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ARRIVAL IN POLAND OF FIRST 3,000 ITALIAN JEWISH DEPORTEES REPORTED BY UNDERGROUND

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The first authenticated report of the arrival in Poland of a transport of Italian Jews was received here today by official Polish circles. The report, which came from reliable underground sources, states that last November 15, about 3,000 Italian Jews arrived at the Trawniki labor camp. They were apparently chosen from among the first group of Jews rounded up by the Germans in occupied northern Italy. The present whereabouts of the deportees is unknown, since the Trawniki camp was liquidated several weeks ago.

The Polish Government-in-Exile reported today that 600 of the Jews who were brought to Warsaw to clear the debris from the devastated ghetto have been killed by the German authorities since October.

The Manchester Guardian has published an article demanding that the British Government establish immediate rescue machinery similar to the War Refugee Board in the United States. The article points out that the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees may be able and willing to rescue Jews from Nazi lands but cannot do so immediately. "The American Government has already abandoned a defeatist and timid view with regard to rescue and relief work. Britain must now follow suit," the paper writes.

Brutal Treatment of Italian Jews By Gestapo Described in Milan Report

BERN, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The brutal treatment of Italian Jews by German guards in Italian concentration camps is described in a report from Milan published in the newspaper Libera Stampa reaching here today.

The report states that the interned Jews are placed at the mercy of a Gestapo captain named Klaus Sonneke, who is in charge of the "Jewish camps." Prior to being interrogated, the Jewish internees are subjected to terrible physical torture, including hour-long beatings. Their hands are placed in iron presses, and many of them are given a "frozen bath" which usually leads to death. Even children are not spared.

The report confirms that when the Fascist Ministry of Interior issued an order recently for the release from the internment camps of Jewish children under the age of 13 and people over 70 years old, the Gestapo captain tore up the Italian order and speeded the deportation of Jewish children and aged to occupied Poland.

RUMANIANS ARRESTED FOR HELPING JEWS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY

ZURICH, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Twenty persons were arrested today in Bucharest on the charge of helping Jews in Rumania to leave the country illegally, the German radio reported.

The DNB, official German news agency, today launched a campaign against Jewish soldiers in the Allied armies. The agency quotes German newspapers as reporting that German soldiers returning from British captivity complain that Jewish guards "made life difficult for them." At the same time, the soldiers admit that they had a hard time at the front whenever they came up against Jewish soldiers of the Allied armies.

OPPOSITION MAY SEEK TO DELAY CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON PALESTINE RESOLUTION, SILVER WARNS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the executive committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council, today declared that the initial hearings on the Palestine Resolution before the House Foreign Affairs Committee "have shown unmistakably that the pending resolution commands very strong support both in the Committee and the House."

Dr. Silver warned, however, that "our own battle is not yet won, and it may be prolonged." He pointed out that the opponents of the resolution may have recourse to "delaying tactics designed to hold up the passage of the resolution in the hope that something may happen which will help to defeat it." He added that "it is possible that an effort will be made to delay Congressional action by bringing about intervention by one Department of the Government or another. Arguments on the ground of 'military necessity' may be used against the resolution as they were used a year ago to prevent or delay the restoration of the rights of the Jews of Algeria under the Cremieux Decree."

Asserting that "those charged with responsibility are vigilant and will continue to do all that is necessary," Dr. Silver declared that the intensive campaigns which have been conducted for the abrogation of the White Paper and for a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine "combined with the quiet political work which has been carried on, have produced a cumulative effect. It is no exaggeration to say that the political outlook regarding Palestine has recently undergone a change for the better both in Washington and London. I have reason to hope that we shall see evidence of this gradual improvement in the near future."

Hearings on the resolution will be resumed in Washington on Tuesday when further testimony by proponents and opponents of the measure will be heard. Among those expected to appear are representatives of Arab groups in the United States.

PALESTINE WHITE COLLAR WORKERS CONFERENCE DEcriES RISE IN COST OF LIVING

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Inflation has resulted in a total wage cut of about \$700 for a bachelor and \$1,300 for a married man with two children in the period since the outbreak of the war, a Palestine-wide conference of office worker's groups was told today.

The conference, which represents about 10,000 white collar workers, demanded that these employees be reimbursed for the loss in purchasing power suffered as a result of the approximately 300 percent rise in the cost of living in Palestine and opposed any cut in the current "cost-of-living allowances" which are designed to offset somewhat the decreased purchasing power of the pound.

Reports from the Palestine industrial delegation now in Cairo conferring with the Middle East Supply Board and Egyptian industrialists state it has completed satisfactory negotiations for the sale of Palestine goods in neighboring markets and the shipment of raw materials to Palestine.

APPOINTMENT OF A JEWISH MAJOR GENERAL REPORTED BY MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The newspaper Pravda reports today the appointment of a Jewish officer, Israel Hiller, to the rank of Major-General in the Red Army.

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ROOSEVELT SAYS ANTI-SEMITES PLAY HITLER'S GAME, SERVE PURPOSES OF NAZIS

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism was branded as Hitler propaganda by President Roosevelt in a message read today to the National Conference to Combat Anti-Semitism, which has been called by the American Jewish Congress. In his message, which was addressed to Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, the President stated that "whoever condones or participates in anti-Semitism plays Hitler's game."

