jewish but nothing specifically Jewish in nationalism, Dr. Morgenstern said, "The present Zionist movement represents the most wide-spread and intensive revival of the nationalistic hope and program in Judaism in over 1800 years. It also represents the complete reversion from the free and almost unrestrained universalism in Judaism of the first two-thirds of the nineteenth century to a nationalism, particularism and isolationism, in some respects, almost as extreme as, and in other respects more extreme than, the reforms of Ezra and Nehemiah."

#### Attacks Zionism, Declares Extreme Jewish Nationalism is Fascism

Reviewing the birth and development of Zionism, Dr. Morgenstern stated, "It has run the entire gamut of modern racial nationalism from the, as we now see, very modest hope of restoration of Palestine as the center of a new, positive and intensive Jewish cultural life, to the extreme theory of Jewish nationalism, practically identical with Naziist and Fascist theory, which holds that the bonds of Jewish racial nationalism are eternally indissoluble, that there can be ever only one Jewish homeland, only one land in which the Jew can ever feel himself completely at home; that eternally he is a member of the Jewish racial nation, however that term may be defined; that he resides among the nations, as at present, only as a temporary sojourner; that he is in the 'Diaspora,' in 'Galut,' in 'exile,' and that

Israel's redemption from its sad fate of the last 1900 or even 2500 years will be only when it will be restored to the role of completely or predominantly Jewish, independent, political statehood in Palestine, in whatever form and however achieved, this statehood may take, commonwealth, republic or dominion."

It seems "decidedly improbable" that an independent Jewish political state will be established in Palestine as an outcome of the present war, Dr. Morgenstern continued. But even if such state were achieved, he said, it "must be granted by all who can interpret Jewish history aright that a twentieth century, restored Jewish state would be merely another nationalistic episode in the life of the Jewish people, would represent but another backward swing of the pendulum."

#### Criticizes Palestine Resolution of the American Jewish Conference

"Despite the oft-repeated, high-sounding asseverations of the beneficent role which a Jewish state or commonwealth in Palestine may play or will play in setting a happy pattern of equitable social relations for all other nations to emulate, the most recent formulation of which is in the bombastic peroration of the so-called Palestine resolution of the American Jewish Conference, the fact, incontestably established by history, still confronts us with brazen truth, that the true genius and destiny of Israel finds expression only in its role as a religious people. Israel has no need and no compulsion to become again a nation to fulfill its God-appointed destiny.

"The solution of the Jewish problem and fulfillment of Jewish genius and destiny lie far less within than outside Palestine. For even should the seemingly vain and self-deluding dream of an eventual Jewish population of some 5,000,000 in Palestine, through some miracle, be realized, nonetheless in the post-war world the larger and happier world of true human brotherhood, eventually the far larger section of the Jewish people must necessarily continue to reside outside Palestine. Where, other than in the United States and Russia, the main centers of this post-war, extra-Palestinian Jewish settlement will be, it is far too early even to prognosticate.

"But wherever it be and what and how many the lands in which our Jewish brethren may eventually find new and permanent residence, they will become speedily and eagerly, just as we are here in these blessed United States, full and contributing citizens of their new nations. They will still be an indissoluble part of the Jewish people. But of a Jewish political state in Palestine, they will be no part at all and to it they will owe no allegiance, political or cultural, other than that of the consciousness of common spiritual brotherhood. They will not feel themselves a part of a Jewish Diaspora for under the conditions of that new world, there will be no Jewish Diaspora. They will not look upon themselves as in exile for in that new world there will be no exile."

#### FIRST B'NAI B'RITH LODGE MARKS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith Lodge 1, the parent lodge of the national Jewish fraternal order, marked its 100th anniversary and the centenary of the national organization at services in Temple Israel here last night. Among the speakers at the services were Henry Monsky, national president of B'nai B'rith, Justice Ferdinand Pecora, who assailed anti-Semitism and Karl Taussig, president of New York Lodge 1.

#### POLISH POET PUBLISHES VOLUME HAILING JEWISH PIONEERS IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Oct. 18. (JTA) --- A volume of poems by the Polish poet Joachim Szymanski, who resides in Palestine, was issued here today. They are devoted to life in Palestine and pay tribute to the achievements of the Jewish pioneers there.