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HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT OFFERED PLAN TO EXCHANGE JEWS FOR WAR PRISONERS

ZURICH, May 23. (JTA) -- Hungarian newspapers reaching here today report that Jewish leaders in Budapest have proposed to the Hungarian Government a plan of alleviating the situation of the Jews in Hungary by exchanging thousands of them for Hungarian war prisoners held by the Allies, as well as for Hungarians residing in allied countries.

The Budapest Jewish leaders, according to the Hungarian press, have also suggested that the government permit the emigration of Jews who could be admitted to neutral countries on the basis that they would be supported there by their relatives in foreign lands.

The Nazi Transkontinent press reports today that the pro-German Sztojay government has established a "political police force" to carry out the anti-Jewish decrees. A special "detective group" of the force has been entrusted with preventing circumvention of the laws requiring the confiscation of Jewish property. As one of their first steps, the "detectives" seized 20 cases of art treasures from the family of the noted Jewish industrialist Baron Alphonse Weiss, including, it is reported, 83 kilograms of gold, jewelry and diamonds.

The director-general of the Budapest Art Museum, meanwhile, announced that as a result of the confiscation of many rare paintings from Jews, including works of El Greco, Velasquez, Goya, Rembrandt, Van Dyke, Gauguin and Rubens, the museum now has the finest collection of Spanish paintings outside of Madrid.

Hungary Charged with Using Jewish Women for "Amusement" of German Soldiers

CAIRO, May 23. (JTA) -- The Yugoslav Government-in-Exile today released a report charging the Hungarian authorities with sending large groups of young Jewish women to eastern Europe "for the amusement of German soldiers on the Eastern front." Other transports of Jewish women are being sent from Hungary to Germany for forced labor, the report said.

The information was received by the Yugoslav Government from its intelligence agents in Hungary. "Jews in parts of Yugoslavia under Hungarian occupation have been sent into special Jewish camps," the report continued. "Such camps are to be found in Srebrenica, Subotica, and Backa Palanka. In these last two towns, which are on Yugoslav territory, the camps are near the railway station. From these two camps some Jews have been sent to work in Serbia of which 46 have been liberated by a unit of General Milovitch's army. It is now believed that about five thousand Jews from Hungary have been deported to work outside of Hungary. All Jewish property in Hungary has been confiscated. Heads of families have been allowed to take with them at the most one thousand pengoes in cash."

AMNESTIED POLISH JEWISH SOLDIERS RELEASED FROM DETENTION

LONDON, May 23. (JTA) -- Twenty Jewish soldiers amnestied by Polish President Sikorski were released from their detention cells today. They had been convicted of leaving their units because of anti-Semitism to join the British Army.

ORE JEWS FROM RUMANIA REACH PALESTINE; EIGHTY JEWS ARRIVE FROM OCCUPIED GREECE

JERUSALEM, May 23. (JTA) -- A transport of 317 Jews arrived here today from Rumania by way of Turkey where they disembarked from the S. S. Maritza several days ago. A group of 80 Greek Jews also arrived here today after a long danger-fraught journey. The Rumanian Jews were given Palestine visas in Turkey, but the Jews from Greece received Palestine immigration certificates from the Jewish Agency after they reached Palestine.

A report on the rescue activities conducted by the Jewish Agency was given here today at a convention of the Mizrahi organization. The convention considered, among other things, a proposal to send a delegation of prominent rabbis to the United States and England to present the case of Jewish Palestine before non-Jewish clergymen and "persuade the religious world that Palestine belongs to the Jews by Divine promise which can be fulfilled at the present moment."

ALGIERS RADIO BROADCASTS WARNING TO JEWS IN FRANCE TO GO INTO HIDING

LONDON, May 23. (JTA) -- The Algiers radio today broadcast a warning to all Jews in Toulouse, Limoges and other cities in France warning them to go into hiding on Thursday. "We learn that the French police, with the aid of German soldiers, is planning a huge round-up of Jews on Thursday. It is essential that you take precautions so as not to be caught when the raid takes place," the warning said.

