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UNITED NATIONS URGED TO INSTRUCT GUERRILLA UNITS TO RESCUE JEWS FROM NAZI LANDS

LONDON, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A suggestion that all Allied commanders and chiefs of guerrilla units be instructed to do their utmost to rescue Jews and political prisoners who could be transferred with minimum formalities to countries of safety, was made here today by the National Committee for Rescue from Nazi Terror to representatives of the United Nations.

Three letters from Jewish leaders in the underground movements in occupied Poland reached here today. Their contents throw light on the despair prevailing among those Jews in Poland who have so far escaped Nazi extermination.

"We believe that the country will be liberated soon, but very few of us will live to see it," says one of the letters. Another letter emphasizes the torture which the remaining Jews are still undergoing. "You cannot understand our sufferings," the letter states. "One living in London must have a pathological imagination in order to conceive what is being done to us here. All centers of Jewish life are obliterated from the face of the earth and their inhabitants have gone to death in torture camps."

The third letter, written by a well known Zionist labor leader whose name can not be disclosed for obvious reasons, reads:

"There are but a few of us left alive. Some of those still surviving are held in closed camps and they are doomed, others are still free, living under ghastly conditions under constant threat of death. Each day we come through safely is accepted as purely accidental. Death has become too common a thing to excite any fear in us. We have acquired a new mentality and a new psychological attitude. If we have any merit, it is only that in spite of everything we have retained our moral and ideological force. This is by no means due to us, but to those values which entered our blood. Thanks to them, the initiative to resist and fight has come to us, who are part of the movement for a labor Palestine."

GERMAN AUTHORITIES IN BELGIUM ARREST ALL TURKISH JEWS THERE; DEPORT THEM TO CAMPS

LONDON, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- All Turkish Jews in occupied Belgium, hitherto exempted from the German anti-Jewish laws as a concession to neutral Turkey, were rounded up this week and sent to the Malines concentration camp, Belgian Government officials reported today.

The Belgian Government-in-Exile announced that it has definitely established that there is no truth to the German reports that Jews from Belgium have been sent to Holland. "Actually these Jews have been deported to Silesia under the most terrible conditions after being stripped of all their belongings," the announcement said.

A report reaching the Belgian Government here states that the furniture and other belongings confiscated by the German occupation authorities in Belgium from homes of deported Jews are now installed in "homes for German soldiers" which are being established all over Belgium.

SWEDEN TRAINS "RESCUE UNITS" TO SPEED AID TO JEWS AND OTHERS IN EUROPE

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Special units trained to bring immediate aid to Jews and other persecuted people in occupied Europe are now being formed in Sweden, from where they will proceed to various sections of the European continent on relief and rescue missions as soon as circumstances permit, it was learned here today.

A representative of the Swedish Red Cross, which is organizing these units, is now conducting important talks in London, it was revealed. These talks will result in assisting refugees wherever possible through neutral Sweden.

Heading the Swedish "Rescue units" is Prince Carl, a brother of King Gustav. The Prince is personally engaged in preparing plans for both immediate and long-term relief programs aimed at facilitating Swedish effort to alleviate the sufferings of Jews and other people under the Nazis, it was indicated.

IRELAND TAKES ACTION AGAINST JEWISH PUBLICATION FOR INSULTING "FRIENDLY NATION"

LONDON, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The Minister of Interior of Eire today told the Daily Eireann that "appropriate action" will be taken against a Jewish youth publication in Dublin for publishing uncensored article "offensive to a friendly nation." The Minister refused to disclose both the nature of the article and the name of the nation which took exception to it.

In the House of Commons today, Minister of Information Brendan Bracken was asked to take steps against the anti-Jewish propaganda contained in the bulletin published by an organization which calls itself the "Medical Policy Association." Mr. Bracken replied that in view of the fact that even Hitler's anti-Semitic ravings made no impression on the people of Britain, he thought that the ravings of the anti-Semitic bulletin could safely be ignored.

