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GAPO PERMITS DANISH DIPLOMATS TO VISIT JEWS IN THERESINSTADT; ALLOWS NO PARCELS

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 26, (JTA) -- Two representatives of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been allowed by the German authorities to visit the Czech fortress of Theresinstadt where 1,600 Danish Jews are confined together with Jews deported from Germany, Austria and Bohemia-Moravia.

The report of the Danish officials, made public in the press here today, states that due to Denmark's special position - it is not considered an occupied country - Danish Jewish deportees are treated better than the other Jews in Theresinstadt. Gestapo, however, does not permit residents of Denmark to send parcels to Jews in Theresinstadt.

The Danish authorities are trying to maintain contact with the Danish Jews in Theresinstadt, but they meet with strong Gestapo opposition. Food parcels, therefore, are not sent to the Danish Jews directly from Copenhagen but through the International Red Cross in Switzerland. Individually signed form letters from Theresinstadt confirm receipt of these parcels.

It is now possible to state that 8,000 Jews from Denmark have succeeded in reaching Sweden. They include foreign Jews living in Denmark prior to the Gestapo raids there. At present only few Jews are still hiding in Denmark, trying to escape deportation from the country. They are being sheltered by non-Jewish friends and most of them will probably reach Sweden within the next few weeks.

NUMBER OF MURDERED JEWS IN POLAND EXCEEDS REPORTED 2,000,000 FIGURE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Two members of the Polish underground movement who have just reached Palestine told a Jewish labor conference today that the report that 2,000,000 Jews have been annihilated by the Germans in Poland underestimates the extent of the massacres.

"When we, in the underground, learned of the announcement made in New York that 2,000,000 Jews have perished in occupied Poland, we decided to make a reliable investigation," one of the arrivals reported. "Our survey established that the number of exterminated Jews is much larger than 2,000,000, since hundreds of thousands of Jews from other countries were brought by the Germans to Poland and annihilated there."

Many of those present at the meeting wept loudly as they listened to the eyewitness reports of the underground representatives. It was announced at the meeting that the Jewish National Council of Palestine today sent a cable to U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull emphasizing that there are still possibilities of rescuing Jews from occupied territories. Similar cables were sent to Winston Churchill and to the Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov. The latter two were despatched through the Palestine Government.

The entire Jewish press here lauds President Roosevelt's establishment of the War Refugee Board, expressing the hope that the new body will act immediately to rescue the Jews of Europe.

FRANCE FRENCH COMMISSIONER FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT OF JEWISH FUNDS

LONDON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Darquier de Pellepoix, notorious anti-Semite and former French Commissioner for Jewish Affairs, was recently arrested by the Vichy authorities on the charge that he embezzled funds confiscated from Jews and entrusted to him under the anti-Jewish laws, it was learned here today. After several days of imprisonment, he was released pending investigation.

In Holland, the commander of the "Jewish concentration camp" at Vught, a local group leader named Chmielewski, has been dismissed as a result of strife among Nazi functionaries over spoils stolen from Jewish prisoners, it is reported in the clandestine paper "Het Parool" received here today.

"When new transports of Jewish prisoners arrived at the camp they were ordered to undress on the pretext of delousing their clothes," the paper states. "What actually happened, however, was that their clothes and paraphernalia were looted for value." Chmielewski and his henchmen appropriating them for themselves. Berlin officials have no objection to stripping Netherlands Jews of their property but the Nazi bosses are loath to see the valuables go into the pockets of the Vught camp personnel. In addition Chmielewski was in the habit of holding back for himself a part of the prisoner rations, but that didn't worry the storm troop hierarchy any," the article states.

PALESTINE ARABS FAIL TO AGREE ON FORMATION OF DELEGATION TO ATTEND CAIRO UNITY TALKS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Preliminary talks by Arab leaders in Palestine looking towards the formation of a united delegation to attend pan-Arab unity talks proceeding in Cairo have broken up without any decision being reached, according to a report appearing in the Hebrew daily "Haaretz," today. The newspaper says that it has decided that the Palestine Arabs would send observers to Cairo if they could not agree on the composition of a delegation. It quotes "a reliable Arab source" as saying that some decision will be reached before Premier Nuri es Said of Iraq leaves for home.

The newspapers "Davar" and "Hatzeft" add that during the talks, the Arab notables discussed a general "Arab-Jewish understanding on the various vexing problems in Palestine. The Arabs decided, according to these reports, that such negotiations would have to be held with representatives of the leading institutions of the Palestine Jewish community and not with Dr. Judah L. Magnes or the "League for Arab-Jewish Rapprochement."

A \$200,000 Arab Building Fund has been established in Jaffa to construct low-cost housing for Arab workers, it is reported here. In Haifa, another report states, Arab financiers and engineers are planning to set up a housing corporation for the same purpose. The Government has announced that it will permit the erection of 600 houses by Arab and Jewish groups.

RELATIONS BETWEEN JEWS AND BRITISH IN PALESTINE WORSE THAN EVER, SAYS BENTWICH

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Relations between the Jews and the British administration in Palestine are now worse than they have been in the quarter-century since Britain assumed the mandate, it is charged today by Prof. Norman Bentwich, noted jurist, and former Attorney-General for Palestine.

Writing in the "Palestine Review," Dr. Bentwich suggests that both sides declare a "truce" for one year: The Jews would refrain from protests and strikes against the administration; and the English would practice "forbearance and understanding." "The destinies of the Jews and of England are still bound together," Prof. Bentwich declares, "and both peoples must stop trench warfare and sniping for their common good."