At the opening session of the conference, which will conclude tomorrow, Mayor Fiorello La Guardia declared that there was no organized anti-Semitism in New York City and criticized certain newspapers which he charged were sensationalizing the situation. He defended his failure to remove Patrolman John Drew, who has been accused of participation in anti-Jewish organizations, and asserted that there was no anti-Semitism in the New York police department. The mayor's refusal to act in the Drew case was criticized by Rabbi Wise.

The text of the President's letter reads:

"The attempt by Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party to rule Germany, to rule Europe and then to rule the Western World, was based on two brutal devices: organized terror and organized anti-Semitism. Terror put Hitler in power and kept him there. Anti-Semitism was the terror's counterpart in propaganda. In the name of the self-styled Master race, Hitler robbed, first his own people, then the peoples of Europe, and tomorrow, by his own boast, would have robbed the world. In the past months we have defeated Hitler's plan for world conquest. We have recovered some of his stolen gains and in the months to come, we shall recover more, and we shall meet and defeat Hitler on his own ground.

"Some of the sources of anti-Semitism in this country were created to serve Hitler's purpose. Let every American look to his own mind and actions so that while we defeat Hitler's armies we also defeat his poisonous propaganda. Whoever condones or participates in anti-Semitism plays Hitler's game. There is no place in the lives or thoughts of true Americans for anti-Semitism."

Associate Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy echoed the President's charge about instigation of anti-Semitism in the United States in communications in connection with the National Conference. Justice Murphy asserted that great sums and extensive efforts had been expended by Nazi representatives in this country, acting directly or indirectly, to spread religious intolerance here.

140,000 CHURCHES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY OBSERVE "RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY"

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Race Relations Sunday, honoring the memory of Abraham Lincoln, was observed today in 140,000 churches throughout the United States where a message from President Roosevelt calling for racial unity in this country was read. The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America sponsored the observance.

Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, chairman of the Christian Council of Palestine, yesterday told 100 Washington clergymen he was "startled by the growing wave of anti-Semitism" seen on a recent nationwide tour. Dr. Atkinson asserted "Hitler realizes that Nazism has been defeated on the battlefield, and now is fostering a campaign to conquer the democracies from within."

NEW YORK TIMES DEMANDS IMMEDIATE ABROGATION OF WHITE PAPER; AVOIDS COMMONWEALTH ISSUE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The immediate abrogation of the British White Paper is demanded in an editorial in the New York Times which emphasizes that there may be differences of opinion as to the future political status of Palestine, but there is general agreement in the United States on the necessity of removing the White Paper ban on Jewish immigration to Palestine.

Pointing out that the case for American intervention in the question of the White Paper is now stronger than it was five years ago when the document was issued by the British Government, the editorial says:

"The presence of our troops and supply depots in the Near East and our vital concern in peace and order in this strategic area give us a greater right to urge that the White Paper should now be abrogated. At the time it was published this newspaper opposed the rigid limitation on the flow of immigrants into Palestine as unjust and unacceptable, and everything that has happened since confirms and strengthens that opinion. The increasingly desperate state of those of Jewish faith in Europe has made it more than ever evident that in these tragic years the doors of any place of refuge, instead of being closed to a crack, should have been opened wider.

"On the future political status of Palestine there is room for wide and deep divergences of view," the editorial continues. "This question remains, and promises to remain for a long time to come, one of the most complex and highly charged problems for post-war statesmanship. But it is significant that Jews and non-Jews, no matter how much they differ on this point, stand solidly in support of that part of the current Congressional resolution that advocates American initiative in seeking to obtain the resumption of immigration. The hearings before the House Foreign Affairs Committee reveal general agreement on the justice and necessity of removing the White Paper ban. This is a fair reflection of public opinion in this country. The final settlement of the Palestine problem fits into the framework of the general peace. It depends on the code of justice and security the victors are able to establish. Meantime there can be no question that humanity and a sense of reality demand that the arbitrary ban should be lifted and immigration should be permitted on the most generous terms possible," the editorial concludes.

NATIONWIDE PROGRAM TO STUDY TUBERCULOSIS AMONG JEWS IN AMERICA IS ANNOUNCED

DENVER, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A nation-wide program to study tuberculosis among the Jewish people of the United States and to meet the needs disclosed by the study, now and after the war, is being undertaken by the Council of National Jewish Tuberculosis Institutions, it was announced here today by Milton L. Anfenger, president of the Council. The Council is comprised of the Ex-Patients Tubercular Home, of Denver; the Jewish Consumptive Relief Association, of Los Angeles, and the National Jewish Hospital at Denver.

"It is reasonable to expect that the Jewish people of the United States will be affected by the war consequences and that increased facilities to cope with this problem will be necessary," the announcement said. "The Council of National Jewish Tuberculosis Institutions regards the solution of this problem as its primary and immediate concern." A budget of \$20,000 for the first year's operation of the Council has been approved by the member agencies.