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GIRAUD AND DE GAULLE VISIT JEWISH CEMETERY IN ALGIERS; HONOR JEWISH WAR DEAD

LONDON, Nov. 2.(JTA)-- The Jews in Algiers were pleasantly surprised yesterday when Gen. Henri Giraud and Gen. Charles de Gaulle appeared at one of the Jewish cemeteries to pay honor to Jewish soldiers and officers who died in the last war fighting for France. They were escorted by Rabbi Maurice Eisenbeth who officiated.

It was learned here today that Bernard Melamed, former secretary of the Hias-Isa Emigration Association in Paris, has been appointed by the French Committee for National Liberation in Algiers to the post of Director of the Office of Pensions, which is one of the high executive offices. Mr. Melamed left France immediately after the fall of Paris and joined the forces of Gen. de Gaulle. He is a veteran of World War I.

The London press reports that the British-American commission for the release of political prisoners in North Africa has asked Gen. Eisenhower for permission to dissolve since it feels that its mission is completed. When the Allies landed in North Africa a year ago, there were about 8,000 political prisoners in French labor camps, many of them Jewish refugees. Today there are less than 100. Most of the released prisoners chose either to enlist in the pioneer corps or to work with the American Army as civilian laborers at depots and on the docks. Hundreds of them have been released on the basis of work contracts with the U.S. Army.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMS CHURCHILL'S POLICY ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Nov. 2.(JTA)-- The British Government, through its Colonial Secretary Sir Oliver Stanley, today reaffirmed its policy with regard to Palestine, referring back to the statement made in Commons on July 30, 1941, by Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

The reaffirmation, which coincides with the 26th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, was given by the Colonial Secretary in writing in reply to a question sent to the government from prison by the anti-Semitic member of the House of Commons, Capt. Alan Ramsay, who was arrested in May, 1940, together with Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the British Fascists, under the defense regulations. Ramsay's inquiry demanded assurance that the White Paper would be enforced.

Replying to this demand, the Colonial Secretary today said that he had nothing to add to Churchill's statement of July, 1941, which read: "There is no need for any change in the policy of His Majesty's Government regarding Palestine." The British Premier added at that time that this policy would be taken into consideration during the discussions in Cairo on the establishment of a pan-Arab federation.

Capt. Ramsay also demanded that the British Government publish as a White Paper the proceedings of the "arms trial" which took place recently in Palestine. This demand was ignored. Another query by Capt. Ramsay asked for a definition of the government's power over the Jewish Agency members. Replying to this query the Colonial Secretary stated that the position of the Jewish Agency is defined in Article four of the Palestine mandate and that its members are subject to the Palestine laws.

ONE-FIFTH OF PALESTINIAN SOLDIERS IN GERMAN CAMPS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN ESCAPING

LONDON, Nov. 2.(JTA)-- Only 1,200 of the 1,500 Palestinian Jewish soldiers captured in Greece by the Nazis remain in German prison camps - the other 300 have, by various ingenious means, which cannot be disclosed now, succeeded in escaping in the past two years, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told today by several of the Palestinians who arrived here last week among the invalided British soldiers exchanged for wounded Germans.

The invalided Palestinians also revealed that only intervention by the International Red Cross saved the German-born Jewish prisoners from being turned over to the Gestapo. When the Palestinians arrived at prison camps in Austria and the Balkans, they said, the Germans attempted to separate the German-born soldiers but desisted when the Red Cross representatives protested sharply. Their papers were stamped "British Jude," however, but this did not result in discriminatory treatment.

Some of the prisoners were sent to work in the coal mines in Silesia, but they were sent back to the camp when the International Red Cross again intervened. The Jewish soldiers declared that on the whole they were not treated badly, because of Red Cross supervisions. They received Red Cross parcels in addition to packages sent them from Palestine. The German guards, they report, were extremely arrogant at first, but recently their attitude had changed, possibly in an attempt to lay the basis for a plea for mercy after the war.

