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UNRRA WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO RETURN DISPLACED JEWS TO HOMELANDS

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration will do everything it can to return to their countries of origin Jews driven out by the war or forced by internal conditions to emigrate prior to the war, it was stated here today by Sir George Rendel, a member of the British delegation to the first conference on UNRRA, now meeting here.

Sir George, addressing a press conference, added that "anti-Semitism in Central Europe is one of the things we are fighting to destroy." "We hope to set up in Central Europe countries without racial theories which do not make persecution a fine art."

The British delegate revealed that UNRRA will cooperate with the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees in seeking the repatriation of exiled Jews. He added, however, that UNRRA could not force governments to take back aliens. He cited in this connection a report approved today by UNRRA's important committee on policy, which "expresses the hope that all the governments concerned will deal with any requests which they may receive from UNRRA in this connection in a spirit of wide humanity even if the request refers to persons who are not their nationals."

Report Outlines UNRRA Position on Care of Refugees

The committee report stated its position on refugees in these terms: "Another organization with which the closest cooperation will be necessary is the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees which has long dealt with those persons who have been obliged to leave their homes for reasons of race, religion or political belief. UNRRA will assist in the care and repatriation of such of these persons as can, and are willing to return to their countries of origin or of former residence. The Inter-Governmental Committee has the function of finding places of settlement for such of them as fall within its competence and as cannot or do not desire to be so repatriated. It should be the responsibility of the relief organs of UNRRA to assist, for a reasonable period, in the care of such of those refugees as cannot be repatriated, until the Inter-Governmental Committee is prepared to remove them to new places of settlement."

The final wording was the result of lively discussion in a subcommittee, it was learned today, at which Director-General Herbert H. Lehman clearly stated UNRRA's willingness to undertake a large share of the responsibility in repatriating refugees. The original draft, drawn by Sir George, gave almost the whole responsibility to the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees. Lehman made a strong plea to undertake the job.

Sir George said he knew that Britain, and hoped that the United States, would be generous in caring for refugees within their territories who cannot go back to their homes after the war. He pointed out that it would be hard to keep them indefinitely, however. Germany and Austria were included among the countries to which UNRRA would help send refugees back, he added. But he preferred to leave open the extent to which this might be done.

He estimated that 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 persons have been displaced by the war in Europe. A recent survey by the International Labor Organization said that 4,000,000 Jews have been uprooted since September 1939.

PALESTINE DELEGATION REPORTED COMING TO LONDON TO DISCUSS RAMATH HAKOVESH INCIDENT

LONDON, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- The Jewish National Council of Palestine has decided to send a delegation to London to acquaint the British Government and public opinion here with the incident at the colony of Ramath Hakovesh, where one settler was killed, several wounded, and many arrested when British police, together with Polish military police raided the colony in a search for arms, it is reported today. The delegation, the report adds, will also discuss with high officials the present tense situation in Palestine.

The Manchester Guardian, leading liberal daily, says today that dangerous tension has been created in Palestine by the arms trials and the searches for arms. It warns the Palestine authorities that it is their duty to deal impartially with Jews and Arabs and "to abstain from imputing offenses to individuals of a community which has done everything possible, under great discouragements, to help the Allied cause." At the same time, the Guardian editorial warns the Jews in the country not to resort to violence which would serve the interests of persons opposed to Jewish aspirations.

UNITED NATIONS WILL BE URGED TO DEMAND NAZIS WHO PERSECUTED JEWS WITHIN GERMANY

LONDON, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- A recommendation that the United Nations demand the surrender of Nazis responsible for crimes against Jews in Germany as part of any armistice terms will probably be adopted by the United Nations Commission for the Investigation of War Crimes, it was learned here today. The accused would be tried by an international court.

This recommendation is important since the declaration by the Moscow Conference on war criminals provided for punishment of Nazis in the occupied countries where they committed their crimes, but no provision was made for persons who have committed crimes against Jews and other victims within the Reich.

VATICAN REPORTED INTERVENING IN BEHALF OF JEWS IN GERMAN-HELD ITALY

ZURICH, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- The Vatican has intervened with the German military authorities in Rome in an attempt to persuade the Nazis to stop rounding up all Jews, native and refugee, in the Italian capital and in the other cities of German-held Italy, according to a reliable report received here.

The report also disclosed that among the targets of the Nazi search are 500 Jews - mostly Polish nationals - who fled from the formerly Italian-occupied section of France to Rome after Italy's capitulation, apparently under the impression that they could thus avoid seizure by the Germans.

The Fascist newspaper, Il Fascio, another report says, has published a demand that two Milan publishers, Mondadori and Rizzoli be arrested for "pro-Semitism."

GERMANS HAVE SEIZED \$356,000,000 WORTH OF JEWISH PROPERTY IN DENMARK

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- Jewish property valued at about 1,780,000,000 kronen, approximately \$356,000,000, has been confiscated by the German occupation authorities in Denmark, it is reported here. The property was left behind by Jews who fled to Sweden or who were deported to Germany. A large number of apartments in which Jews formerly dwelt have also been seized by the Nazis, the report adds.

Danish sources here disclose that anti-Nazi Danes have proclaimed a boycott of persons who helped the Gestapo to arrest and deport the Jews. These sources say that arrests are still being made in Copenhagen. Fifteen Jews found hiding in the homes of non-Jews were arrested this week. The Swedish authorities here, meanwhile, have granted licenses to practice to a number of Danish Jewish doctors, engineers and other technicians.

URGE SPECIAL SESSION OF POLISH NATIONAL COUNCIL TO DISCUSS AID FOR JEWS

LONDON, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- Prof. Stanislaw Grabski, chairman of the Polish National Council, is in receipt today of a demand that a special session of the parliament-in-exile be convened to discuss immediate measures to rescue the remnants of Polish Jewry.

