

SENATE PASSES RESOLUTION URGING U. S. GOVERNMENT TO FEED PEOPLE IN OCCUPIED EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The United States Senate today unanimously passed a resolution urging the State Department to cooperate with the Governments of Britain, Sweden and Switzerland to send food now to the hungry people in occupied Europe.

The measure was unanimously approved by the Foreign Relations Committee in December. Open hearings on the resolution, introduced by Senators Taft and Gillette, were held in January before a special subcommittee headed by Senator Thomas of Utah. Herbert Hoover was one of the witnesses.

ARAB SPOKESMAN THREATENS AMERICA AT CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- A warning that "American work in Arab countries will be endangered" if the resolution urging free Jewish immigration to Palestine and the ultimate establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth there is passed by Congress, was given here by Prof. Philip K. L. Hitti, a spokesman for American Arabs, who was the first witness to testify today before the House Foreign Affairs Committee when it resumed hearings on the Palestine Resolution.

"Will the United States send its navy to protect a Jewish Commonwealth?" he asked during his testimony, which took about two hours. "The establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth has no hope of success," he said.

Declaring that he is an American citizen, educated in American schools in Lebanon and at Columbia University and that he is now a professor at Princeton University, Prof. Hitti stressed the right of Palestine Arabs to the Palestine soil. He said that the Arabs are not anti-Semitic, but they do not consider Palestine as a solution of the Jewish problem. The phrase "National Home" in the Balfour Declaration was ambiguous, he stated. He quoted the views of Dr. J. L. Magnes on Arab-Jewish relations and asserted that the Ichud group led by Dr. Magnes was "the most realistic Zionist body" since it does not favor the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth.

Has No Objection to Admitting Jews to Syria and Lebanon

Prof. Hitti made it clear in his testimony that in his opinion Palestine has fulfilled its obligations as a refuge for Jews. He added that he would be willing to see more Jews go even to Syria and Lebanon, but not with a view of establishing a Jewish state.

Asked if he would approve of the Palestine Resolution if the phrase "Jewish Commonwealth" were omitted, Prof. Hitti replied: "That was passed in 1922. Why pass it again?" He insisted that Arab hostility to Jewish immigration to Palestine is "justified" and said that beside the Balfour Declaration there were also other

promises made by the British Government with regard to Palestine. "Palestine became a multi-promised land," he added.

Questioned by Chairman Sol Bloom, Prof. Hitti agreed that the United States has the right to ask the British Government to live up to the Palestine Mandate.

American Jewish Committee Urges International Trusteeship for Palestine

Abrogation of the British White Paper on Palestine and free Jewish immigration under an international trusteeship was urged by the American Jewish Committee in a statement presented to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The statement, presented by Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president, advocated that the Palestine Resolution be amended so as to provide for an "international trusteeship responsible to the United Nations." It asked that "final determination of the controversial question of a Jewish Commonwealth be deferred."

Amendment of the resolution by the Committee on Foreign Affairs as suggested by the American Jewish Committee "would be a long step forward toward reaching an ultimately just, fair and beneficial solution of the Palestinian problem" that will advance the basic purpose of the Resolution which is "to help many thousands of persecuted Jews to find hospitable refuge in Palestine," the statement said. It emphasized that its proposed amendment to the resolution "does not prejudice the ultimate world order into the framework of which the determination of the political status of Palestine will be obliged to fit."

Signed by Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president; Jacob Blaustein, chairman, Executive Com.; Alan M. Strock, chairman Administrative Com.; and Dr. Slawson, the statement reaffirmed the long interest of the Committee "in the development of a Jewish settlement in Palestine, entirely apart from the political status of Palestine."

Wise, Neumann Emphasize Arab Sabotage of Allied War Effort

Emanuel Neumann, testifying at the hearing, stressed the harm done by Arab states to the Allied war effort. "Palestine has been the only support of the United Nations in the Middle East," Neumann said. The Arabs, he pointed out, have too much land and not enough population. "Palestine was constituted precisely because it was not intended as an Arab State," he argued.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise pointed out that the Arabs have done next to nothing for the war effort, while the Jews in Palestine had to keep down enlistments of Jewish volunteers there. "I want my people to have the chance to live side by side with the Arabs in a Jewish Commonwealth," he stated. He asserted that 90 to 95 percent of the Jews in the United States would support the Palestine Resolution and referred to the fact that the American Jewish Conference, which adopted a resolution in favor of a Jewish Commonwealth, represented three of America's five million Jews.

Chairman Sol Bloom announced at the hearing that of the thousands of messages which the House Committee for Foreign Affairs received with regard to the Palestine Resolution, only 10 were against the resolution.

GUNMEN ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE JEWISH PHYSICIAN OF DANISH KING

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Erik Warburg, Jewish physician for whom King Christian of Denmark personally intervened when the Germans sought to deport him to Poland several months ago, was fired upon by unidentified gunmen in Copenhagen yesterday, it is reported here today. Two men fired seven shots at Dr. Warburg as he sat in his office in the Danish State Hospital, but all missed.

TURKISH GOVERNMENT READY TO AID IN RESCUE OF JEWS FROM BALKAN COUNTRIES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The Turkish Government is ready to cooperate with the War Refugee Board and other relief and rescue organizations of the Allied Nations to rescue Jews in the Balkan countries, it was learned here today as result of Chief Rabbi Herzog's visit to Ankara.