All the Palestinians appear well and happy and full of praise for the hospitality which has been shown them in the past week. They have been winned and dined in service clubs and private homes here ever since their arrival.

PALESTINE RESUMES SHIPPING CITRUS FRUITS TO ENGLAND AFTER THREE-YEAR INTERVAL

LONDON, Nov. 2.(JTA)-- The orange-starved population of Britain and the nearly-bankrupt citrus growers of Palestine had cause for rejoicing today with the announcement here that for the first time since Italy entered the war in June, 1940, a shipment of 10,000 to 15,000 cases of Palestine oranges and lemons would soon be en route to England. Italy's surrender and Allied occupation of North Africa has once more opened the Mediterranean to British shipping.

The news that Palestine citrus fruits would soon be on sale at London green-grocers was made by the Ministry of Food, which disclosed that the first shipment would leave Haifa shortly, and would be followed by an estimated 500,000 cases in November and December. The imports of oranges and lemons are expected to total 2,000,000 cases by Spring, the announcement said. Oranges have been a rarity in England for the past three years. The occasional shipments that did arrive from the United States or Spain were usually made available only to children. Those adults who managed to secure one paid fabulous prices. The Food Minister never rationed oranges since there just weren't any available.

ANTI-JEWISH VANDALISM SPREADS TO CONNECTICUT; 115 STORES DEFACED

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 2.(JTA)-- Anti-Semitic vandalism which has broken out in recent months in Boston, Chicago and New York spread to Connecticut over the week-end. The windows of 100 stores in Hartford's main shopping district were smeared over with the word "Jew" in large red letters and fifteen places in Bridgeport were similarly defaced. Bridgeport police have arrested three youths responsible for the outrages there.

JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH AGENCIES FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF FORM AMERICAN COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.(JTA)-- Representatives of 15 outstanding American Jewish and non-Jewish private welfare agencies, long active in the fields of overseas relief and assistance, today announced the formation of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service.

The Council will be a cooperating body, whose objective is to provide a means for consultation, coordination and planning among themselves and with appropriate government agencies so that large scale relief and reconstruction programs, now being planned for destitute, war and Axis-ravaged populations throughout the world, may be developed in their fullest effectiveness. In a statement announcing the formation of the Council the agencies indicated that they were most anxious to coordinate their efforts with the services of the United Nation's Relief and Rehabilitation Administration shortly to be set up.

Prof. Joseph P. Chamberlain, of Columbia University, member of the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees and chairman of the Board of the National Refugee Service, is chairman of the Council; Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, is vice-chairman. The fifteen agencies comprising the present membership of the Council, represent all religious faiths and areas of operations throughout the globe. They are: The American Committee for Christian Refugees, Inc.; American Friends Service Committee; The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; American ORT Federation; Brethren Service Committee; The Congregational Christian Service Committee; Greek War Relief Association; Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society; International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations; International Migration Service; International Rescue and Relief Committee; Mennonite Central Committee; The National Board, Young Women's Christian Associations of the United States of America; Near East Foundation; Unitarian Service Committee.

ORGANIZATION OF ALL JEWISH FARMERS IN AMERICA IN UNITED BODY URGED AT CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.(JTA)-- A resolution urging Jewish farmers in the United States "who now number in the thousands" to organize themselves into an all-American Jewish farm organization, was adopted at the Jewish Farmers' annual conference here this week at which problems of Jewish farming were discussed in connection with the war effort.

"In these days, when the currents of hate and poison against our people flow all over the world and inundate large sections of the American people, we feel that farming is no longer a matter for the individual, but must become the concern of Jewry as a whole," the resolution reads. "The interest of increasing numbers of Jewish organizations must be attracted to it and Jewish farmers who are now numbered in the thousands must be organized in an all-American Jewish farm organization."

The resolution also endorsed the plans of the American Jewish Conference and favors the creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. It appeals for the abrogation of the Palestine White Paper and asks the U. S. Government to exercise influence with the British Government for keeping the doors of Palestine open to Jewish immigration.