The Vichy radio today announced that "200,000 Jews still remain in France." It indicated that many of them may either be sent to Germany for slave labor, or will be used by the German military authorities for constructing fortifications in France and Belgium in connection with the expected Allied invasion.

NEW YORK LAWYER ATTACKS JEWS AT SEDITION TRIAL; CLAIMS INSTIGATED BY "PROFESSIONAL JEWS"

WASHINGTON, May 23. (JTA) -- Henry H. Klein, New York Jewish lawyer, who is serving as defense attorney for Eugene N. Sanctuary, one of the 29 defendants, charged today that the mass-sedition trial was "instigated by so-called professional Jews who make a business of preying on other Jews by searing them into the belief that their lives and their property are in danger through threatened pogroms in the United States."

Klein said that he had taken over Sanctuary's defense "in order to awaken the Jewish people of the United States to the tremendous wrong that is being done them by a handful of self-important Jewish political madmen." He referred to Dr. Stephen S. Wise as a "political rabbi."

Joseph H. Bibrey, attorney for Frank K. Ferenz, said, "My client has indulged in anti-Semitism, but that is not a sin. We all have a little of it."

LABOR SLATE FOR ELECTIONS TO PALESTINE JEWISH ASSEMBLY DEMANDED

TEL AVIV, May 23. (JTA) -- A resolution urging all labor groups to present a labor slate in the forthcoming elections to the Assefath Haniyeh, the Jewish National Assembly of Palestine, was adopted here last night at the closing session of the convention of the opposition group of the Palestine Labor Party.

Should this proposal be rejected by the Labor Party, the convention decided that the opposition will run its own candidates, under the name "Movement for Labor Unity." This will actually amount to a formal split in the ranks of the Labor Party.

Prior to adjourning, the convention, which was attended by more than 350 delegates from all parts of Palestine, elected a council of 93 members to work out a political program for the group. It also elected a secretariat of 25 members which includes four Histadruth leaders.

AMERICAN LABOR LEADERS FORBID LEAGUE FOR FREE PALESTINE TO USE THEIR NAMES

WASHINGTON, May 23. (JTA) -- William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor and a number of other leaders of the American labor movement today announced that they have forbidden the American League for a Free Palestine to use their names as members of the sponsoring committee of the organization which was established by the same group which last week announced the creation of the "Hebrew Committee of National Liberation."

The announcement, made by Max Zaritsky, Jewish labor leader, also attacked the "Hebrew Committee of National Liberation" as being led "by a handful of unidentified individuals." The League was charged by Mr. Zaritsky with "high-handed, unethical procedure" in what he termed "the unwarranted use of my signature" by that organization.

It was learned here today that the Department of Justice is interested in the status of Peter Bergson, head of the "Hebrew Committee for National Liberation" the formation of which provoked protests last week on the part of major leading Jewish organizations. The Department of Justice claims that Mr. Bergson's temporary visitor's visa on which he was admitted to the United States in 1940 expired on July 7, 1941. The Department has also contacted Mr. Bergson for the purpose of establishing whether, because of his political activities in this country, he should not have registered with its foreign agents' registration section. Mr. Bergson is said to be known to the immigration authorities under the name of Hillel Kook, a son of Rabbi Dov Kook of Palestine. Justice Department records show that he was born in Lithuania and lived in Palestine for eighteen years.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT URGED BY LABOR LEADERS TO ADMIT JEWS AFTER WAR

SYDNEY, Australia, May 23. (JTA) -- The Australian Government was urged today to study the possibilities of allowing persecuted Jews to immigrate after the war, in a resolution adopted by a conference of trade-unionists convened by the Australian Council for Jewish Rights.

