

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ASKS ROOSEVELT, CHURCHILL, STALIN TO AID JEWS IN HUNGARY

NEW YORK, March 23. (JTA) -- A joint statement by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin warning German occupational authorities in Hungary that the United Nations will punish "all those guilty of initiating or participating in inhuman treatment of civilians" was urged by the American Jewish Committee in a telegram sent today to Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

Signed by Joseph M. Proskauer, president, and George Z. Medalie, chairman of the overseas committee, the American Jewish Committee statement warned that the "only available method of preventing or lessening the Nazi mass murders" of the almost one million Jews in Hungary was "to instill among the Nazis and their collaborators the fear of post-war retribution from the victorious United Nations."

"The recent and continuing Nazi invasion activities in Hungary have put almost one million Jews in imminent danger of extermination," the statement reads. "The most immediately available method of preventing or lessening typical Nazi mass murders is to instill among the Nazis and their collaborators the fear of post-war retribution from the victorious United Nations. We therefore respectfully and urgently advise the issuance of a joint statement by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin emphatically reaffirming previous pledges of full punishment for all those guilty of initiating or participating in inhuman treatment of civilians. We earnestly feel that such a statement may save many human lives in Hungary, last remaining large center of Jewish population in Europe."

Jews in Hungary Seek to Join Yugoslav and Russian Guerilla Units

ZURICH, March 23. (JTA) -- Many young Jews in Hungary, fearing for their lives under German occupation and aware of Hitler's determination to annihilate them, are making desperate efforts to reach either Marshal Tito's partisans forces on the Yugoslav-Hungarian frontier, or Polish and Russian guerilla groups now operating on Polish territory behind the German lines between the city of Lwow and the Carpatho-Ukrainian part of Hungary, it was reported here today.

The Swiss press predicts today that German military forces in Hungary will have difficulty in combatting attacks by guerilla units which, it said, will no doubt be formed in the Hungarian section of the Carpathian mountains which the Russian Army is approaching. Commentators in Swiss newspapers agree that these guerilla units will be formed of Jews, Poles and Hungarian Social Democrats, assisted by Russian instructors and ammunition which will be dropped by parachutes from Russian planes.

The Carpathian mountains and the woods in that section offer an ideal hide-out for guerillas, especially with the approach of Spring, it is pointed out by some of the Swiss writers who compare the hilly section of the Hungarian-Polish frontier with some of the mountain regions in Switzerland. The general feeling here is that Jews in Hungary now have nothing to lose and much to gain by joining guerilla units either on the Russian front near the Hungarian frontier, or on the side of the Yugoslav partisans who have saved many Jews from extermination by the Nazis in occupied Yugoslavia.

PALESTINE JEWS APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT AND CHURCHILL TO SAVE JEWS OF HUNGARY

TEL AVIV, March 23. (JTA) -- Two appeals, one directed to President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill and the other to guerilla fighters inside Nazi Europe, asking them to save Jews from German-occupied Hungary and from other Nazi-held territories, were issued today by the Council of the Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Labor.

Expressing fear concerning the fate of the 900,000 Jews in occupied Hungary, David Remez, Histadruth leader, voiced the feelings of all Jews in Palestine when he stated in his address opening the Council's sessions that "we tremble for what may happen to the Jews in Hungary if no stern warning will be forthcoming from Roosevelt and Churchill." Other speakers at the meeting emphasized that there are still possibilities of rescuing Jews from Nazi territory.

Investigator Reports on Jewish Situation Inside Nazi Europe

Mr. Remez also appealed to Jews in Palestine "to redouble enlistment in the fighting forces." His appeal was made in connection with renewed demands of the Jewish Agency for the establishment of a Jewish Army based on the thousands of Jews who enlisted in Palestine as volunteers in the British fighting forces.

Moshe Neustadt, a leading member of the Histadruth, who just returned from an undisclosed country, where he organized the rescue of Jews from Nazi lands, gave a detailed report on the Jewish situation inside Nazi Europe. He confirmed that Jews can still be saved from German-occupied countries and appealed to Jewish leaders in all free countries "to spare no efforts and save what can still be rescued." He especially directed his appeal to the Jews in England and America, urging them to use all means in their possession to speed rescue work. "Today it is still possible to save people, but who knows what will be tomorrow," he said.

Mobilization of Jewish Youth for Two-Year Service Urged

The suggestion that Jewish youth in Palestine, from 17 to 19 years of age, be mobilized for two years of national service was made by Isaac Tobenkin, one of the Histadruth leaders.

Other matters discussed at the meeting were "the destructive economic policy of the Palestine Government;" the recently introduced new taxation system which forces the minority of the population to pay the bulk of the taxes; the high cost of living; combatting the black market and post-war reconstruction schemes.

A proposal to convoke a world conference of Jewish financiers for the purpose of preparing "big financial plans" for the development of Palestine was made at the session by H. Frumkin, an economic expert, who said that Palestine can compete with foreign industries in the export market providing industrialists here are supplied with sufficient raw material and modernize their plants.

Frumkin criticized the economic and the building policies of the Palestine Government and asked that the administration in Palestine follow the policy of the United States in assisting agricultural construction and in considering such construction as an important part of the war effort. He also demanded that the Jewish Agency give financial assistance to the Palestine citrus industry which he predicted will, in the future, be one of the pillars of Palestine's economy. He hinted that important research and practical work is being conducted for the reclamation of farm land under a huge irrigation scheme.

