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JEWS IN ARGENTINA FEAR RIOTS; APPEAL TO AUTHORITIES FOR PROTECTION

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Nov. 17.(JTA)-- The anti-Semitic front in Argentina received further support today with the government's appointment of Admiral Leon Scasso as Federal Interventor in the Cordoba province. Admiral Scasso is known for his violent anti-Jewish, anti-British and anti-United States speeches.

Reports reaching here today from Argentina reveal that a Jewish delegation has appeared before the Buenos Aires authorities asking for protective measures against possible anti-Jewish riots planned by pro-Nazi groups. It is feared that such riots will take place next Tuesday during the first complete blackout in the city. Unofficial inquiries to this effect are reported to have been made also by the U. S. Embassy in Buenos Aires. The authorities are said to have assured the Jewish representatives that proper measures will be taken to check any anti-Jewish demonstrations.

Taking no chances, Jewish institutions in Buenos Aires have stationed special guards around their buildings prepared to resist any provocations. Especially guarded are the synagogues, the Jewish hospital and the buildings of the Jewish daily newspapers which were recently closed down by order of the Argentine authorities but later reopened as a result of President Roosevelt's protest.

MARSHAL BADOGLIO APPOINTS TWO JEWS TO HIS CABINET; BREAKS ANTI-JEWISH TRADITION

ZURICH, Nov. 17.(JTA)-- Two Jews have been included in the new Italian Cabinet formed yesterday by Marshal Badoglio, thus putting an end to the Fascist anti-Jewish laws under which Jews in Italy were barred from holding government positions.

The two Jews chosen by Marshall Badoglio are Guido Jung and Mario Fano. The first was appointed Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and the second was given the post of Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Post Office and Telegraph. Signor Jung is one of the most prominent Jews in Italy and at one time was a member of the Fascist Party. He is highly trusted by Marshal Badoglio who is acting in the new cabinet as Premier and Foreign Minister.

JEWISH AGENCY NOT INVITED TO CAIRO PARLEYS ON PAN-ARAB FEDERATION, SHERTOK SAYS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17.(JTA)-- Neither the Jewish Agency nor any individual Jewish leader in Palestine has ever received an invitation to participate in the discussions on the establishment of a pan-Arab federation which are not taking place in Cairo, it was disclosed here today by Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency.

The Arab press in Palestine today reports that the question of whether Palestine will be included in the projected pan-Arab federation was raised in the Syrian parliament this week. The premier of Syria replied that he was not able to answer the question at present, but added "Palestine will never be removed from our hearts."

The Arab newspaper Falastin reports today that prominent Palestine Arabs have formed a committee to send aid to persons who were injured, or whose property was destroyed during the recent disturbances in Lebanon.

FRENCH LEADERS IN ALGIERS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACIAL PROPAGANDA

ALGIERS, Nov. 17.(JTA)-- Led by Bernard Lecache, noted French-Jewish publicist and president of the International League to Combat Racism, members of the French Committee for National Liberation have launched an aggressive campaign to combat racial propaganda in the French overseas empire and in German-occupied France.

The campaign has opened with publication of a periodical called "Cahiers Antiracistes" (Anti-Racial Journal) under the sponsorship of members of the French Committee and religious, political and social leaders of mixed affiliations. The first number of the publication contains a manifesto denouncing racism as the "negator of intelligence, the gravedigger of morality and the most extraordinary intellectual, scientific and political fraud that ever saw the light of day."

Bernard Lecache, is the editor of the Cahiers; the board includes the Archbishop of Tunis, Monseigneur Bedu, and a Moslem religious leader, Sheikh Haleksi. French Committee officials collaborating include Henri Bonnet, Information Commissioner; Deputy Andre Philip, Commissioner of State, and Rene Pleven, Colonial Commissioner.

AUSTRALIAN ZIONISTS REJECT SIR ISAAC'S PLEA; DEMAND ABROGATION OF WHITE PAPER

MEMBOURNE, Australia, Nov. 17.(JTA)-- A crowded protest meeting held here last night to demand abrogation of the British White Paper on Palestine unanimously rejected the plea by former Governor-General Sir Isaac Isaacs that the Zionists drop the fight against the White Paper in order not to jeopardize an Allied triumph by arousing Moslem antagonism.

Prof. Chisholm of Melbourne University charged that Sir Isaac's suggestion "looked terribly like one more appeasement policy." John V. Barry, K.C., prominent Labor Party leader, said that "it is preposterous to suggest that anyone here would do anything to impede victory." The president of the Zionist Federation, Alex Masel, who is also president of the Jewish Advisory Board, declared that the Australian Jewish community is "four-square behind the sponsors of this meeting. Sir Isaac is completely out of step with the view of the Jews of the Empire and America."

A resolution adopted at the meeting urged that Palestine be opened immediately to all victims of fascism, and that uncultivated lands be utilized for Jewish colonization. It also appealed to the Australian Government to "see that justice is done to the Jewish people."

AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL DISSATISFIED WITH STATEMENT OF COLONIAL MINISTER

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.(JTA)-- The American Zionist Council, which represents all Zionist groups in the United States, today announced that it will continue its fight for the withdrawal of the White Paper. It emphasized that the White Paper policy "remains essentially unchanged," despite last week's announcement by British Colonial Secretary Oliver Stanley that immigration certificates for Palestine available under the White Paper quota and unused owing to war conditions will be valid after March 31, 1944.

"It is not conceivable that the White Paper should represent the last word of British statesmanship on the future of Palestine," the Council said. "The achievements of the Jews in Palestine as well as the terrible, unparalleled sufferings of the Jews of Europe have made it indubitably clear that the problem of Jewish homelessness can be solved only by the reestablishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in the land with which the Jews have always been historically associated. We renew our appeal and we believe that we shall not appeal in vain to the conscience of the British people and of all the democratic peoples."

