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JEWISH RELIEF UNITS WILL FOLLOW ALLIED ARMIES INTO LIBERATED TERRITORIES IN EUROPE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Jewish representatives will be included in the emergency groups which will direct relief activities in territories recaptured from the German armies in Europe immediately after their liberation, it was indicated here today following negotiations between representatives of the Jewish Agency and British authorities which were concluded in Cairo.

The negotiations were concerned chiefly with the formation of special Jewish aid-and-salvation units which are to follow the Allied armies into Europe for the purpose of aiding the liberated Jewish population there. Special training for Jewish personnel to man these missions has already been started in Palestine.

A movement to have as many Jewish volunteers as possible in the front ranks of the Allied armies of liberation has been going on in Palestine sponsored by the Jewish Agency. The leaders of the movement, which include Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, want the Jewish volunteers from Palestine to be the first Allied soldiers "to demolish the ghetto walls" in the liberated countries as soon as the victorious armies enter.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OPPOSES COMPULSORY REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES

LONDON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Refugees must not be forced against their will to return to their homelands, in the opinion of Sir Herbert Emerson, director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees.

In a press interview today Sir Herbert said that it was not a "practical proposition from the political or human standpoint" to compel refugees who have started life anew to go back. He estimated that there were 1,000,000 racial, religious and political refugees scattered about Europe. Their eventual disposition, he predicted, will be decided by the employment situation after the war.

"Many refugees will certainly return to their own countries," Sir Herbert states, "if conditions make it possible for them to live there as free citizens; even a certain number of Jews are likely to return to Austria. Others will be absorbed in the countries of asylum. Many refugees create employment by bringing capital and industrial techniques in from their own lands.

"Some refugees in Britain will go to Palestine, America and South Africa after the war, while a considerable number will want to remain if allowed," he added. Individual emigration would account for a great many persons, he predicted.

NEW BOLIVIAN REGIME DESCRIBED AS "WILD MIXTURE OF ANTI-SEMITISM AND NATIONALISM"

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The program of the Nationalistic Revolutionary Movement which has seized power in Bolivia was described here today by a Bolivian political leader as "a wild mixture of anti-Semitism, nationalism and chauvinism."

The Bolivian statesman, whose name cannot be disclosed, said that the internal organization of the party "is copied exactly from the Nazi party in Germany." He expressed the opinion that Germany has been financing the movement through Argentina since Bolivia severed relations with the Axis.

LAST POLISH JEWS FROM TEHERAN REACH PALESTINE; 750 JEWISH CHILDREN ALSO ARRIVE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Four-hundred and ten Jewish refugees from Poland, the last contingent of the Polish Jews who reached Teheran from Russia during the latter part of last year and early this year, arrived here today. They were preceded by 750 children from various countries who arrived here yesterday under the auspices of the Youth Aliyah.

The Teheran group consisted of 60 men, 70 children and 280 women, wives of men serving in the Polish army in the Middle East. All of them had high praise for the British and American authorities in Teheran, who, they said, had extended all possible assistance. The 750 children were met by Miss Henrietta Szold, head of the Youth Aliyah, whose 83rd birthday is being celebrated here today.

Opening the third annual meeting of the "Children's and Youth Welfare Organization," which was established to mark Miss Szold's 80th birthday, Dr. Abraham Katznelson, chief of the Social Welfare Department of the Jewish National Council, today sharply attacked the failure of the United Nations to effect the rescue of a substantial number of Jewish children from occupied Europe. Miss Szold, reviewing the Youth Aliyah's activities said that 10,000 children have been brought to Palestine by the organization, and added that the Jewish community here is prepared to absorb another 50,000 if they are taken out of Europe.

SITUATION OF JEWISH REFUGEES IN FINLAND IMPROVED; RESIDENCE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Residence restrictions have been lifted for Jewish refugees in Finland and they are now being permitted to reside in any but military districts, according to a report appearing in the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter today. The paper says that the new regulations are an indication of the generally improved situation for refugees in Finland.

The report discloses that a number of refugees who were confined in concentration camps on Asland in the Gulf of Finland and who were later transferred to work camps have now been released and allowed to seek employment. The Dagens Nyheter quotes a letter from the chairman of the Helsinki Jewish Community Council to the Stockholm Jewish community office confirming the above reports and adding that many refugees want to emigrate to Sweden since they are uncertain as to their ultimate disposition because of Finland's status as an ally of Germany. It is understood that in principle Finnish authorities are not opposed to such emigration, but only about 15 have been allowed to leave since March.

The Stockholm press today also reports that the Gothenburg City Council has appropriated 25,000 kroner for distribution among needy refugees from Denmark and Norway.

TWO-WEEK STRIKE IN PALESTINE DIAMOND INDUSTRY ENDS; AGREEMENT REACHED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A two-week strike in the diamond industry in Palestine was called off today when an agreement was reached between the representatives of the workers and the employers. The diamond industry is one of the important Jewish industries in the country which has been built up by refugees from Belgium, Holland and Germany. Palestine-cut diamonds are being exported abroad and also supplied to the allies for use in war industries.

Two refugees from the S. S. Patria, which exploded in Haifa harbor in Nov. 1938, with a great loss of life, today filed test claims in the district court here charging that their luggage was lost or stolen either through official negligence or deliberate vandalism. The claims have been filed against the Palestine Government, the Director of the Customs and the port police. The two cases are being closely watched by hundreds of other Patria survivors who plan to file similar claims if these cases are decided in the refugees' favor.

