

UNRRA CONFERENCE ASKED TO ESTABLISH BODY TO DEAL WITH JEWISH PROBLEMS

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 14. (JTA)-- Creation of a special body within the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration to deal with Jewish problems was asked in a petition submitted today by the Jewish Labor Committee to Vice-Premier Jan Kwapiński of Poland. Kwapiński is chairman of a subcommittee of the UNRRA council on relations with voluntary relief agencies. The petition was signed by Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, on behalf of 500,000 organized Jewish workers.

The petition outlines the sufferings undergone by the Jews of Europe and asks that the Jewish Labor Committee be heard before the UNRRA or "before a special committee designated by it as competent to deal concretely with the question of relief and rehabilitation of the Jewish masses."

Jewish communities and settlements have been completely destroyed the petition says. "No other people has been so uprooted and dispersed to the four corners of the world as were the Jews of Europe. Jewish relief and rehabilitation therefore will also have to consider the question of Jewish repatriation."

PALESTINE JEWS WANT JEWISH FIGHTING UNITS TO BREAK GHETTO WALLS IN EUROPE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 14. (JTA)-- Anxious to have as many Jewish soldiers as possible in the ranks of the military forces which will be the first to enter the liberated countries of Europe, the Jewish National Council today held a mass-meeting here at which Jews in Palestine were told that it is their national duty to intensify voluntary enlistment for the Jewish units now fighting on the Italian front.

"The Jewish fighters," Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Council, said, "will be the first to break down the ghetto walls in European lands and to liberate the remnants of the Jews there." Delegations from the Jewish settlements in all parts of the country came to Tel Aviv to attend the meeting in order to report its resolutions to the settlers in the various colonies.

Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency who is now in charge of the Jewish enlistment campaign, told the gathering that the Jewish Agency has decided to establish a special department to deal with colonization of discharged soldiers after the war. He also announced that "honor lists" will be granted to every Jewish institution and enterprise where the national duties have been fulfilled.

The meeting adopted a resolution calling upon every Jew in Palestine to support the campaign for increased enlistment to strengthen the Jewish units in Italy. At present there are five Palestine Jewish units fighting against the German armies in Italy. Two of them were among the first Allied troops to land on the continent.

ARAB LEADER, RETURNING FROM CAIRO TALKS, URGES ARAB-JEWISH UNDERSTANDING

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14. (JTA)-- An understanding between Arabs and Jews in Palestine "in order to successfully conclude the talks for Arab unity which are now taking place in Cairo" was urged today by the Arab leader Issa Elissaa, editor of the leading Arab newspaper Falastin, who has just returned from Cairo.

Mr. Elissaa said that the Egyptian Premier Mahas Pasha, who is one of the pillars of the pan-Arab federation movement, had told him that the Arabs in Palestine must accept the presence of the Jews in Palestine as an important factor. The premier stipulated however that the Jews in Palestine must agree to consider themselves a minority and to partake as a direct party in the discussions on the establishment of a pan-Arab federation which are now being conducted in Cairo.

JEWS HINDERING EFFECTIVE HUNGARIAN PROPAGANDA, MINISTER COMPLAINS

ZURICH, Nov. 14. (JTA)-- Pointing out that there are about 1,000,000 Jews residing in Hungary at present, Dr. Stephen Antal, the Hungarian Minister for Information, declared this week that they constitute an obstacle to government propaganda in the country, the German news agency D.N.B. reported today.

"The attitude of the Jews in Hungary toward the war is well-known," the Hungarian Minister is quoted as saying, "and this attitude makes effective propaganda difficult".

The Bucharest correspondent of the Svenska Dagbladet reports today that the Rumanian authorities have announced that "half-Jews" whose property had been confiscated under the "Aryanization" laws may apply with 15 days for permission to demand the return of their possessions. The correspondent writes that this announcement may very likely herald a new course in Rumania's anti-Jewish policy.