FORTY-FIVE REFORM RABBIS JOINTLY REPUDIATE DR. MORGENSTERN'S VIEWS ON PALESTINE

BOSTON, Nov. 2.(JTA)-- Forty-five reform rabbis from all parts of the country, all alumni of the Hebrew Union College, today issued a joint statement deploring the views on Zionism and Palestine recently expressed by Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of the Hebrew Union College.

The statement, made public by Rabbi Joshua Loti. Liebman of Boston, calls for the "establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth with democracy, freedom and equal rights for all the inhabitants, Arab as well as Jew." It declares that Dr. Morgenstern's remarks on Zionism and Palestine "appear to us as detrimental to the constructive solution of the problem of Jewish homelessness in this time of sorrow for world Israel."

"We believe," the statement says, "that Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth is that constructive solution. It is for this reason that we profoundly disagree with the reported views of Dr. Morgenstern both on the necessity of Palestine and the nature of Zionism. We reject his view that Palestine will not be the most important and invaluable factor in the rehabilitation of the Jewish people. We likewise reject the idea that Jewish nationalism is in any way 'practically identical with Nazi and Fascist theory.' It is untrue and unfair so to characterize a movement which enjoys the loyalty of so many alumni of the Hebrew Union College, and in which they see great spiritual significance. The Central Conference of American Rabbis in its convention this past June passed a resolution which declared that Zionism and reform Judaism are not incompatible, a resolution which Dr. Morgenstern himself supported.

"We cannot help but regard it as tragic at this crucial hour in Jewish history for any obstacles to be placed in the way of the fulfillment of the Balfour Declaration, the free immigration of Jews to Palestine and the establishment of Palestine as a national home for hundreds of thousands of Jews who will need and will want to leave the haunted house of Eastern and Central Europe that Hitler has created, and who can find their individual and collective restoration best in the ancient land of their fathers.

"We therefore vigorously dissent from Dr. Morgenstern's viewpoint on Zionism and Palestine as it has been reported in the press of the country, and we affirm our equally vigorous support of the Palestine resolution adopted at the American Jewish Conference in September, a resolution which calls for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth, with democracy, freedom, and equal rights for all of its inhabitants, Arab as well as Jew - a Commonwealth that alone can make possible a basic solution to the present Jewish tragedy."

The statement is signed, in addition to Rabbi Liebman, by the following: Rabbi Morton M. Applebaum, Rabbi Garry J. August, Rabbi Solomon N. Bazell, Rabbi Albert T. Bilgray, Rabbi Philip D. Bookstaber, Rabbi William G. Braude, Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, Rabbi Frederick Doppelt, Rabbi Leon I. Feuer, Rabbi Herbert E. Dross, Rabbi Jerome D. Folkman, Rabbi Leon Fram, Rabbi Eric Friedland, Rabbi Milton L. Grafman, Rabbi Avery J. Grossfield, Rabbi Melbourne Harris, Rabbi Bernard Heller, Rabbi James G. Heller, Rabbi Jacob E. Kaplan, Rabbi Julius Kerman, Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, Rabbi Hershel Levin, Rabbi Irving M. Levy, Rabbi Simeon H. Levey, Rabbi Lee J. Levinger, Rabbi Felix A. Levy, Rabbi Theodore N. Lewis, Rabbi Maurice Lyons, Rabbi Samuel H. Markowitz, Rabbi S. Felix Mendelsohn, Rabbi Louis D. Mendosa, Rabbi Harry B. Paster, Rabbi Jacob Polish, Rabbi Max Rabin, Rabbi Marius Ranson, Rabbi Efraim M. Rosenzweig, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi Phineas Smoller, Rabbi Mordecai M. Thurman, Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg, Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, Rabbi Harvey E. Wessel, Rabbi Samuel Wohl, Rabbi Samuel Wolk.