The conference demanded a curb on social and economic discrimination against Jews and urged action to combat anti-Semitic activities. It also asked the opening of Palestine to Jewish refugees. Dr. V. C. Pilcher, Coadjutor Bishop of Sydney, told the meeting that millions of Jews are fighting in the Allied armies and that their contribution must be recognized.

Supporting a plea by Dr. Pilcher for Jewish immigration after hostilities have ended, labor leader Colin Tannock said that Jews will be welcomed after the war, but warned that they must not do anything to destroy the economic safeguards built up by the trade union movement.

CHIEF JUSTICE STONE RECEIVES DEGREE FROM YESHIVA COLLEGE; BELKIN INSTALLED

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- Chief Justice Harlan Fiske Stone received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws today at the inauguration of Rabbi Samuel Belkin as president of Yeshiva College. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was bestowed, at the same time, upon Rabbi Isaac Rubinstein of Vilna, who was a member of the Polish senate for 26 years.

Rabbi Belkin, who is only 33 years old, succeeds the late Dr. Bernard Revel, who founded and was first president of the college. Before his election to the presidency, Rabbi Belkin served as dean and professor of Talmud and Professor of Halakic literature in the Bernard Revel Graduate School, a department of the college.

ROOSEVELT CONGRATULATES DR. GOLDSTEIN OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF RABBINICAL SERVICE

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt headed the long list of notables here and abroad whose messages of tribute to Rabbi Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America and of the Synagogue Council of America, for his services to world Jewry and to international inter-religious and inter-racial good will, were read tonight at the testimonial dinner in his honor culminating the celebration of his 25th anniversary as rabbi of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, second oldest Jewish congregation in New York.

A gift of \$60,000 raised by his friends in honor of the occasion was turned over to the congregation by Dr. Goldstein. It will be used for the expansion of the congregational activities, as part of an Israel Goldstein Anniversary Fund which, it is hoped, will reach \$100,000. It was announced that Dr. Goldstein had declined to accept any personal gift from the congregation.

The dinner was held in the banquet hall of the congregation's community center at the Rt. Rev. Charles K. Gilbert, Suffragen Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the Jewish Institute of Religion, Father George B. Ford, advisor to Catholic students at Columbia University, James G. Heller of Cincinnati, co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund, and Dr. Goldstein as the speakers. Jacob Sincoff, chairman of the anniversary committee, was toastmaster.

D.C. ALLOCATES \$2,000,000 FOR SENDING PARCELS TO JEWISH REFUGEES IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- Refugees in Russia and war victims in Allied, neutral and occupied territory will receive more than 300,000 packages of food, medicine, and clothing from the Joint Distribution Committee this year with funds provided by the United Jewish Appeal, it was announced today. The Joint Distribution Committee has allocated more than \$2,000,000 for this parcel service in 1944 to help sustain refugees in various parts of Europe.

The report on aid to Jews in Europe indicated that during the period from October, 1943, to May 1, 1944, Jews in Asiatic Russia received 31,799 packages. The current rate of shipment is 7,000 packages per month. The Russian parcel service, which includes bulk shipment of food and clothing from the United States on Russian ships, duty free, for distribution by the Russian Red Cross in areas of the Soviet Union having preponderantly Jewish populations, will cost \$1,750,000 in 1944. An additional 200,000 packages will be sent to Jews now in Allied and neutral countries as well as behind the enemy lines in occupied territory.

POSTER URGING RACIAL UNITY UNVEILED IN NEW YORK'S TIMES SQUARE BY MAYOR

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- A large poster aimed at fostering better relations between the peoples of all faiths was unveiled in Times Square today by Mayor LaGuardia in the opening gun in a drive to eradicate intolerance in New York City. The poster titled "Fighting Side by Side," depicts three American soldiers next to whom appear the words: "Protestant, Catholic, Jew."

More than 125 such posters will be placed in prominent places throughout the city, it was announced by the Institute for American Democracy, which is sponsoring the project. At the ceremonies in Times Square the assemblage, led by the mayor, cited a pledge of tolerance.