The London Times today carries a letter from Jerusalem written by Bernard Joseph, acting head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, in which expection is taken to the report of the Palestine correspondent of the paper asserting that Jewish opposition to the White Paper and the demand for a Jewish Commonwealth is limited to terrorist groups. Mr. Joseph points out that while leading Jewish bodies strongly condemn the recent terroristic outbreaks in Palestine, they are all opposed to the White Paper and favor the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth.

LARGE JEWISH LIBRARY IN KHARKOV SAVED FROM DESTRUCTION BY GERMANS

MOSCOW, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The bulk of the 50,000 volumes in the Jewish section of the Korolenko Library at Kharkov escaped destruction by the Germans during their occupation of the city, it was reported here today by a young Jewish officer who was with the Red Army forces that liberated the Ukraine center. Among the volumes are rare ancient works from Amsterdam, Leghorn, Pisa, Koretz, Slavuta, Grodno, Vilna, Frankfurt and Venice, and large quantities of rabbinical and talmudic literature.

The officer revealed that during the shelling of Kharkov, prior to its capture by the Nazis, the upper stories of the Korolenko Library were destroyed and hundreds of tons of masonry and other debris fell into the lower story, where the Jewish collection was housed. During their occupation of the city, the Germans destroyed all the volumes of the library which were found scattered in the debris, but missed the buried Jewish volumes. They were unearthed when the Russians recaptured the city.

AMERICAN JEWISH SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS CONCERNED OVER ANTI-JEWISH INCIDENTS AT HOME

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Jewish men in the United States forces overseas are greatly concerned with the anti-Semitic incidents which have occurred at home, it was disclosed today by Rabbi Barnett Brickner, who has just returned from a visit to Jewish servicemen in all theatres of the war, except the Pacific, as a representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

At the same time, Rabbi Brickner reported that among the fighting men racial and religious prejudices are being broken down. "The troops of all faiths," he said, "are not interested in narrow denominationalism, but rather in whether a man is doing his job efficiently and to the best interests of all."

Jewish soldiers, he declared, are greatly interested in the plight of the Jewish refugees in Europe and in the situation in Palestine. This is true, Dr. Brickner said, of not only American troops, but of Palestinian units, which he saw in Italy, North Africa, Sicily and Egypt, and of British and other Allied forces. The Palestinians, particularly, he declared, attempt to assist the Jewish refugees with whom they come in contact in liberated territory.

While in Italy, Dr. Brickner saw several refugee camps where Jews who had fled from occupied Northern Italy and from other places were quartered. Among them were Jews of many nationalities who had found refuge in Italy before anti-Jewish measures were introduced there. While praising the assistance rendered the refugees by the British and American military authorities, especially the Jewish chaplains, Rabbi Brickner stressed the necessity for the immediate dispatch to liberated areas of civilian Jewish social workers with adequate facilities to help the refugees rebuild their lives.

Brickner Describes Jewish Life in "Neglected Communities"

Even in the most remote places he visited, where there were hardly enough Jews to constitute a community, individual Jewish families performed superhuman feats in entertaining Jewish troops, Rabbi Brickner stated. In the countries of the Caribbean and in India, for example, Jewish families made special efforts to receive Jewish soldiers in their homes where they were "wined and dined." In Palestine, where he spent some time, Dr. Brickner saw the large modern service clubs which the Jewish community has provided for Allied soldiers of all faiths and nations. American soldiers stationed in the Middle East, he said, look upon Palestine as an "oasis of western life" in the midst of unfamiliar living conditions and customs.

During his tour Dr. Brickner had occasion to visit what he described as the "neglected Jewish communities" in sections of India, Iran, and North Africa. These Jews live amidst filth and squalor, he revealed, with little if any contact with other Jews. He urged that young Jewish rabbis from America and Britain go into these communities as "missionaries" to raise the standards of living and to make modern educational and cultural facilities available.