PALESTINE IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS HAMPERED RESCUE OF JEWS FROM HUNGARY, PRESS CHARGES

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA) -- The British Government, and its White Paper policy of restricting Jewish immigration to Palestine, is blamed by the press here today for the fact that tens of thousands of Jews who could have been rescued from Hungary, had Palestine visas been available, are now trapped and exposed to massacre by the Nazis.

The influential Hebrew newspaper Davar reports that the Hungarian authorities were willing to permit the emigration of Jews from their country. "But what was the use of Hungary's opening its gates, when the gates of Palestine remained closed?" the paper asks.

Other Hebrew newspapers, complaining bitterly over the lost opportunity to save thousands of Jews from Hungary, vigorously demand that efforts be made even now to rescue those who can still be saved. At present, there are approximately 20,000 Hungarian Jews in Palestine, many of them occupying leading positions in the Hebrew University, in Jewish national institutions, as well as in trade and in industry.

PALESTINE CREDIT CORPORATION GETS \$16,000,000 LOAN FROM BRITISH FINANCIERS

LONDON, March 23. (JTA) -- The Palestine Corporation Ltd., a British-Jewish institution devoted to aiding the development of Jewish industry in Palestine through loans, today revealed that it has itself secured a loan of \$16,000,000 from friendly British financial circles.

The announcement was made at a meeting of the Economic Board for Palestine at which it was also reported that Russia may offer a wide market for the Palestine citrus industry and thus help to alleviate the crises which occur in the industry periodically.

The meeting, attended by leading Jewish financial figures, including Sir. Robert Waley-Cohen, Anthony de Rothschild and Lord Bearsted, heard several speakers declare that political, rather than economic matters, were dominating the Palestine scene to the detriment of the welfare of the population. Other speakers stressed the country's "unique attractiveness" for enterprise.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ALLOWS SHIPPING OF MATZOHS TO JEWS IN LIBERATED ITALY

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA) -- Jewish refugees from many parts of Europe who were liberated from internment camps after the Allied invasion of Italy will have matzo this Passover for the first time in several years, it was learned here today.

In reply to an appeal from Chief Rabbi Herzog, the Palestine Food Comptroller has agreed to permit the shipment of eighty tons of matzo to the liberated portions of Italy for use by the refugees, most of whom are presently housed in Allied camps. The matzo will be sent immediately in order to reach Italy in time for the first Seder.

HAIFA PERFORMANCE OF ROYAL NAVY SHOW TRIPLES RECEIPTS OF LONDON PREMIERE

HAIFA, March 23. (JTA) -- The performance here of the Royal Navy's musical "Wherein We Serve" has netted the Navy's welfare fund three times the sum paid by the first night audience in London, where the show had its premiere, it is revealed today by Capt. Guy Lydekker who sponsored the performance.

WEIZMANN'S CONTRIBUTION TO U. S. WAR TIME RUBBER PROGRAM HALLED BY LONDON PRESS

LONDON, March 23. (JTA) -- An entire column of the front page of last night's Daily Express is devoted to a report of Zionist leader Chaim Weizmann's contribution to the synthetic rubber program of the United States.

The article quotes Vice-President Henry A. Wallace's remarks on Dr. Weizmann's participation in the formation of a program of producing synthetic rubber in the United States, delivered at a dinner of the American Palestine Committee in Washington on March 9. It also quotes the tribute paid Dr. Weizmann's chemical genius by Britain's World War I Prime Minister, Lloyd George, who once declared that the Zionist leader's developments of certain explosives "saved the British Army at a critical time."

SOLUTION OF PALESTINE PROBLEM WILL WAIT TILL END OF WAR, RABBI GOLDSTEIN REPORTS

NEW YORK, March 23. (JTA) -- A definite solution of the Palestine problem will have to wait until the end of the war, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, stated at a press conference today at which he summarized his impression on his recent trip to England.

Disclosing that he had conferred with members of the British Cabinet, including Foreign Minister Eden, on the Jewish demand for the abrogation of the White Paper and for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth "as soon as Jews become the majority there," Dr. Goldstein said:

"It was my net impression from most of the interviews that while no pronouncement of a new policy is likely to come forth in the near future, the admission of refugees who can get to Palestine would receive consideration. The situation with regard to the White Paper is therefore held in suspense and will not deteriorate against us. As for the definitive solution of the Palestine problem, the consensus of opinion was that it will have to wait until the end of the European war."

Reporting on his conferences with Dr. Weizmann, and other members of the World Zionist Executive, Dr. Goldstein disclosed that out of these conferences emerged "a confirmed faith not only in the necessity but in the feasibility of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine."

PALESTINE-EGYPT TRADE AGREEMENT WILL SOON ENTER INTO EFFECT, CAIRO PRESS REPORTS

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA) -- The trade agreement negotiated last month between Palestine and Egypt will shortly enter into effect, the Cairo press reports. Egyptian newspapers reaching here today state that the government has already agreed to import increasingly larger quantities of citrus fruit after April 1.

Other commodities that will be taken by Egypt are fruit juice, olive oil, telephone equipment, electrical supplies, leather goods and chemicals and pharmaceutical supplies. Prices for these commodities were fixed by the trade agreement, as was the question of facilitating Egyptian visas for Palestine businessmen, the Cairo papers add.

The leading Palestine Arab newspaper, Falastin, commenting on the projected imports by Egypt says that as far as the citrus industry is concerned, they will be of little assistance, since the harvesting season ends shortly.