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UNDERGROUND IN POLAND GETS JTA NEWS; KEEPS JEWS INFORMED OF JEWISH LIFE ABROAD

LONDON, March 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency news service is now reaching Jews in occupied Poland through the Jewish underground movement, it was revealed here today by the Polish Government-in-Exile.

News bulletins issued by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in London, which give a comprehensive picture of Jewish life in the United States, Palestine and other countries, are being sent by the Polish Government to the Jewish underground movement in Poland through secret channels. This not only enables Jews in Poland to be posted on Jewish events abroad, but also on the efforts which Jews in the democratic countries are making to save as many Jews in Poland as possible.

The Polish Government today reported that the German administration has decided to start liquidating the Lodz ghetto which is the last one remaining in Poland. There are about 150,000 Jews in Lodz at present, most of them skilled workers brought from various Nazi-held countries to work for German war industries. The report of the Polish Government confirms that not a single Jew has been left by the Germans in the city of *Lwow*.

SWEEPING GESTAPO MEASURES AGAINST NATIVE-BORN JEWS EXPECTED IN FRANCE

ZURICH, March 8. (JTA) -- Sweeping measures against Jews in all parts of France are predicted in the Swiss press today in connection with information reaching here from Paris that the Gestapo has completed a compilation of lists of all Jews born in France.

It has been known here that the Gestapo had ordered all municipalities throughout France to submit lists of Jews born in each city. The work of compiling these lists has been going on for several weeks. Today a French news agency reported that the Vichy Government has officially asked the German authorities in France for copies of these lists.

160 RUMANIAN JEWS REACH PALESTINE; LEFT RUMANIA BEFORE COUNTRY ENTERED THE WAR

HAIFA, March 8. (JTA) -- A group of 160 Rumanian Jews arrived here today after a trip which started before Rumania entered the war.

The Jewish refugees were aboard a vessel which was wrecked in the Black Sea and reached the Turkish coast in life-boats. They were interned by the Turkish authorities while efforts were made to secure their admittance to Palestine. When the Palestine Government refused them admittance, they were transferred to Cyprus and held in a camp there for more than two-and-a-half years. The Jewish Agency finally secured immigration visas for them, enabling them to land here today as legal immigrants.

A report from Istanbul reaching here today said that fifty Jewish children from Bulgaria have arrived there en route to Palestine. A second group of 75 Jewish children is expected to arrive there within the next ten days.

AMERICAN REPLY TO ARAB PROTESTS WILL BE MADE FROM WASHINGTON, STATE DEPT. SAYS

WASHINGTON, March 8. (JTA) -- Any reply by the United States Government to the Egyptian memorandum of protest on the Palestine resolution, filed with the State Department last week, will be made in Washington, a spokesman of the State Department told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

A press report from Cairo said that United States Minister Alexander C. Kirk visited Egyptian Prime Minister Nahas Pasha yesterday to deliver a verbal reply to the Egyptian protest to Washington. Mr. Kirk was understood to have said that the Congressional Resolution did not necessarily represent the position of the Administration.

Rep. Ranulf Compton, a Republican and co-sponsor of the Palestine resolution, today presented on the floor of the House "further evidence of a planned conspiracy within the Administration and among Administration supporters to prevent the members of the House and Senate from knowing or discussing the facts surrounding the mysterious decision to kill the Palestine resolution."

Rep. Compton cited the withdrawal of a column by Drew Pearson on the Palestine resolution from all but the earliest edition of the Washington Post. Without vouching for the accuracy of Pearson's statements, Compton said, "I call attention to his column only to show that there is a determined attempt right here in Washington to silence discussions on the Palestine resolution. Each such attempt can be traced to the New Deal Administration."

Drew Pearson, in his column, revealed that the developments on the Palestine resolution are a result of Major General Patrick J. Hurley's talk with President Roosevelt on problems of the Near East. "Maj. Gen. Hurley," Pearson wrote, "who conferred with Arab ruler Ibn Saud on Saudi Arabia's oil, reported that the Arabs would revolt against further Jewish migration; Arab-Jewish riots would trouble British troops, might complicate a second front. The President, harassed by Hurley's harangue on behalf of the British, suggested the ex-Secretary of War report to the present Secretary, Henry L. Stimson. Hurley did. There was a meeting of minds. Stimson had sent a letter to Senator Connally, chairman of Foreign Relations on Jewish migration and later sent Chief of Staff Marshall to testify before Connally's committee."

JEWISH TAILOR IN RUSSIA HIDDEN IN CELLAR FOR TWO YEARS UNDER GERMAN OCCUPATION

MOSCOW, March 8. (JTA) -- Red Star, the Russian army newspaper, today publishes a story of an old Jewish tailor who lived in a cellar for nearly two and a half years until the Russian forces ended the German occupation of his village.

The place was Vasilyevka, in the Kirovograd region, and the tailor, Isai Konstantinovich, was kept alive in his hiding place by an elderly neighbor who risked her life to bring him food. His hands and feet were swollen, and his fingers twisted with rheumatism when he was brought out; his eyes were conditioned to darkness, and shunned the light. "If he had been discovered, he and his protectress would have been put to death under the German anti-Jewish policy," the paper points out.

PRIM BROADCAST TO JEWS IN OCCUPIED EUROPE ASSURES THEM OF RESCUE EFFORTS

LONDON, March 8. (JTA) -- In a Purim broadcast to the Jews of Europe tonight, Dr. Israel Goldstein, who spoke over a British Broadcasting System overseas program, declared that the Jews of Britain, America, Russia and Palestine are unified in their desire to aid their brethren in occupied countries.

