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TERMS OF RUMANIA'S AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL JEWISH AGENCY REVEALED IN SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Swedish press today publishes the terms of the agreement reached between the Rumanian Government and the Jewish Central Office in the harshest with regard to the repatriation of deported Rumanian Jews from Transnistria, Rumanian-administrated section of the Ukraine. The agreement, which is termed by Swedish newspapers as a "ransom deal," provides:

1. The Rumanian Government puts at the disposal of the Jewish Central Office trucks for transportation of Jews from Transnistria, but the Jewish organization to pay for each person the cost of a third-class railway ticket.
2. Each Jew permitted to return from exile in Transnistria must apply for an identification card within three days after his return. A sum up to 800,000 lei must be paid in for each such card in advance by the Jewish Central Office.
3. The Jewish Central Office is to supply clothes for every returning Jewish portee prior to his leaving Transnistria for his home town.
4. The Rumanian Government guarantees to each returning Jew personal security. This apparently includes also a guarantee that he will not be molested by Gestapo officials in Rumania.
5. The Jewish Central Office undertakes to pay immediately the arrears of the special tax imposed upon Jews in 1943 in addition to 4,500,000 lei which are to go on the account of the same tax for 1944.

The Swedish newspapers also report today that the Rumanian Labor Ministry has issued an order to all employers in the country requiring firms employing Jews to employ within twenty days, a similar number of "ethnic Rumanians." Heavy fines are provided for violations of this order.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT IS POWERLESS TO COPE WITH INFLATION, COLONIAL MINISTER SAYS

LONDON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government is not in a position to control inflation in the country, it was reported in the House of Commons today by Colonial Secretary Oliver Stanley.

"The inflationary tendencies in Palestine," the Colonial Secretary said, "are largely due to circumstances outside of the control of the Palestine Government." He added that the index in Palestine has nevertheless decreased from 248 in June to 230 in December of last year. The cost of living in Palestine compares favorably with that of the neighboring countries, he stated.

Replying to a query on the November disturbances in the Ramath Hakovesh settlement during which a Jewish settler was killed, the Colonial Secretary described in detail the circumstances which led to these disturbances when the settlement was raided in search for hidden arms. Only one of the twelve policemen who participated in the raid was wounded, he said.

HISTADRUTH TO IMMEDIATELY RECRUIT 2,500 ADDITIONAL MEN FOR THE ARMED FORCES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The central committee of the Histadruth, the Jewish Federation of Labor, today decided to start the immediate recruiting of 2,500 additional men for the Palestine Jewish units in the British armed forces. The decision was taken following a joint appeal by the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council for more Jewish volunteers.

A conference of wives of Jewish servicemen opened in Haifa today to discuss relief and other problems affecting soldiers' families. The eighty delegates representing thirty towns and settlements, were addressed by E. Perlson, deputy mayor of Tel Aviv who told of the assistance provided families of Palestine Jewish servicemen by the special Jewish committee established for this purpose. Families of servicemen are exempted from taxes in Tel Aviv, he reported, and from paying tuition for their children in the Jewish schools. They also receive free legal aid. About 2,000 children of Palestine soldiers are being cared for in Jewish kindergartens and children's homes, while a total of 325 are provided with full board.

CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT CHECKS REPORT ON "LIQUIDATION" OF THEREZIN GHETTO

LONDON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Czechoslovak Government-in-Exile today took steps to ascertain the truth of a report received here from Stockholm that the Gestapo has decided to "liquidate" the Jewish ghetto in Theresin where tens of thousands of Jews from Germany and Austria have been literally dumped by the German authorities.

It was pointed out in Czechoslovak circles here that many similar rumors have recently reached Stockholm credited to various sources. They are apparently based on the fact that last summer the Gestapo established a huge concentration camp in Birkenau, Upper Silesia, to which several thousand Jews from the Theresin ghetto were transferred in the beginning. The possibility was not excluded here that more Jews from Theresin are being sent to the Birkenau camp and that the Theresin ghetto is due for liquidation.

JEWISH ACTOR WHO ELUDED GESTAPO FOR THREE YEARS IS KILLED IN BERLIN AIR RAID

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The body of Martin Wolfgang, a Jewish actor who was marked by the German authorities for deportation from Germany to Poland in 1940, was discovered in the ruins of a house in Berlin which was demolished by the Royal Air Force in one of its recent raids, the Swedish newspapers reported today.

It was revealed that the Jewish actor who disappeared after he learned that he was to be deported, had managed to live secretly in Berlin for three years under the very nose of the Gestapo. He was given shelter by a friendly family which apparently perished together with him during the air-raid.

LEBANESE PREMIER SAYS HE RAISED PALESTINE ISSUE AT CAIRO TALKS; PLEASED WITH RESULTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Lebanese delegation to Cairo stopped off at Haifa today en route home and was welcomed by a committee of sixty Arab notables who were assured by the Lebanese Premier Rias Solh, head of the delegation, that the Palestine problem was discussed by him in Cairo during the talks on pan-Arab unity.

"We are satisfied with the results of the Cairo talks which included also the situation in Palestine," the Lebanese Premier stated to representatives of the press when interviewed in Haifa.

