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JEWISH AGENCY ESTABLISHES COMMITTEE TO PLAN REPARATIONS FOR JEWS IN EUROPE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Palestine has established a special committee to work out a plan for post-war compensation for European Jews whose property has been confiscated by the German authorities, it was announced here today by Moshe Shertok, head of the Agency's political department. The committee will work in close cooperation with all Jewish representative institutions throughout the world, Shertok stated.

It was also announced here today that Leo Herman, an active leader of the Keren Hayesod, has been appointed by the Jewish Agency to represent Jewish interests at the Middle-East Relief Administration which has been formed in Cairo to administer relief and furnish medical care to the population in the Balkan countries immediately after their liberation by the Allied armies. Volunteer units are now being selected and trained for this work in Cairo and in Palestine.

The first group of sixty Jewish volunteers trained for this emergency relief work has just completed a six-weeks course. These volunteers all speak one or more languages of the countries where the first relief opportunities are likely to arise. Many of them are natives of Greece and Yugoslavia. The training is conducted under the direction of Mr. Hermann who will soon proceed to Cairo.

The training of the Palestine volunteers includes studies of the population in the liberated territories, measures to combat epidemics, child welfare, distribution of food and clothing, and methods of helping the local population to re-establish its own life. So far, the exact status of the Middle-East Relief Administration has not been fixed. It is not known, therefore, whether it will continue to work as an independent agency or whether it will be merged with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration under the general directorship of Herbert H. Lehman.

SLOVAKIA YIELDS TO GERMAN DEMAND TO DEPORT LAST 15,000 JEWS TO POLAND

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The Swedish press reports today that the pro-Nazi Slovak government has acceded to new demands from Berlin for the deportation of all Jews remaining in Slovakia. These Jews, many of whom have special permission from President Tiso to remain in Slovakia, will be delivered to German authorities for transportation to occupied Poland, Swedish correspondents report from Budapest.

The German Transocean news service reports that all Jews in Slovakia, including children over the age of thirteen, have been instructed to report to the nearest police station. The measure was taken to discover the number of aliens among the 15,000 Jews remaining in Slovakia, the Nazi agency "explains."

Bratislava newspapers report that the Slovakian Central Economic Office has decreed that Jews may not dwell in buildings erected since 1918, with the exception of Jewish physicians. Prague newspapers received here disclose that an additional group of Jews have been deprived of Czech citizenship and their property confiscated.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL DECIDES TO RAISE \$32,000,000 IN 1944; LARGEST DRIVE IN HISTORY

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- A nation-wide campaign to raise \$32,000,000 among Jews in America in 1944 for rescue and reconstruction activities was proclaimed by the executive committee of the United Jewish Appeal at a special session at the Biltmore Hotel. Dr. James G. Heller, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, William Rosenwald, honorary president of the National Refugee Service and Dr. Jonah B. Wise, vice chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, were elected to serve as national chairmen of the 1944 campaign of the U.P.A.

The quota of \$32,000,000, the highest figure ever sought in any drive carried on by American Jews, was adopted on the basis of the enlarged needs of the agencies constituting the United Jewish Appeal. It was pointed out that while carrying on their wartime aid program, the Joint Distribution Committee, United Palestine Appeal and National Refugee Service, have been required to take on new responsibilities directly linked to the liberation of large numbers of Jews by Allied victories and the need for a greater volume of assistance to restore Jewish communities freed from Axis oppression.

A statement issued by the executive committee of the U.J.A. said: "In 1944, the Jews in the United States will be confronted with a dual challenge - that of saving from destruction large numbers of victims still in the grip of oppression and enlarging the tasks of reconstruction for those who have already been liberated by the Allied armies. In helping assure the survival and restoration of the Jews in European lands, in furthering the war effort and reconstruction program of the Jewish homeland in Palestine, and in integrating refugees who have found a haven in the United States, American Jews are not only rendering a historic service to their people, but are making a valuable contribution to the revival of human freedom and the winning of the peace. Those whom we help today will help rebuild a better world tomorrow."

PALESTINE COUNCIL CABLES RESCUE PROGRAM TO GOVERNMENTS OF U.S., BRITAIN, RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- A three-point appeal containing practical measures for the immediate relief and rescue of Jews in occupied Europe was cabled today by the Jewish National Council of Palestine to the governments of the United States, Britain and Russia.

Lauding the establishment by President Roosevelt of the War Refugee Board, the appeal points out that the following three rescue measures must be taken at once:

1. The starving Jews in occupied countries must be sent food immediately in the same manner as the population of occupied Greece receives shipments of food from the Allies, distributed under the supervision of officials of neutral governments.
2. Neutral governments must be urged not to bar transit of Jewish refugees through their territories to other countries.

3. Neutral governments should be persuaded to provide havens for Jews who succeed in escaping from Nazi lands as well as for those who must remain temporarily on neutral soil until reaching Palestine or other countries of permanent residence.

Addressing a press conference, Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, emphasized that the Jews of Palestine believe that President Roosevelt's War Refugee Board will lose no time in starting its rescue activities. He asked for special action "to exploit all possibilities for the absorption of refugees in Palestine."

