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HIGH COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS RESENTED BY PALESTINE JEWS; PRESS COMMENTS UNFAVORABLY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The New Year's Day address of High Commissioner Sir Harold MacMichael, in which he warned against "self-centered exclusiveness" and impatience, has created an unfavorable impression among Palestine Jewry, which is reflected in influential sections of the Jewish press.

Davar, largest Hebrew newspaper in the country, declares that "the High Commissioner warned against an exaggerated rush to fulfill political aspirations, but we, the Yishuv and world Jewry, thought that we were going very slowly toward solution of our problems. We are requested to slow down the tempo at a time when every postponement means cruel destruction for tens of thousands of men, women and children. And those who make this request have not used their authority to save them. If half of a people are already destroyed and the second half are in imminent danger, how can that people console itself with historical philosophies?"

The High Commissioner Davar continues, "also warned against self-centered exclusiveness - we have not sinned in this respect. But the closer we have embraced the world, the tighter became the strangulating knot around our neck. We have a right to demand that the large nations should understand us." Another leading newspaper, Haaretz, declares editorially that "we do not think the Palestine problem is so complicated that no direct answer can be found - let us conclude with the English proverb: 'Where there's a will there's a way.'"

Palestine Jews United in Opposing Partition, Histadruth Leader Says

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Palestine Jewry is united in opposing any and all partition schemes, it was stated today by Berl Locker, Histadruth leader and a spokesman for the Jewish Agency office here, upon his return from an extended visit to Palestine. Mr. Locker said that the question of partition has not been discussed by the Zionist Actions Committee or by the Jewish community. General reaction to partition schemes, he added, are slogans in the Hebrew newspapers stating: "Never partition."

Despite the Palestine Jews' "frustration," he stated, they feel that their fate is bound up irrevocably with that of the United Nations. Describing the progress of Palestine agriculture and industry, Mr. Locker said that Jewish agricultural production jumped 42 percent during the war and Jewish industry is supplying the army throughout the Middle East. He disclosed that twelve "outposts" have been established in the Negev, the southern section of the country, in places where water has been found. In reply to a query concerning David Ben-Gurion's resignation from the chairmanship of the Jewish Agency executive, Mr. Locker asserted that it was not due to "fundamental political differences."

GERMANS REPORTED TO HAVE ROUNDED UP 35,000 JEWS ALONG RIVIERA IN LAST FORTNIGHT

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- In connection with their intensified campaign against all persons believed unfriendly to the German occupation forces and the Vichy regime, the Nazis have started a mass round-up of French Jews, it is indicated in a report received here today. In the last fortnight, the report says, 35,000 Jews have been arrested along the Riviera.

JOE MC WILLIAMS INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY ON CHARGES OF WORKING FOR NAZIS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Joe McWilliams, New York anti-Semitic street rioter, is among eight persons who have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of attempting to conspire with the Nazis to overthrow democracy and to destroy the morale of our armed forces, it was announced today by Attorney General Francis Biddle.

Also indicted were several leaders of the German-American Bund including Gerhard Wilhelm Kunze and August Klapproth, who were sent to jail recently for five years for advising draft dodgers. Several active anti-Semites, who were included in a similar indictment drawn up last year, have been dropped from the present list, apparently because they could not be directly charged with working for the Nazis. It is hoped that the person whose indictments were announced today will be brought to trial by March 1.

New York Police Ordered to Curb Anti-Semitic Vandalism

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The New York City Police Department's sabotage squad of 90 men was under orders today to take all measures necessary to curb anti-Semitic disturbances here and to apprehend the persons responsible. Orders to this effect were issued yesterday by Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine, who also instructed Chief Inspector John J. O'Connell to have divisional inspectors make a survey of all reports of anti-Semitic vandalism and submit detailed accounts of the incidents.

The Police Department, it is understood, hopes in this manner to discover the persons or groups who are behind the attacks, most of which have been committed by youths under sixteen. The detectives have been told to take up hidden posts near all synagogues that have been desecrated and at others which secret reports to the police indicate may be defiled. All youths seized by police are to be taken to their homes and summonses issued to their parents for improper guardianship. One high police official told reporters that the Christian Front has recently been active and might possibly be behind the disturbances.

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States wired Mayor LaGuardia today offering the services of its members in patrolling areas where Jewish synagogues have been desecrated or Jewish children attacked.

3,177 IMMIGRANTS ENTERED PALESTINE IN LAST QUARTER OF 1943

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A total of 3,177 Jewish immigrants entered Palestine in the last quarter of 1943, it was disclosed here by Eliahu Dobkin, immigration chief of the Jewish Agency.

Mr. Dobkin told a press conference that 1,800 of the immigrants came from Yemen, 640 from Turkey, 415 from Teheran, 210 from the Balkan countries and 112 from adjoining countries. It is expected that 3,500 additional immigrants will enter Palestine during January and February. Mr. Dobkin said, of which total 1,500 will come from Yemen. During all of 1943, he disclosed, 2,018 children arrived under the auspices of the Youth Aliyah.

The Palestine Victory League for Russia announced today that the ten ambulances it is sending to the Red Army have arrived in Teheran where they were accepted by a representative of the Soviet Embassy. A Russian camera man filmed the presentation ceremony for showing in Russia.

ORTHODOX RABBINICAL HEAD PROTESTS ATTACK ON EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO SAVE JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Rabbi Eliezer Silver of Cincinnati, president of Agudas Israel and a president of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, today "vehemently" protested the charges of the American Jewish Conference against the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, and called it "a holy duty" for the rabbis, "leaders in Israel," to support the Emergency Committee's work.

