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DIRECTORS OF WAR REFUGEE BOARD AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE MEET IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- The work of rescuing Jews from occupied Europe will be intensified as a result of a conference here today between Sir Herbert Emerson, director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, and John W. Pehle, director of the War Refugee Board. Patrick Malin, the American vice-director of the Intergovernmental Committee, was also present.

Sir Herbert, who recently arrived in this country from London, disclosed that he will meet with Myron C. Taylor, the "father" of the Evian Conference who is vice-president of the Intergovernmental Committee and a member of President Roosevelt's Advisory Committee on Refugees. Sir Herbert will also meet with the members of the War Refugee Board and intends to confer with leaders of various American voluntary relief organizations which, he said, are doing invaluable work in the field of refugee assistance.

War Refugee Board Appoints Representative in Sweden

Meanwhile, it was announced here today by Mr. Pehle that the War Refugee Board has appointed a special representative for Sweden. The appointee, Iver C. Olsen, has been assigned to the U. S. Legation in Stockholm as a special attache on war refugee matters. A native of Norway, he has been financial attache of the Treasury's Division of Monetary Research since last October. Prior to that he was special assistant to the Director of Foreign Funds Control.

The Board also reported today that Ira Hirshmann, its representative in Turkey, has already left Ankara en route to Washington for urgent consultations on matters concerning the rescue of Jews from Nazi satellite countries. (The Turkish ship "Maritza" carrying 260 Jewish refugees from Rumania without any visas reached Istanbul yesterday. The refugees were permitted to land and left today by train for Aleppo en route to Palestine.)

Satellites Warned not to Deport Jews; Spain Sole Remaining Refuge

In a speech prepared for delivery before the Women's National Press Club, Pehle disclosed that the recent return of 40,000 Jewish deportees from Transnistria was directly the result of pressure exerted on Rumania by the War Refugee Board. Pehle said the Board is working through neutral channels to prevent satellites from deporting Jews to Poland and is bringing pressure to assist persecuted peoples' escape. He revealed that satellites have been well-advised in their own interests to take advantage of such opportunities as may be available to them in the future to permit refugees to depart across their borders into territories of any neutral countries which may be prepared to receive them.

Pehle again stressed the importance of Spain as one of the last outlets remaining in Europe. In view of the military developments in the Balkans, he said, Spain may be the sole remaining refuge. He revealed that money is being sent abroad because of the Treasury's decision to lift restrictions in the "Trading with the Enemy Act" both with communications with enemy territory and financial transactions with enemy territory to the extent necessary to aid the Board.

HUNGARY APPOINTS COMMISSIONER FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS; ORDERS MORE JEWS TO VACATE HOMES

STOCKHOLM, April 11. (JTA) -- The German-controlled Budapest radio today announced that Dr. Ladislaus Endre has been appointed head of the department of Jewish Affairs at the pro-Nazi Hungarian Ministry of Interior. The broadcast also stated that the Jewish community in Budapest has been ordered "to place another thousand flats at the disposal of bombed-out people in addition to those already vacated."

The Hungarian Minister of Trade, Anton Kunder, in a statement to the press, announced that he intends "to replace all Jewish firms with Christian ones," the Nazi transoceanic news agency reported today. The Minister warned all commercial enterprises throughout Hungary against retaining Jewish employees and emphasized that "suitable Christian employees must be found by all employers who have the interest of Hungary at heart."

BRITAIN MAY ISSUE DOCUMENT FAVORING ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE

LONDON, April 11. (JTA) -- The British Government will shortly publish "a further paper favoring the creation of a Jewish National State, however small" it is predicted today in an article in the London Daily Mail.

The article, written by A. Forbes, a Mail political columnist, warns that "uncompromising Zionism may increase anti-Semitism in Britain and in America." The writer advocates the "preservation of part of Palestine, including Jerusalem, as a kind of a Vatican City for the Jews."

THOUSANDS OF JEWS AIDED BY RUSSIANS TO ESCAPE GERMAN TROOPS, DELEGATES REPORT

MOSCOW, April 11. (JTA) -- The non-Jewish population in the sections of Russia which were occupied by the German Army helped thousands of Jews to escape from the Nazis, it was reported here today by a number of speakers addressing the third annual all-Jewish conference, which is being attended by delegates from all parts of the U.S.S.R. and from the armed forces and partisan groups.

A Jewish partisan, A. Chazanov, whose wife and children were executed in occupied Byelorussia, told the conference how the Germans mercilessly massacred Jews in Byelorussian towns and how he and others were given shelter by local non-Jews and guided by them through the woods to Russian partisan units. He gave an eye-witness description of the brutality with which German units rounded up the Jews in each town and led them to the suburbs to be machine-gunned. He also reported on the activities of Jewish guerilla fighters and said that there are thousands of them in Byelorussian woods.

Shachne Epstein, leader of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, addressing the conference, pointed out that though many Jews were killed by the Germans during their occupation of Russian cities, "the enemy has not succeeded in annihilating the majority of the Jewish population because our government evacuated them far into the interior of the country." The more territory the Red Army liberates, he said, "the more touching facts we learn concerning the self-sacrifice of Russians, Ukrainians, Byelorussians, Lithuanians and Moldavians, who at the risk of their own lives saved the Jews from extermination. Thousands of Jews, thanks to the assistance of the non-Jewish population managed to escape across the front lines or succeeded in joining the partisans behind the enemy's lines."