A Turkish ship may soon be placed at the disposal of interested relief agencies for the purpose of rescuing several thousand Jewish children from Rumania and Bulgaria. The Rumanian Government has indicated that it will permit the children to sail from the port of Constanta. High Turkish officials have told Chief Rabbi Herzog that Turkey will be willing to facilitate the transportation of Jews from the Balkans provided that the countries which release them and the countries which are willing to admit them agree to accept Turkey as intermediary.

AMERICAN RED CROSS ESTABLISHES CONTACT WITH JEWS IN RUMANIA, HUNGARY, THERESIENSTADT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The American Red Cross today announced that it is in a position to establish contact with Jews in Hungary, Rumania and Theresienstadt, and is prepared to accept messages for Jews there from their relatives in the United States.

At the same time, the announcement emphasized that communication with Jews in occupied Poland is impossible. Messages from Jewish deportees confined in the fortress town of Theresienstadt, in Czecho-slovakia, are already reaching relatives in America with fair regularity, the announcement said.

The exchange of messages between Jews in Theresienstadt, Hungary and Rumania and their relatives in the United States is arranged by the American Red Cross through the cooperation of the International Red Cross. The average time elapsed between the acceptance of a message by a Red Cross office here and its arrival at its destination is about four months. Messages from occupied countries to the United States take about the same length of time to arrive.

JEWS OF SPANISH ANCESTRY REACH SPAIN FROM GREECE IN SEALED CATTLE TRAIN

LONDON, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- London newspapers today reported from Madrid that several hundred Jews from occupied Greece, whose ancestors left Spain many generations ago, have reached the French-Spanish frontier in a cattle train.

The Spanish Red Cross, the report said, had to rush immediate aid to the Jews since they had been travelling for several days in sealed cars without any food or water. Many of them were taken from the cars suffering from exhaustion and hunger. All of them reported that they had been mistreated by the Gestapo guards in France.

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION HITS BILL TO BAR RACIAL PROPAGANDA FROM MAILS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The American Civil Liberties Union is opposed to passage of the Lynch Bill, which would ban from the mails false and defamatory racial and religious statements, it was stated today by Morris Ernst testifying before the House Post Office Committee.

Ernst declared that the ACLU felt that it would be difficult to pin down this type of material and also believed that the bill would encroach on the basic rights of the American people to speak their mind.

GEN. SPAATZ LAUDS YOUNG JEWISH CAPTAIN FOR SKILL AND LEADERSHIP AS NAVIGATOR

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Capt. Lester G. Abeloff, a 26-year-old Jewish flier, has been hailed by Lieut. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commander of all bombing attacks on Germany, for his "skill, leadership and initiative" as lead navigator of his bomber group, it was announced today by the Jewish Welfare Board. Capt. Abeloff is the holder of 12 decorations, the announcement said.

Capt. Abeloff, with 50 missions to his credit, has amassed a total of 304 operational combat hours and was lead navigator on most of these missions. His citations credit him with contributing substantially to the infliction of heavy losses on enemy personnel, shipping, and military installations."

During a high altitude mission over Foggia, Captain Abeloff was wounded when flak, bursting close to the nose of the aircraft, penetrated the navigator's compartment through its side window and struck him on the temple. Knocked unconscious and flung from his seat, Captain Abeloff recovered only after the plane had completed its bomb-run and was then faced with the task of prescribing the course for the entire group on the route home. In severe pain, he nevertheless refused badly needed medical aid and rejected the suggestion that another plane be signalled to take the lead. "With a minimum of delay," as his Distinguished Flying Cross citation puts it, "he efficiently and without error directed the aircraft to the proper course."

The Jewish Welfare Board also announced that Lt. David Hessel, 25, of Chicago, holder of nine decorations, is a veteran of fifty-five bombing missions as a member of the first American bombardment group to see service in Africa. Lieutenant Hessel has been both bombardier and navigator aboard Mitchell B-25 bombers. On one mission his craft, "The Pink Lady," was severely damaged by Nazi flak; one motor had been knocked out and other vital parts were not functioning. The crew was preparing to abandon the plane. It was up to Navigator Hessel. They stuck with him and he successfully guided the plane back to its base, 150 miles off.

NATHAN GESANG, PRESIDENT OF ZIONIST FEDERATION IN ARGENTINA, DIES IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Nathan Gesang, 63, president of the Zionist Federation of Argentine and a member of the Inter-American Jewish Council, died here. He was a director of the Keren Hayesod in Argentina.

Mr. Gesang was honored by leaders of Jewish organizations in New York during his visit to the United States in 1942 as a delegate to the Inter-American Jewish Conference called by the World Jewish Congress. He was of the opinion that the Jews of the American continent are now responsible for the future of the Jews of the entire world and advocated that ideological differences in American Jewish life be relegated to the background in order that Jewish unity might be achieved.

The Argentine Zionist leader was born in Cracow, Poland and studied at the local Yeshiva and later at the Lehranstalt für die Wissenschaft des Judentums in Berlin. He emigrated to Argentina in 1910 and became active in Zionist activities immediately.

NATHAN FEINERMAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF JEWISH SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE, DEAD

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Nathan Feinerman, executive secretary of the Yiddish Scientific Institute, died today at the Bronx Hospital here after an illness of several weeks. A former educational director of the Workmen's Circle, the largest Jewish labor fraternal organization in the country, he helped to organize the American branch of the Yiddish Scientific Institute eighteen years ago and became its executive secretary in 1931.