WAR CONDITIONS NECESSITATE RATIONING OF RABBIS IN REFORM CONGREGATIONS

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Jewish congregations in which several rabbis are serving will be asked by the Central Conference of American Rabbis and by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to release one rabbi that he may serve a congregation which otherwise would be without rabbinical leadership due to the fact that the number of Jewish chaplains required by the armed forces has created a "serious manpower shortage in the Reform rabbinate," it was announced here today by Dr. James G. Heller, acting chairman of the C.C.A.R. Committee on Chaplains.

"In communities where there is more than one congregation, joint services could be arranged, thus releasing some rabbis for replacement," the Committee on Chaplains of the Central Conference of American Rabbis decided. At present the Committee is meeting the shortage of rabbis by urging congregations to avail themselves of the services of properly qualified rabbis from Germany who have come to the United States as refugees, and by inducing men who have retired from the active rabbinate to volunteer their services as replacements.

The Committee on Chaplains has agreed on a set of principles aimed at enabling Reform Jewish congregations to continue the work of furnishing almost sixty percent of the Jewish chaplains in the Army and Navy and of protecting the interests of the men who have volunteered for service. These principles, which rabbis and congregations are now asked to observe, have been ratified by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and by the executive committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. They provide, in part, that:

1. No rabbi shall accept the pulpit of another rabbi, who is on leave of absence from his congregation to serve as Chaplain, nor shall he accept the position of Associate or Assistant to such rabbi without the definite understanding that he shall relinquish the position when the Chaplain returns to it from his service.
2. No rabbi, eligible for the chaplaincy and not disqualified physically, who has refused to volunteer as Chaplain, shall take advantage of his civilian status to advance himself in the rabbinate by a change of pulpit or shall be countenanced by any congregation in so doing.
3. A rabbi, even though advised by his family physician or others that he is physically disqualified for the chaplaincy, will not be so regarded by the authorities of both the Union and Conference, unless he submits to an Army physical examination and is rejected officially.
4. Chaplains now serving should feel assured that everything possible will be done by both the Union and the Conference to protect their professional interests and to see that the sacrifice they are making will receive due consideration, and that on their return every possible assistance will be given them to recover their status. Furthermore, it is the hope of the Conference and the Union to set up a system of Pulpit Placement. An essential part of the record of all rabbis to be submitted to the Pulpit Placement Commission, will be their service in the armed forces.

MAJOR SAMUEL D. HURWITZ, VETERAN ARMY CHAPLAIN, DIES IN TEXAS

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Major Samuel D. Hurwitz, who had been Chaplain at Camp Walters, Texas, for the past three years, has died at McLoskey Hospital in Temple, Texas, it was learned here.

CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF JEWISH SETTLEMENTS PROTESTS CONVICTION OF HULDA LEADER

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The "mukhtars," or headmen, of the Jewish settlements in Galilee have met and adopted a resolution protesting the conviction of Israel Birnbaum, mukhtar of the Jewish cooperative settlement of Hulda who was sentenced to five years imprisonment last week because arms were discovered in the colony during a police raid.

The resolution, pointing out that no evidence was produced at the trial to show that Birnbaum had arms in his possession, assailed the legal ruling under which the mukhtar of a colony is held responsible for all that occurs there. It was announced here today that the names of the seven convicted Hulda settlers have been inscribed in the Jewish National Fund's "Golden Book."

The 30th day following the death of Shmuel Wolynetz, a settler at the colony of Ramath Hakovesh who was killed by police during a search for arms there, was marked at Ramath Hakovesh today. Memorial services were held and a wreath was placed on his grave.

JEWS IN AMERICA ARE LIVING IN AN "INVISIBLE YET REAL GHETTO," PROF. NAMIER SAYS

LONDON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Asserting that Jews in America are living "in an invisible yet real ghetto," Prof. L. Namier, former political adviser of the executive of the Jewish Agency in London, today challenged the theory advanced by some anti-Zionists in England that assimilationism has proven successful. Writing in the Manchester Guardian, he declares that there is more anti-Semitism in America, Canada and South Africa now than there was 30 years ago in Germany and in Hungary.

Prof. Namier criticizes these rabbis who oppose the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine. Charging them with "the desire to reproduce galuth even in Palestine," he asks: "Should Jews become Arabs, or call themselves Hebrew-speaking Poles, or Hebrew-speaking Lithuanians, Rumanians, etc?"

PRO-PALESTINE COMMITTEE FORMED IN MEXICO BY AMERICAN ZIONIST LEADERS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A Mexican pro-Palestine Committee was formed here today as a result of the visit of Louis Lipsky and Emanuel Neumann, the two American Zionist leaders, who discussed Palestine problems with leading non-Jewish personalities, including foreign diplomats.

The newly created pro-Palestine Committee is composed of Mexican statesmen, parliamentarians and intellectuals. A farewell banquet was given to the American guests by Jewish groups here. The departing Zionist leaders expressed their satisfaction with the result of their visit to Mexico in behalf of the Keren Hayesod headquarters in Jerusalem and emphasized their conviction that the Keren Hayesod campaign will be carried out successfully.

DR. ISRAEL TAGLICHT, FORMER CHIEF RABBI OF VIENNA, DIES IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held at Cambridge today for Dr. Israel Taglicht, 81, former chief rabbi of Vienna, who fled to Britain in 1939.

Dr. Taglicht was named chief rabbi of the Austrian capital in December, 1937 and retained the post until he was forced to leave the country. During the anti-Jewish riots in Vienna following the seizure of Austria by the Germans in 1938, he was forced to parade through the streets of Vienna with a placard: "I am a Jew." Later he was confined in a concentration camp for some time.