Rabbi Solomon Shiffer of Moscow, whose son was killed in action, devoted his address to an appeal to the Jews throughout the world. "The day of the enemy's complete destruction is near, but the people of Israel will live forever," he said, appealing to all Jews to unite in their efforts to bring about the defeat of the Germans.

THOUSANDS OF JEWS PARTICIPATE IN PICTURESQUE PASSOVER CEREMONIES AT WALLING WALL

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- Nearly 4,000 orthodox Jews from all parts of Palestine participated today in picturesque ceremonies in the Old City marking the end of the annual Passover pilgrimage to this holy city. About 5,000 worshippers crowded the narrow pavement before the Walling Wall, among whom were many American and Allied servicemen. The services, which were arranged by the Agudas Israel, included prayers for an Allied victory, and for the rescue of European Jewry. About 10,000 visitors, in all, have come to the Walling Wall during the Passover holiday.

The chief task facing Jews this Passover is the rescue and rehabilitation of the millions of their brothers who still live under Nazi domination, Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine declared in his annual Passover message to the Jews of the world. He expressed confidence that "Israel will emerge rejuvenated from the crucible of unprecedented affliction," and called on Jews everywhere to unite in support of the Jews of Europe and of the Jewish homeland in Palestine.

HASHOMER HATZAIR CONVENTION OPENS IN CHICAGO; DENOUNCES TERRORISM IN PALESTINE

CHICAGO, April 11. (JTA) -- The martyrdom of the Jews during the battle of the Warsaw Ghetto was commemorated here tonight at the opening session of the convention of the Hashomer Hatzair, Zionist youth movement, attended by 300 delegates from the United States, Mexico and Cuba. The banners of twenty-five branches of the organization were lowered in tribute to the fallen members of the Hashomer Hatzair who participated in the heroic resistance in Warsaw and other ghettos and "death camps."

The convention, which will continue until Saturday evening, was addressed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, and by Moshe Furmanský, Palestine delegate to the Hashomer Hatzair in America. It denounced the terrorism in Palestine and reiterated its continued and firm opposition to the British White Paper immigration ban.

ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED IN BOSTON; POLICE INVESTIGATION STARTED

BOSTON, April 11. (JTA) -- Police Commissioner Thomas F. Sullivan has assigned a number of detectives to track down the origin of anti-Semitic literature which has been flooding Chelsea and other Greater Boston communities, it was announced here today. "The anti-Semitic pamphlet campaign is no kid stuff, but an organized attack by adults," the Commissioner said.

The pamphlets, well-written and requiring considerable research, are represented as historic literature, tracing the origins and growth of the Chelsea, Roxbury and Dorchester communities, but laying whatever ills and troubles have beset these sections at the doors of the Jewish people. The publications make a direct plea to readers to drive the Jews from the communities.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE PASSES RESOLUTION ASKING FOR ADMISSION OF REFUGEES TO CANADA

MONTREAL, April 11. (JTA) -- The Legislature of the province of Manitoba has adopted a resolution favoring the admission of refugees into Canada. The resolution reads:

"Realizing our responsibility in common humanity to relieve the suffering and distress of victims of Nazi terror this House urgently recommends that the Government of Canada; 1. Offer sanctuary for the duration of the war, in Canada, to refugees from political or religious persecution without regard to race, creed or financial condition 2. Take immediate steps to facilitate the entry into Canada of refugees, especially those stranded in Portugal, whom it is still possible to rescue."

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS ANSWERS HOUSTON CRITICISM

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To the Houston demand that the UAHC withdraw from the American Jewish Conference, the resolution points out that "by giving adequate publicity to our position of neutrality, we are enabled to remain in the Conference in order to participate in other vital activities as have other organizations faced with the same problem."

The UAHC statement declares that "the Executive Board of the Union unequivocally rejects the suggestion that it should employ or refuse to employ its professional workers on the ground of either their anti-Zionism or their Zionism. We consider such discrimination to be both un-Jewish and un-American. It violates the very freedoms for which we are at present fighting."

In answering the charge, raised by the Houston congregation, that "a large share of the retrogression that has taken place in Reform Judaism must be considered a deterioration of leadership upon the part of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations," the committee observed that the UAHC has consistently lived up to the highest principles of Reform as taught by Isaac Mayer Wise, founder of the UAHC and the Hebrew Union College; by Kaufmann Kohler and other great Rabbis of their day and of the present.

In reply to the Houston objection to the use of the word "Liberal" instead of "Reform," the Committee pointed out that Isaac Mayer Wise had himself stated that "Progressive Judaism would be a better designation than Reformed Judaism;" further that the World Union for Progressive Judaism, at its organization meeting in 1926, in which outstanding leaders of American Reform Judaism participated actively, adopted its name unanimously, "employing the term, 'Progressive' rather than 'Reform' as being the most descriptive of our movement."

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