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JEWISH FEDERATIONS ASSEMBLY OPENS TODAY TO DISCUSS WAR PROBLEMS AND POST-WAR PLANNING

PITTSBURGH, Pa. Feb. 3. (JTA) -- More than 600 leaders of Jewish communities from all parts of the country gathered here today to discuss American Jewish war problems and vital post-war needs at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds which opens tomorrow at the William Penn Hotel.

The Assembly, which will last four days, will open with group discussions on war and post-war planning, fund-raising problems, Jewish community organization and civic-protective services. It is the leading forum at which Jewish community leaders exchange ideas and experience, develop policy, and stimulate action on problems concerning Jewish social services and community financing agencies.

Among other questions, the Assembly will discuss the problem of anti-Semitism in America. "Anti-Semitism has not decreased," says a statement published by the Council on the eve of the opening of the Assembly. "Thoughtful American Jews are seeking more effective machinery for combatting it. In this area, not only the national civic-protective agencies, but the local communities as well are involved. In fact, the local community's role has been increasing during the last few years to a degree that warrants examination today of the structure and procedures being developed."

The statement also points out that the tide of war having turned inexorably in favor of the United Nations, "it is imperative that we take up the question of relief and reconstruction in reconquered areas, and specifically the role of the private agencies in relationship to government programs. Long-term rehabilitation in addition to immediate relief, must be developed."

CHURCHILL PERMITS ZIONISTS TO ANNOUNCE HE STILL FAVORS JEWISH HOMELAND IN PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Winston Churchill, after a recent interview with Zionist leaders, gave them permission to quote him as still favoring the Balfour Declaration which provides for the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council revealed here today.

Dr. Silver made this disclosure at a press luncheon at which it was learned that the House Foreign Affairs Committee would begin open hearings next Tuesday on the resolution pending in Congress favoring free immigration into Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth there. Dr. Silver said he anticipated no organized opposition to the resolution in either house of Congress.

Dr. Silver also disclosed that he had visited the Turkish embassy in Washington in an effort to increase the number of Jews permitted to pass through Turkey on their way to Palestine. This number is now limited to 400 a month, he said. He attributed British opposition to the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth to a group of officials within the British civil service, and predicted that a change in British policy would soon come. He pointed out that Secretary of State Cordell Hull had expressed himself publicly as supporting the position of the United States in favor of the Balfour Declaration.

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RAOUL LAMBERT, FRENCH-JEWISH LEADER, DEPORTED TO POLAND FROM DRANCY CAMP

ZURICH, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Raoul Lambert, French-Jewish leader who was arrested in Marseilles and interned in the Drancy camp near Paris, was deported last week to Poland, it was learned here today. His family was not permitted to see him off or even to provide him with food and clothing.

The German press reaching here today from Berlin complains that "Jews in France still enjoy considerable freedom." The Nazi newspapers state that the percentage of Jews among captured French partisans is very high and allege that Jews are often the leaders of the terrorist groups which conduct anti-German sabotage in France.

WOUNDED PALESTINIAN JEWISH WAR PRISONERS, REPATRIATED FROM GERMANY, REACH HOME.

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Twenty-five Palestinian Jewish soldiers who were recently repatriated to England from a German prison camp arrived here last night. Interviewed at the military camp at Sarafand, where they are temporarily quartered, the repatriates, all of whom are wounded, said that the Germans openly admit that they have lost the war.

The Red Mogen David announced today that it is sending an average of 3,000 packages per month to wounded and ill Jewish soldiers of all Allied forces stationed in the Middle East. The organization also has a country-wide network of offices where families of servicemen can receive medical care and clothing.

Palestine soldiers serving in North Africa have organized Jewish schools in Tripoli and Libya to serve about 4,000 Jewish children who have been without educational facilities for several years, it is reported by a Palestine journalist now serving with the British forces.

ARRIVAL OF REFUGEES FROM LISBON SPURS PALESTINE TO ASK FOR MORE JEWS FROM EUROPE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The arrival here of 742 Jewish refugees from Central and Western Europe on the Nyassa is the subject of articles today in the Palestine press pointing out that this is the first large group of Jews to reach Palestine from Europe during the last three years, and expressing the hope that other large transports will follow. The Nyassa, a Portuguese ship, landed here flying the Portuguese and the Blue-White flags. It was greeted by crowds singing Hatikvah.