Among the highpoints of his trip, Rabbi Brickner said, was a conference in Naples of Jewish chaplains of the American, British, French and other Allied forces, where plans were discussed for the holding of joint Passover services next month; and his meeting in Algeria with some of the Jewish residents who had functioned as an "Allied fifth column" during the period of Vichy rule and who helped to pave the way for the Allied invasion.

RED CROSS WILL PROVIDE JEWISH INTERNEES AND WAR PRISONERS WITH MATZOTH

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The representative of the American Red Cross in Geneva together with the International Red Cross have arranged that Jewish civilian internees and United Nations prisoners of war of the Jewish faith will be provided with matzoth for Passover, the Agudas Israel office announced today.

TRADE AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT WILL NOT MATERIALLY IMPROVE PALESTINE FOOD SITUATION

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24. (JTA) — Despite the trade agreement just concluded between Egypt and Palestine, the food situation here will not be materially improved, informed sources pointed out today. Because of prior commitments to the Middle East Supply Center, Egypt is unable to provide the foods which Palestine needs to raise nutritional standards, such as wheat, rice and sugar. Some barley, bran and small quantities of secondary foodstuffs will be shipped and the conference agreed that the shipments would be increased when conditions warrant.

For its basic food requirements, Palestine will have to turn to the Middle East Supply Center, which controls most of the available food supplies in this area. It is reported that Palestine food authorities will open talks with Supply Center authorities this week-end where they will discuss the possibility of importing larger quantities of essential foods. They will probably also discuss with the supply officials the question of clearance for raw materials which Egypt is willing to export if approval is granted.

The principal commodity which Palestine will export to Egypt will be oranges. The Egyptian mission spoke of importing "considerable quantities," but as yet no definite amount has been fixed. Local citrus growers, faced with the loss of the present bumper crop, are anxiously awaiting official word on what relief they can expect. In the meantime they have postponed an emergency conference called to discuss the crisis in the industry.

Another export to Egypt will be pharmaceutical products, which it needs badly, and also some manufactures which are produced in Egypt in only limited quantities. Export of the latter depends on whether Palestine producers can offer the Egyptians a satisfactory price. This involves the whole question of the high production costs here, which are the result of the inflationary rise in the cost of living. The Middle East Supply Center will also have to approve Palestine imports of raw materials, in order to make possible the export of manufactured items to Egypt. Included are materials from the United States which are used in the manufacture of atabrine which is needed to combat a malaria epidemic now raging in upper Egypt.

PLANT FIRST TREES OF FOREST IN PALESTINE NAMED AFTER RABBI MEIR BERLIN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24. (JTA) — The first 36 trees of a forest of 25,000 that will be planted in honor of Rabbi Meir Berlin, Mirachi leader, and which will be known as "Yair Meir," were planted yesterday at the settlement of Kfar Etzion, which is between Hebron and Jerusalem. Funds for the forest were raised among members of the Mirachi in Palestine and the United States. The settlement of Kfar Etzion, which was twice destroyed in the past 20 years, was taken over by the Jewish National Fund last year and is being farmed by members of the Poale Mirachi.

RABBI KATZ, CHAPLAIN TO AMERICAN JEWISH SERVICEMEN IN NEW ZEALAND, DIES

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Feb. 10. (JTA) — By Airmail — Rabbi Solomon Katz, who as senior rabbi of New Zealand had for the past two years been acting as chaplain for the Jewish Welfare Board to American Jewish servicemen in this country, died here today. He was instrumental in securing the entry of hundreds of Jewish refugees into New Zealand.

Born in Kaderash, Russia, Rabbi Katz was a graduate of Jew's College, London and the Jewish Theological Seminary. After living for some years in England, Rabbi Katz served in Auckland New Zealand, and came to the United States in 1920. A member of the Rabbinical Assembly of the U. S., he served congregations in New York, Birmingham, Ala., and New Rochelle, before returning to New Zealand in 1931 to be Senior Rabbi for the Wellington Hebrew Congregation, which he served until his death.