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS ADOPTS NEUTRAL STAND ON JEWISH COMMONWEALTH

CHICAGO, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Union of American Hebrew Congregations will refrain from taking any action on the resolution adopted by the American Jewish Conference calling for the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine, it was decided last night at a session of the executive board of the Union held at the Standard Club. A declaration adopted by the executive emphasizes that "the Union recognizes the right of each individual to determine his own attitude on this controversial question." The text of the declaration reads as follows:

"The Union of American Hebrew Congregations declares that its function is to interpret, maintain and promote reform Judaism and reaffirms its loyalty to its spiritual purpose. The Union, continuing as a member of the American Jewish Conference, declares its sense of fellowship with all Israel and will associate itself with all worthy and practical efforts designed to ameliorate the tragic plight of world Jewry and to assist in reconstructing those communities that have suffered from the ravages of Nazi tyranny.

"Because in the congregations of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations there are divergent opinions on the question of Zionism the Union recognizes the right of each individual to determine his own attitude on this controversial question and therefore the Union refrains from taking any action on the Palestine resolution adopted by the American Jewish Conference. We call upon our congregations and their members to rally loyally to the support of the Union so that its great and noble work may continue to enrich the spiritual life of American Israel."

Following the meeting of the U.A.H.C. executive, a public meeting was held at the Standard Club at which a Chicago Federation of Reform Synagogues was organized. Among those who addressed the organization meeting were Adolph Rosenberg, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregation, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, new director of U.A.H.C., Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Dr. S. Hollender, chairman of the organization Committee for the Chicago Federation and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise.

ARMIES ERECT SYNAGOGUE OF GASOLINE TIN CANS AND CANVAS IN THE DESERT

CAIRO, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Royal Air Force headquarters today reported that a synagogue built of gasoline tin cans and tent canvas has been erected by Jewish soldiers of the British Army in the western desert. The synagogue was presented this week with a Sefer Torah on the occasion of the first anniversary of its existence.

Many of the airmen in the desert force are refugees from Germany who volunteered for Palestine units of the British forces. They are now engaged in studying the principles of gliders and are building gliders in the desert.

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNOR GETS JEWISH MEMORANDUM ON ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES IN HIS STATE

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A delegation of the local lodge of the B'nai B'rith yesterday submitted a memorandum to Governor McGrath offering evidence of distribution of anti-Semitic literature at Naval stations, attacks on Jewish children by hoodlums, and desecration of synagogues.

The delegation demanded that the Governor take immediate steps to counteract activities "which are undermining the very core of democracy by attempting to deny the ideals of individual equality and religious liberty." Gov. McGrath was asked to appoint a commission "with appropriate powers to investigate, prosecute and eradicate these un-American developments."

DECISION ON PALESTINE'S FUTURE IS IMMINENT, ZIONIST LEADER REPORTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A decision on the future of Jewish Palestine which may make the fight for the abolition of the British White Paper obsolete, may be expected soon, Mrs. Irma Lindheim, American woman Zionist leader who returned several days ago from Great Britain where she led the fund raising campaign of the Jewish National Fund, declared today.

"As far as I could ascertain during my stay in England, it seems that the decision on the future status of Palestine is imminent," Mrs. Lindheim said. "While no confirmation of the rumors that are afloat regarding an alleged modified plan of partition has been forthcoming, the rumor which emanated from Cairo and which put the partition line in or about Haifa has been authoritatively denied. On the other hand, there are many in England who are inclined to think that Colonial Secretary Stanley's recent statement in the House of Commons, postponing the deadline for the admission of the 30,000 Jews who may come into Palestine under the provisions of the White Paper, was a cautious first step toward the nullification of the document.

"As the war progresses towards its climax, the sentiment among the people of Great Britain in favor of a Jewish Palestine is mounting and will inevitably lead to a decision which will be in accord with the policies which inspired and guided Great Britain in the days of Arthur James Balfour," Mrs. Lindheim continued. "The Manchester Guardian is an outstanding example of the staunch advocates which the Jewish upbuilding of Palestine has in the British Isles. Other organs of public opinion and influential political circles may similarly be counted upon to throw their weight into the scale in favor of a decision which will open the gates of Eretz Israel for the rescue and rehabilitation of the surviving remnants of European Jewry."

500 JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS ADOPT RESOLUTIONS DEMANDING ABROGATION OF WHITE PAPER

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- More than 500 Jewish organizations in New York have adopted resolutions asking for the abrogation of the British White Paper, it was announced today by Herman Hoffman, president of the Council for Jewish Organizations for Palestine.

The resolutions will be transmitted to President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull. The Council is convoking a conference of Jewish organizations at the end of this month at which a collective demand will be voiced for the annulment of the White Paper.

LUCIUS LITTAUER'S 85TH BIRTHDAY OBSERVED TODAY BY INSTITUTE FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Marking the 85th birthday of Lucius N. Littauer, the Institute for Religious Studies will present him tomorrow with a resolution by the faculty and students in which men of all creeds join in recognition of the significance of the part which Mr. Littauer has played in building understanding among the western religions. The Institute was started at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America with a gift from Mr. Littauer, received in 1939.

Mr. Littauer's 85th birthday coincides with today's opening of the Chicago Institute for Religious Studies, the first extension outside New York of the project in which the Jewish philanthropist played such an important role.