JEWISH AGENCY RESUMES DEMAND FOR A JEWISH ARMY; BRITAIN EXPLAINS DIFFICULTIES

LONDON, March 8. (JTA) -- The demand that Britain fulfill its promise to establish a Jewish fighting force was voiced here today at a public meeting by Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, who is in London to participate in discussions with British officials on post-war Palestine. He urged that the British Government combine all Jewish military units scattered throughout the Mediterranean theatre of war into one Jewish army.

British official circles explained that the Jewish army has not been raised chiefly because of "administrative difficulties which would arise if every race or religious minority in the British Empire raised its own army." The statement also pointed out that it is difficult to identify or gather throughout the world all the Jews wishing to serve in such army, "not to mention the welding of the army into a single unified whole."

Official circles today also defended the White Paper policy by repeating the old argument that not all Jewish immigrants allowed to enter Palestine under the White Paper have actually come into the country. They emphasized that immigration to Palestine must be controlled in accordance with the absorptive capacity, suitability of the immigrants, necessity to detect the infiltration of spies and fifth-columnists.

Commenting on the fact that the majority of the Mandates Commission of the League of Nations had voted against the White Paper, these same circles stated that the attitude of the Commission "weakened" in a subsequent interchange of views during which its members could not agree as to whether the policy of the White Paper was in accord with the mandate, or whether the mandate was unworkable under certain circumstances. Therefore, the British statement declares, the views of the members of the Mandates Commission were transmitted to the Council of the League of Nations without unanimous recommendations. The Council did not act on the report of the Mandates Commission due to the outbreak of the war, which paralyzed the work of the League.

PRO-BILTMORE WING OF PALESTINE LABOR PARTY EMERGES VICTORIOUS IN FIGHT WITH OPPOSITION

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- The Council of the Jewish Labor Party which was convened to settle internal differences of opinion concluded today after deciding to hold new elections for Labor Party representatives to the executive committee of the Histadruth, in which the Labor Party has a majority. This is considered a victory for the section of the party which supports the Biltmore Declaration.

The opposition group did not participate in the voting on the resolution. The decision to hold new elections within the Labor Party for delegates to the executive committee of the Histadruth was precipitated by the fact that of the 21 members of the committee who last week voted against the Biltmore Declaration, sixteen represented the Labor Party. It was claimed at the session today that these 16 did not reflect the sentiments of the electors.

The Council of the Labor Party also decided to urge the Histadruth to call a Histadruth conference as soon as possible in order to pass on the resolution with regard to the future status of Palestine which Palestine Jewish delegates are to introduce at the international trade union congress which is to take place in London in June. Another resolution adopted by the Council invites members of the Histadruth who are not affiliated with any political group to join the Labor Party.

EGYPTIAN KING RECEIVES GRAND RABBI

CAIRO, March 8. (JTA) -- King Farouk of Egypt today gave an audience to Grand Rabbi Nahoum at Abedine Palace. The subject of their discussion was not revealed.

ROOSEVELT HAILS YOUTH IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE; HADASSAH CABLES \$250,000 AS PURIM GIFT

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt, in a message addressed to Miss Henrietta Szold in Palestine, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Youth Aliyah movement, expressed the hope it "will take its place at the forefront" in healing broken bodies and rebuilding shattered lives when Europe will be liberated from the Nazis.

Marking the Youth Aliyah anniversary and the 32nd anniversary of its own founding on Purim in March 1912, the Hadassah today cabled \$250,000 to Miss Szold for maintenance and education of Jewish refugee children in Palestine. Hadassah is the Hebrew name for Queen Esther who was victorious in her struggle with the Persian tyrants who sought to annihilate the Jews during the reign of Xerxes (485-486 B.C.). The holiday of Purim, which begins at sundown today, commemorates this victory.

President Roosevelt, in his message to Miss Szold, said: "The ten years of Youth Aliyah's existence have witnessed an attempted Nazi extermination of whole peoples colder and far more systematic than the mass slaughters of Tamerlane. During those years your organization has freed many thousand children from German hands. The care, training, and useful employment with which you provide them will go far toward redeeming their hearts from terror and their minds from nightmare memory. You have helped redeem the future these children will mold. The coming liberation of Europe will present us all with unparalleled problems. We must heal broken bodies, rebuild shattered lives and faith. I am sure that in this task Youth Aliyah with your guidance will take its place to the forefront, as in the past."

DETROIT JEWISH LEADER GIVES \$50,000 TO PALESTINE; IS HONORED BY COMMUNITY

DETROIT, March 8. (JTA) -- The sum of \$50,000 was contributed here today by Moishe Shaver, communal leader and chairman of the Geverkshaften Campaign, for the establishment of an institution in Palestine in the name of his late parents.

The announcement of the contribution was made on the occasion of Mr. Shaver's fiftieth birthday which was observed at a reception at the Statler Hotel here attended by 500 representatives of various organizations in Detroit and by leaders of the American Zionist labor movement who came from New York. As an expression of appreciation of Mr. Shaver's services to the community, the Labor Zionist movement in Detroit decided to acquire in his honor 400 dunams of land through the Jewish National Fund.

JEWISH MEN WILL NOT BE INDUCTED DURING PASSOVER WEEK, SELECTIVE SERVICE ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- Selective Service headquarters announced today that Jewish men will not be inducted or sent for pre-induction physical examination during the Passover week, April 8-15. In a letter to the Synagogue Council of America, which had requested that this be done, a Selective Service spokesman stated that the Army and Navy had both agreed.

CHIEF RABBI OF BUDAPEST DIES IN HUNGARY AT 83

LONDON, March 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Gyula Fischer, chief rabbi of Budapest, has died at the age of 83, according to the Hungarian press. Dr. Fischer taught at the Rabbinical Seminary in Budapest for thirty years and interpreted Judeo-Hellenic literature, through translations into the Hungarian.