David J. Schweitzer, special envoy of the Bais-Ioa Emigration Association, speaking to representatives of the press disclosed that three marriages took place aboard the ship during the voyage. He reported that hundreds of Jewish refugees who remained in Lisbon wept when the ship sailed from there. He urged that Jewish organizations in Palestine endeavor to bring them to Palestine immediately. He reported that of the 742 Jews who came on the Nyassa more than 100 were children, one third were women and the remainder were all young men including people who fled from Nazi concentration camps.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT HEARS PLEA FOR JEWISH NATIONAL HOME IN PALESTINE

OTTAWA, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A plea for Canadian support of Jewish demands for the establishment of a national home in Palestine was voiced in the House of Commons today by Arthur Roebuck of Toronto, who is a member of the Government party. Roebuck criticized Britain's action in restricting Jewish immigration into Palestine.

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JOHN W. FEHLE WILL BE DIRECTOR OF WAR REFUGEE BOARD; VISITS WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- John W. Fehle, assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, whose nomination as executive director of the War Refugee Board is expected soon, today visited the White House for a discussion of his duties.

The announcement of his appointment may be issued before the end of the week. Fehle, who is 34 years old, has been in charge of foreign funds control at the Treasury Department. He was born in Minneapolis and took his law degree at Yale University and later taught law there.

JUDGE ROTHENBERG ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Judge Morris Rothenberg, noted Zionist leader, was unanimously elected president of the Jewish National Fund at the annual meeting today of representatives of Zionist groups affiliated with the J.N.F.

The election was under the chairmanship of Dr. Israel Goldstein who, because of his recent election as president of the Zionist Organization of America, retired from the office. Judge Rothenberg, who has served four times as president of the ZOA, and under whose leadership American participation in the upbuilding of Palestine gained wide moral and financial support, accepted the post in response to a united request on the part of all organizations which are represented on the administration of the Fund.

The J.N.F. administration for 1944, as constituted at the meeting today, will be comprised of a board of directors of 56 members and an administrative committee of 16. Dr. Goldstein was chosen honorary president. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Robert S. Gold, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Louis Lipsky, Dr. James G. Heller, Rabbi Wolf Gold, Mrs. Moses P. Epstein and David Pinski were named honorary chairmen. Louis Segal was elected honorary secretary and Rabbi I. M. Kowalsky and Mr. Jacob Sineoff treasurers. Mendel N. Fisher was re-elected executive director of the Fund.

EINSTEIN MSS ON RELATIVITY AUCTIONED FOR WAR BONDS; WILL GO TO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The historic manuscript of Dr. Albert Einstein's world-shaking theory of relativity and the manuscript of a new, as yet unpublished paper on the famed physicist's explorations into the cosmos were auctioned off here tonight as part of a monster Fourth War Loan rally sponsored by the Women's City Club of Kansas City.

The manuscripts, which were obtained by the Book and Author Committee of the Fourth War Loan Drive through the National Refugee Service, will be presented to the Library of Congress under the provisions of the bidding. The auction was conducted by Clifton Fadiman, literary critic, who is on a bond selling tour of the nation together with novelists Fannie Hurst and Louis Bromfield, and Col. Carlos Romulo who came out of the Philippines with General MacArthur. Even before the auction opened bidding for the Einstein manuscripts had reached \$6,500,000.

TEN AMBULANCES PRESENTED TO PALESTINE RED MOGEN DAVID FOR SERVICE ON HOME FRONT

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Ten fully equipped ambulances were officially turned over to the Palestine Red Mogen David tonight at the annual dedication dinner of the American Red Mogen David for Palestine at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Among the speakers who praised the life-saving work being performed by the Red Mogen David in Palestine were Congressman Emanuel Celler and Mrs. Archibald Silverman. Messages were received from President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., Herbert H. Lehman, Wendell Willkie and British Ambassador Lord Halifax.

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The American Representation of the General Jewish Workers' Union of Poland adopted a resolution on the Polish-Russian conflict emphasizing that "everything possible must be done to secure a speedy liquidation of this conflict."

"The peaceful cooperation of nations cannot be achieved through using power, nor by dictatorship of the strong over the weak, but on the basis of complete equality of nations," the resolution says. "As long as there is no organization yet existing which would embody all nations as equals, the best way to solve the Polish-Russian conflict remains the arranging of a conference between the Polish and the Russian Governments with the participation of the United States and England."

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