The American Jewish Conference, through its interim committee, charged that the Emergency Committee assumed to speak for the Jewish people in this country without securing "a mandate from any constituency." Rabbi Silver said the Emergency Committee never claimed to speak in the name of the entire Jewish people "a claim which the American Jewish Conference attempts to substantiate."

"The charge of the American Jewish Conference that the Emergency Committee does not speak for all of Jewry is laughable," Rabbi Silver declared, "especially when the Emergency Committee is non-sectarian and numbers among its leadership many Christians who have proven themselves to be the good friends of the Jewish people, and are giving generously of their time and energy to the rescue of Israel. I vehemently protest against the statement of the American Jewish Conference and I hold it is a holy duty that we, the rabbis who are the leaders in Israel, and all active Jewish community leaders, support the sacred work of rescue of our brethren which is being conducted by the Emergency Committee."

POST-WAR REFUGEE IMMIGRATION TO U. S. WILL BE DISCUSSED AT NRS ANNUAL MEETING

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The future of refugee immigration to the United States after the war will be the primary topic to be considered at the annual meeting of the members and board of directors of the National Refugee Service to be held in New York on January 15 and 16, it was announced today by William Rosenwald, president of the organization. Several hundred leaders in the field of refugee assistance in the United States will attend the session, to be held in the Hotel Commodore. Mr. Rosenwald said. Quincy Howe, noted radio commentator and news analyst and Dr. Stephen Duggan, Director of the Institute of International Education, will be guest speakers.

"Part of America's contribution toward a stable peace will be the continued immigration and rehabilitation here of some of the people who will remain homeless and uprooted after the war," Mr. Rosenwald said. "In this connection significant responsibilities will devolve upon the National Refugee Service. Our meeting next week will consider the policies and plans of the agency for the performance of this vital task." A distinguished refugee, whose name is to be announced, is also expected to address the meeting on the subject of what American hospitality has meant to the newcomers. Speakers will include Professor Joseph P. Chamberlain, chairman of the board of directors, Charles Riegelman, chairman of the executive committee, Mr. Rosenwald, and Joseph E. Beck, executive director.

IRVING BERLIN AWARDED AMERICAN HEBREW MEDAL FOR FOSTERING INTER-FAITH ACCORD

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Irving Berlin, noted composer of popular songs, has been awarded the 1943 Medal for the Promotion of Better Understanding Between Christian and Jew in America given annually by The American Hebrew Magazine, in recognition of the year's activity in the progress of inter-faith accord in America. Joseph H. Biben, editor and publisher of The American Hebrew, announced today. The name of Mr. Berlin was chosen from a list of candidates submitted to the American Hebrew's Committee of Judges, composed of 65 eminent Americans of the three faiths.

RESCUE OF EUROPEAN JEWRY PROBLEM OF BOTH CHRISTIANS AND JEWS, RALLY TOLD

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The problem of rescuing the Jews of Europe is not one for Jews alone, but "for Christians everywhere," Sen. Guy N. Gillette told a meeting last night called by the Rally of Hope Committee to help save European Jews. Gillette, co-author of a bill designed to aid in rescuing the surviving Jews of Europe, attacked those persons in the U. S. who "are lending themselves to incited destructive efforts by aligning themselves with such activities as the so-called Christian Front."

Rep. Emanuel Celler in criticizing the State Dept. for its "apathetic" attitude toward the European Jews assailed "certain officials like Asst. Secretary of State Long" who, he said, "drool words of sympathy" but refuse to act. Urging President Roosevelt to impress on Prime Minister Churchill the need for abrogation of the British White Paper ending Jewish immigration into Palestine, Celler described it as "a scarlet paper, steeped in the blood of millions."

Congressman Joseph Clark Baldwin expressed hope that Congress would appoint a special committee to rescue Jewish children as well as adults from Nazi territories. He hoped also, he said, that appropriate action would be taken to prevent starvation of children in Europe.

2000 REFUGEES FROM ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA IN SWITZERLAND, HIAS REPORTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A new list of names of approximately 2,000 Jewish refugees, most of whom have recently come to Switzerland from Yugoslavia and the liberated part of Italy, has been received by the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, it was announced today by Abraham Herman, HIAS president.

The list was transmitted to New York to expedite the release of the refugees from the camps in which they are being housed by the Swiss authorities pending the receipt of "Maintenance Guarantee Funds" for them. According to a survey made by the Union of Swiss Jewish Communities, which is cooperating with HIAS in the refugee aid service, there are at present in Switzerland approximately 60,000 refugees of whom 20,000 are Jews.

AMERICAN FUND FOR PALESTINE INSTITUTIONS RAISES \$140,000 FOR BENEFICIARIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The American Fund for Palestinian Institutions, which coordinates separate Palestine educational, cultural, and social welfare appeals, today reported that in 1943 its income from 210 communities was \$140,000. In 1944 the fund will give support to 50 beneficiaries, aiding 60,000 persons, with a budget of \$400,000 as its national goal.

The organization was established to aid American contributors by including institutions whose merit and finances have been thoroughly investigated. It also gives deserving Palestinian causes the opportunity to share proportionately in an equitable distribution of funds raised in America. In winding up its second year of activity, the fund announced that it has thus far sent \$175,000 to Palestine.

PIONEER WOMEN SPONSOR CHILDREN'S BUILDING PROJECT IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The establishment of a special \$250,000 Building Fund for children's institutions in Palestine has been undertaken by the Pioneer Women's Organization, it was announced by Miss Dvora Rothbard, National Secretary. The new fund will make possible the building of children's institutions in towns and colonies, a central children's home and a school for child nursing in Haifa.