RUSSIAN AND EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS NEGOTIATE ON STATUS OF 800 RUSSIAN JEWS IN EGYPT

CAIRO, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Approximately 800 Russian Jews who have been living in Egypt for some time will soon learn whether they are to be considered Russian or Russian nationals.

The Egyptian press reports today that negotiations to settle the status of members of the Russian colony in Egypt will open soon between the Soviet Minister to Egypt and the Egyptian Foreign Office. The colony is composed of 800 Jews, 800 members of the Russian Orthodox Church and 200 Moslems.

TEL AVIV PROMISES TO EXTEND ALL FACILITIES TO INCORPORATED ARAB VILLAGE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The population of the Arab village of Surmeil, which was recently incorporated within Tel Aviv, today was promised that Surmeil would have available all the health, education and transportation facilities of the all-Jewish metropolis. The pledge was given a delegation of Arab elders which visited Mayor Israel Rokach. Surmeil has 400 Arab and 60 Jewish residents.

A delegation representing the Jewish National Council, consisting of Isaac Zvi, Council president, and Dr. Abraham Katznelson, called on Chief Sec. J.V.W. Shaw of the Palestine Government today to discuss aid to soldiers' families and the government budget for social welfare activities. The Chief Secretary also received Dr. H. Altman, Revisionist leader, today, prior to the latter's departure for Cairo to head the newly-established Revisionist political bureau there. Dr. Altman also saw United States Consul-General Lowell C. Pinkerton.

A recreation center for visiting South African servicemen was officially opened today in the settlement of Ramath Yochanah. Named after Prime Minister Smuts of South Africa, the center was made possible by funds contributed by the Zionist Federation of South Africa.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF MACCABI SPORTS ORGANIZATION OBSERVED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Maccabi sports organization was observed here at a three-day Maccabi conference which concluded today after adopting a resolution demanding a "Jewish Palestine within its historic boundaries."

Another resolution demanded that central Jewish organizations establish in Palestine two settlements for ex-servicemen. The conference also decided to establish Maccabi Colonization and Housing Corporation.

NINETY PERCENT OF AMERICAN JEWS FAVOR ZIONISM, DR. GOLDMANN REPORTS IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- America is now prepared to accept responsibility in the Near East, Dr. Nahum Goldmann told the press here today. "We hope that Britain, America and perhaps Russia will cooperate in the solution of the Near Eastern problem, including the Palestine problem," he said.

Ninety percent of American Jews are now favorably inclined toward Zionism, he asserted. The majority of American non-Jews are also sympathetic to Jewish aspiration in Palestine, he added.

"I am convinced that we still have the sympathies of many of Britain's leading statesmen," the member of the executive of the Jewish Agency declared. "I have reason to believe that our demands will be recognized and will be met justly."

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS CALLED ON TO WORK TOGETHER FOR RESCUE OF JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- A call to all Jewish organizations to "pool their energies and resources in the common cause of saving human lives" was issued here tonight by Dean Alfange, co-chairman of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe at a dinner tendered to him by the Committee at the Hotel Commodore.

Secretary of the Interior Ickes, in a message to the gathering said that the officers and members of the Emergency Committee should feel gratified by the order of President Roosevelt establishing a War Refugee Board to rescue Jews and other persecuted minorities in Europe.

Mr. Alfange emphasized that he speaks "as a Christian who believes in the tenets of Christianity." He condemned anti-Semitism as a menace to America. "Those who exploit and those who tolerate bigotry in any of its ugly forms are political enemies at heart," he said. "They speak the language of fascism and use the weapons of anti-Semitism. They are false to American history; traitors to American unity and enemies of the American way of life. The recurrent waves of anti-Semitism and the tragic plight of the United Nations to the plight of the defenseless Jews of Europe are by no means the sole concern of the Jewish people. They are the vital concern of every decent man and woman, of every liberal-minded person throughout the world."

Other speakers included Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora, who was toastmaster; Representative Emanuel Celler, Peter H. Bergson, a co-chairman of the Emergency Committee and Rabbi Louis I. Newman.

PRESIDENT OF FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ENDORSES PROSKAUER'S INTERFAITH PLEDGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, today voiced his endorsement of the four-point pledge recently proposed by Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, for inter-group accord.

The pledge, originally suggested by Judge Proskauer in a radio address on January 11, has already been approved by the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York. In announcing his support of the pledge, Bishop Tucker said:

"The fourfold pledge which Judge Proskauer suggested in his radio address delivered on January 11th is a basis on which all men of goodwill can make their personal influence count for justice and brotherhood. The proposal is altogether admirable. If all the members of our Churches would act in the spirit of Judge Proskauer's commitment it would mean a better day for America and for the world. I am very happy to associate myself with his suggestion that we all adopt this modern equivalent of the Hippocratic oath."

Judge Proskauer expressed satisfaction at the endorsement of his pledge by leading representatives of the Protestant and Catholic churches. He stated today: "I am delighted to see that, through the leadership of Archbishop Spellman and Bishop Tucker, the oath which I suggested as one means of combating the 'divide and conquer' tactics of our Axis enemies has now become a truly American inter-faith pledge."

ILL APPROPRIATES \$50,000 FOR INVESTIGATING ANTI-SEMITISM IN NEW YORK STATE

ALBANY, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- A bill introduced today by Senator Louis B. Heller, Democrat, appropriates \$50,000 for the creation of a temporary State commission to investigate anti-Semitism and other racial and religious and political intolerance.