The demand was incorporated in a communication sent to Prof. Grabski by Emanuel Szerer, one of the two Jewish deputies in the Council. Mr. Szerer said that the contributions by Polish Jews to the underground struggle to liberate the country from the Nazis justifies special action in their behalf.

The other Jewish deputy in the Council, Ignacy Schwarzbart, today broadcast to the Jews of his homeland over the British Broadcasting Company's facilities, assuring them that the United Nations are constantly being appealed to for measures to halt the enemy's annihilation of Jews and other civilians. The Jewish deputy expressed thanks to the Poles within the country for the assistance they have given the Jews and voiced the hope that this unity will continue.

ISTANBUL REPORT CONFIRMS RUMANIANS PLANNING TO REPATRIATE TRANSNISTRIAN JEWS

LONDON, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- The Istanbul correspondent of the newspaper Dziennik Polski, semi-official organ of the Polish Government, confirms today that the Rumanian Government is planning to repatriate Rumanian Jews from Transnistria, the Rumanian-occupied section of the Soviet Ukraine.

The correspondent says that the task of transferring the estimated 65,000 Jews, who were deported to Transnistria from their homeland during the last two years, will be started immediately in order to ensure their evacuation before the Red Army reaches the area. Officials estimate that it will take 45 days to complete the evacuation.

A Nazi Transocean news agency dispatch from Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, reports that during a recent debate in the Sobranje, the Bulgarian parliament, several deputies proposed that the nationalist parties unite in preparing an anti-Jewish program.

TEN MILITARY AMBULANCES WILL BE SHIPPED TO RED MOGEN DAVID IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- Ten American-built military ambulances will be en-route to Palestine within the next few weeks as a result of intervention with American and British authorities by Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York, it was learned here today. The ambulances are destined for the Red Mogen David which aids British and American soldiers as well as Palestinian civilians.

The local office of the Red Mogen David announced that it has received a cable from Palestine informing it that import licenses for the vehicles have been granted by the British authorities there. Zalman J. Friedman, executive director of the Red Mogen David here, expressed appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Celler and also of the cooperation extended by Washington officials concerned. Free shipping space for the ambulances is being furnished through the cooperation of the British War Relief and the Ministry of Transportation.

PALESTINE SETTLERS HONOR MEMORY OF JUDGE JULIAN W. MACK

JERUSALEM, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- A memorial meeting was held today in the colony of Ramath Hashofet ("Judge's Heights") for Judge Julian W. Mack, late American Zionist leader, after whom the settlement was named. The meeting, which coincided with the second anniversary of the founding of Ramath Hashofet, was addressed by Robert Szold, a representative of the Zionist movement in the United States, who arrived here recently, Henrietta Szold and others.

MASS. VETERAN GROUPS REJECT ASPERSIONS ON WAR CONTRIBUTIONS OF U. S. JEWS

BOSTON, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- "Aspersions on the patriotism of American Jewry are wholly without foundation, completely vicious in purpose and thoroughly un-American," it was declared here in a joint statement issued by State Commanders of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jewish War Veterans of the United States and the Disabled American Veterans.

The statement condemned the circulation of "anti-Semitic doggrel," pointing out that the distribution of such material is "a vicious threat to our unity which stems directly from Nazi propagandists in this country." It called on all citizens of Massachusetts to cooperate with the appropriate government agencies in order to end these "nefarious practices."

CANADIAN PROVINCIAL PREMIERS SUPPORT DEMAND FOR ABROGATION OF WHITE PAPER

MONTREAL, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- Premier Stuart Garson of Manitoba and Premier Ernest C. Manning of Alberta have endorsed the demand for the abrogation of the White Paper and the implementation of the Balfour Declaration, it was disclosed today by the Canadian Zionist Federation. Premier Garson voiced his support at a meeting in Winnipeg, while Premier Manning spoke to a gathering in Edmonton.

The Montreal press reports today that Rene Bolduc, son of the police chief of the near-by summer resort of Plage Laval, who was accused of leading an anti-Jewish riot there last Summer, has been convicted of evading the draft and will be sentenced Feb. 1. Bolduc was acquitted of complicity in the Plage Laval riot despite testimony that he had lead a group of hoodlums who precipitated the disturbances.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ASKS SENDING OF IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO OCCUPIED EUROPE

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- The National Council of Jewish Women, in line with a resolution adopted at its recent national convention has sent the following telegram to United States Senator Albert Thomas, chairman of the committee which is considering the Taft-Gilllette Resolution which provides for the sending of immediate relief to occupied countries, it was announced here today:

"The National Council of Jewish Women, representing 65,000 women in all parts of the country, urges your committee to act favorably on the Gillette-Taft Resolution. An active government program for feeding the children of Europe was unanimously endorsed by the delegates to the Council's National convention in Chicago on Nov. 11."

PIONEER WOMEN SEND \$10,000 TO PALESTINE FOR DANISH CHILDREN

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- The Pioneer Women's Organization has cabled \$10,000 to the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem for the care of Danish and other refugee children who will be maintained in the institutions of the Working Women's Council, its sister organization in Palestine, it was announced today. Miss Dvora Rothbard, national secretary, said that this sum has been allocated by the organization's Child Rescue Fund established last spring to provide for children coming into Palestine from Teheran. Up to date a total of \$110,000 has been forwarded to the Jewish Agency on behalf of the Child Rescue Fund.

LOUIS RITTENBERG NAMED EDITOR OF "LIBERAL JUDAISM"

CINCINNATI, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- Louis Rittenberg, executive and literary editor of The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, has been appointed editor-in-chief of the magazine Liberal Judaism at a joint meeting here of the magazine committee and editorial advisory board of that monthly journal in English, it was announced here today.