MILLIONS OF WAR PRISONERS WILL BECOME ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDISTS AFTER WAR, HITLER SAYS

ZURICH, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- An indication that Allied war prisoners in Germany are being fed anti-Jewish propaganda in the hope that they will spread it after the war in their native countries was given by Hitler in his speech yesterday marking the 11th anniversary of the Nazi regime.

"The eyes of the world," Hitler said, "will be opened about the importance of the Jewish question quite independently of the result of our struggle. Millions of war prisoners will become propagandists about this." He declared that "England has sold its soul to Judaism," and expressed the opinion that every state which will follow England "will sooner or later succumb to this pest unless at the last minute it pulls itself together to expel this bacteria by force from its body."

Asserting that "the aim of International Jewry is the complete extermination of the German people," the Nazi leader said: "It is quite irrelevant in this connection whether Jewish advocates of this aim are in England, or in America, or elsewhere in the various countries of Europe." He warned the Germans that they would perish somewhere in the woods and swamps of Siberia. "Jews," he added, "could then celebrate the destruction of Europe by a second triumphant Purim festival."

B'NAI B'RITH DECIDES ON FULL PARTICIPATION IN AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- A resolution declaring that "the B'nai B'rith shall continue its full participation in the American Jewish Conference and its Interim Committee," was adopted here today at the annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith executive committee. The resolution expressed the hope that "through the instrumentality of the American Jewish Conference complete unity of action may be attained."

The executive committee commended Henry Monsky, B'nai B'rith president, "for his vision and statesmanship in initiating the call for the Pittsburgh Conference, leading to the historic meeting of the American Jewish Conference which was called to serve our people and to formulate a common program of action in this critical period." This was the first meeting of the B'nai B'rith executive committee since the meeting of the American Jewish Conference.

NATIONAL ORTHODOX CONFERENCE LAUDS WAR REFUGEE BOARD; ASKS FOR JEWISH COMMONWEALTH

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- A manifesto addressed "to the conscience of the free world," emphasizing that "the United Nations have so far failed to implement measures of rescue" by which hundreds of thousands of Jews could have been saved from Nazi extermination, and lauding President Roosevelt's establishment of the War Refugee Board, was issued here today by the National Conference of Orthodox Jewry for Palestine and Rescue, attended by more than 1,200 delegates.

The manifesto called upon the Governments of the United States and Britain "to erase the stain of the White Paper from the shield of the United Nations and keep open the doors of Palestine to the tormented and uprooted Jews of Europe." It expressed the hope that a Jewish Commonwealth "will once again flourish in the Land of Israel."

Resolutions adopted by the conference endorse the American Jewish Conference and the American Zionist Emergency Council and request that the Jewish community "be rid of irresponsible, non-representative, mushroom-like 'paper organizations,' designed to be productive of public confusion and bound to inflict injury to the cause of Jewish Palestine." One of the resolutions repudiates the American Council for Judaism which is opposed to political Zionism.

LEADING JEWISH BODIES SUPPORT NEW COMMITTEE AGAINST NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Conference today made public statements addressed to Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy expressing appreciation for the formation under his chairmanship of the "National Committee Against Nazi Persecution and Extermination of the Jews."

Signed by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Henry Monsky and Dr. Israel Goldstein, the message of the American Jewish Conference reads: "In behalf of the American Jewish Conference, we welcome with deep appreciation the formation of the National Committee against Nazi Persecution and Extermination of the Jews, which constitutes a significant contribution to the fight for Democracy. Millions of our people have fallen to the Nazi terror, and Hitler has vowed extermination of those who are still alive. Their rescue is one of the tasks in Democracy's war for civilization. Your enlistment in this fight and the organization of your Committee will be hailed by every American consecrated to victory. We shall deem it a privilege to render every possible assistance to your Committee."

The message of the American Jewish Committee, signed by its president Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, declares: "The formation under your chairmanship of the National Committee Against Nazi Persecution and Extermination of the Jews will be commended by right thinking men of all faiths and groups. The immediate rescue of as many Jews in Europe as is humanly possible, and the eradication of group discord in this country are both causes close to the heart of all believers in the tenets of Democracy."

"For 37 years the American Jewish Committee has worked for the alleviation of the plight of persecuted and down-trodden Jews throughout the world, and has devoted its energies to combatting bigotry wherever it rears its ugly head. We have always felt that the problem of anti-Semitism is not solely a Jewish concern, but a concern of the people of all religions and groups. Only recently I proposed a Americanism pledge, later endorsed by Archbishop Spellman of the Catholic Archdiocese of New York and Bishop Tucker, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. By subscribing to it every American would pledge himself to act towards his neighbor in a spirit of friendship and brotherhood, and to free himself from prejudices against any religious group. It is in this spirit that we commend you and your associates in your significant undertaking."

WAR REFUGEE BOARD MUST DEMAND FREE IMMIGRATION OF JEWS TO PALESTINE, CONGRESS TOLD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The new War Refugee Board established by President Roosevelt last week must demand free immigration of Jews into Palestine, Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York said today.

In a speech on the floor of the House of Representatives he called on the Board to compel Britain to abide by the Balfour Declaration and said: "The offending White Paper of 1939 was not only rejected but also condemned by the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations as a violation of Britain's mandate over Palestine. Scores of nations denounced Britain for her perfidy. Thus, a glorious opportunity is presented to the War Refugee Board to persuade the British Foreign Office to right the great wrong."