REPATRIATED J.D.C. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS ON LIFE OF JEWS UNDER JAPANESE OCCUPATION

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 14. (JTA)-- The first direct report concerning the situation of 20,000 Jewish refugees crammed into a ghetto in Shanghai by the Japanese authorities was given in Port Elizabeth today by Laura Margolies, representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, who is among the Americans repatriated from Japan on the Swedish ship Gripsholm under an exchange arrangement.

A reception for the Jewish repatriates was given by the Jewish community of Port Elizabeth when the Gripsholm reached there. Speaking at the reception, Miss Margolies described the pitiful plight of the Jews in the Shanghai ghetto and emphasized that they live only on the aid which they receive through neutral countries and from the Red Cross.

General Moshe Cohen, British-born Jew who was reported killed in the Sino-Japanese war, is also among the repatriates. At the reception in Port Elizabeth he spoke highly of the Chinese treatment of Jewish refugees from Europe and emphasized the Jews must demand a seat in the council of the United Nations. He has been a colorful figure in China and has lived in the United States and Canada.

ASST. SECRETARY OF STATE URGES CATHOLICS TO COOPERATE IN FIGHT ON INTOLERANCE.

BUFFALO, Nov. 14. (JTA)-- Greater cooperation between Catholics and non-Catholics in the fight against intolerance was urged here last night by Assistant Secretary of State Howland Shaw, addressing a meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities. Mr. Shaw is president of the Conference. He said that any compromise on the treatment of racial minorities "in our American democracy would for us be disastrous."

ECUADOR, SATISFIED WITH REFUGEES, MAY OPEN ITS DOORS FOR POST-WAR IMMIGRATION

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 14.(JTA)-- The hope that Ecuador would receive free immigration from Europe was expressed yesterday in a speech before the council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration by S. E. Duran Bellen, Ecuadorian consul-general at New York and his country's delegate here.

Duran Bellen said he hoped that "such inhuman expressions as 'refugees seeking protection' may disappear and be replaced by free emigration from liberated countries coming to the Americas in search of elbow room and new homes, and assisting us in maintaining ever higher and purer the torch of liberty."

Interviewed after his speech, Duran Bellen told of the satisfaction in his country with refugees who have settled there. After the war, he said, a commission should go to Europe to arrange for the sending of immigrants, and other groups should come from Europe to arrange for their reception in the western hemisphere. Such commissions, he added, might well arise from the work of UNRRA.

SWITZERLAND TO RELEASE INTERNED JEWISH REFUGEES; WILL FREE AGED FROM LABOR CAMPS

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.(JTA)-- A proposal to grant freedom of movement to refugees from Italy and France and other Nazi-dominated countries who found temporary asylum in Switzerland but are now interned in special camps, has been taken under advisement by the Swiss Government.

A report to this effect has reached the Hias-Ica Emigration Association office here from its headquarters in Lisbon, Portugal, which is maintaining constant contact with the Union of Swiss Jewish Communities in its refugee aid work. The Union informed the Hias-Ica Emigration Association that the Swiss authorities would be prepared to release from the camps such refugees whose relatives or friends in the Western Hemisphere would furnish, through a recognized relief agency or bank, a financial guarantee for the respective refugee's maintenance for a period of six months. The cost of living would be estimated on the basis of 250 Swiss francs per month for each person.

The proposal also envisages the release of refugees from labor camps if they are above the age of sixty or those whose health condition necessitates such action.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS APPOINT LEGAL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ANTI-HATE LEGISLATION

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA)-- A special legal committee charged with drafting a memorandum on the subject of race libel and anti-propaganda legislation has been appointed by Archie H. Greenberg, National Commander, Jewish War Veterans of U. S. It was announced here today. Composed of thirty-five outstanding jurists and lawyers throughout the country, the committee will consider the pros and cons of such legislation in accordance with the resolution adopted at the recent encampment calling for the passage of laws to combat the forces of bigotry and intolerance.

In announcing the appointment of this committee, Commander Greenberg pointed out that the proposal "does not mean that we abandon hope in the process of counter-propaganda, education and democratic understanding, nor does it mean that we put all our faith in the passage of a law without the backing of public opinion to sustain that law."