UNITED NATIONS ASKED TO RECOGNIZE CENTRAL JEWISH RELIEF BODY FOR POST-WAR AID

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA)-- Action by the UNRRA and the United Nations to recognize a central international Jewish body as an integral part of the post-war relief and rehabilitation machinery, was asked today by the World Jewish Congress on the basis of the unique problems of relief and rehabilitation of Jews created by Hitler's ten-year war upon the Jews.

In a documented memorandum presented to the Council of the UNRRA now meeting in Atlantic City, in association with spokesmen of 17 communities representing the Jews of German-occupied Europe, the World Jewish Congress analyzes the needs of the Jewish population which may still be alive at the end of the war; describes the character of the aid required and points out the advantages of the association of a Jewish central body with the UNRRA.

Three million Jews, the remainder of what was formerly a Jewish population of 8,500,000 in Nazi-occupied Europe, will depend upon organized relief for their rehabilitation at the end of the war, it asserts. It is the only population in Axis Europe which in its entirety will depend for its future existence on the character of that aid. Among these are one million Jewish children, states the memorandum.

Coordination of all Jewish Relief Agencies Suggested

Declaring that the needs of the Jewish population are special and unique with respect to feeding, medical care, housing, economic readjustment, repatriation and spiritual revival, the World Jewish Congress proposes:

1. The recognition of a Jewish central authority, internationally organized, to deal with the whole complex of Jewish relief problems, which are described as not being geographically localized. Within such a Jewish central agency should be coordinated all national Jewish relief agencies.

2. The establishment in each country where relief is to be administered of a central Jewish body, the function of which should be to determine Jewish relief needs within the given area, and to define and coordinate the relief work of various subordinate organizations.

3. The establishment in each community of advisory councils, consisting of local Jewish representatives, for the purpose of consultation on the spot wherever important decisions are to be reached.

The memorandum points out that about 1,100,000 Jews live on curtailed food rations in the satellite states; 750,000 are in enlarged Hungary; 270,000 are in Rumania and 50,000 in Bulgaria. "In these three Axis lands alone, where the economy is primarily agrarian, the relief needs of the non-Jewish population will be quite limited," the memorandum says, "only the Jewish minority have suffered acutely because of pauperization as well as discrimination in rationing. In Poland, in the Baltic area and in occupied Soviet territories there are about 1,900,000 Jews, including 350,000 deportees from other lands. In these areas those who live through the war will require emergency feeding as swiftly as humanly possible."

Want Feeding Priorities for Jews in Liberated Countries

Assuming that it will be the policy of the UNRRA to undertake immediate feeding where the situation is most acute, and in the event that it is not possible to ship food to all starving populations simultaneously, the World Jewish Congress

envisages the necessity of a system of priorities in feeding the Jews, in view of the fact that those who have escaped slaughter by the Nazis are in danger of death by starvation. It asks immediate consideration for the observation of "Kashruth" particularly in the preparation of dehydrated foods.

In addition to the general relief which will be administered, it calls for the reestablishment of Jewish convalescent homes and the restoration of destroyed Jewish medical institutions as corollary to a vast medical program. It calls attention to the vast task of reuniting children separated from their parents. It emphasizes the necessity of a huge reeducation program in view of the destruction of Jewish educational institutions and enforcement of illiteracy upon the Jewish child population of Nazi-occupied Europe. It foresees a very large program of resettlement and migration, in view of the complete uprooting of the Jews from their former homes, and the anticipated and understandable unwillingness of Jews to return to lands of former persecution.

It calls attention to the necessity of restoring the system of Jewish religious and communal institutions either destroyed, confiscated or desecrated by the Nazis. It calls attention to the necessity of establishing at least temporary synagogues; creating facilities for rabbis to move about freely in liberated localities; and the creation of facilities for the opening of new religious schools and rabbinical seminaries.

"A special form of representation is required in order to safeguard the vital needs of the distressed Jewish people, and is an elementary consideration of justice and humanity," the memorandum points out. At the same time it calls attention to the fact that the most effective technique of assuring true rehabilitation is truly maximum self-administration on the part of the aided population. "The special needs of European Jewry will not be resolved with the establishment of a quasi-public Jewish body, advisory to government institutions. Jewish representation in post-war relief would have to rest on a more solid footing," the memorandum emphasizes.

Synagogue Council Asks UNRRA to Provide for Religious Needs of Jews

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.(JTA)-- The Synagogue Council of America today submitted a memorandum to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration urging that provisions be made to satisfy the religious needs of the Jewish population in liberated areas. Similar memoranda have been submitted by other religious bodies.

The Council memorandum stated that the following three needs were of paramount importance; kosher feeding, reconstitution of synagogue communities, and reestablishment of rabbinical and educational functions.

BRITISH JEWISH RELIEF FUND DECIDES TO SEND FOOD PACKAGES TO REFUGEES IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Nov. 17.(JTA)-- A meeting of the United Jewish Relief Appeal here, last night, addressed by Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, voted to contribute \$12,000 for the purchase of food parcels to be sent to Polish-Jewish refugees in Russia. The funds will be disbursed in cooperation with the JDC.

Chief Rabbi Hertz, who presided, told the meeting that it would be unwise to leave the entire burden of relief for European Jewry on the shoulders of American Jews and that it would be "vain and harmful" for English Jews to act independently. He suggested, therefore, that British Jewish relief groups affiliate with the JDC. Dr. Schwartz disclosed that only 3,000 Jewish refugees remain in Spain, for whose maintenance JDC is spending \$100,000 monthly.