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HUNGARIANS FLOOD AUTHORITIES WITH APPLICATIONS FOR CONFISCATED JEWISH ENTERPRISES

ZURICH, May 25. (JTA) -- Thousands of Hungarians, responding to the call of their government to apply for the acquisition of business enterprises, taken away from Jews are flooding the local authorities with applications for stores, the Jewish owners of which have been exiled from their homes to barbed wire ghettos, it is reported in Budapest newspapers reaching here today.

The Pester Lloyd, organ of the Hungarian Foreign Office, says that in the town of Kosice, more than 6,000 non-Jews have applied for the several hundred Jewish stores closed down by the authorities under the general anti-Jewish laws. In Sopron-Oedenburg more than 3,000 local non-Jewish residents are seeking to acquire 150 "liquidated" Jewish business firms. In the city of Kecskemet where 539 Jewish families resided before they were segregated into a ghetto, several thousand Hungarians have applied for Jewish shops.

On the other hand, the Pester Lloyd reports that the segregation of Jews into ghettos has resulted in an acute shortage of artisans, especially of tailors, shoemakers, dressmakers, millinery workers, bookbinders, and upholsterers. Many towns in Hungary are competing with each other in announcements inviting "Aryan" artisans to settle and to take over established Jewish artisan shops complete with tools and machinery.

"Jewish Dishes" Introduced in Restaurants; Must Contain No Fats

New regulations published in the Hungarian press provide that in places where Jews have not yet been sent to ghettos and are still admitted to local restaurants, they are to be served "Jewish dishes" only. These dishes, specially designated forellow-starred Jews, must contain no fats.

Though Hungary has always been considered by Rumanian anti-Semites as the mortal enemy of their country, the Rumanian Iron Guard newspaper "Porunca Vremii" reaching here today from Bucharest lauds the present pro-Nazi Hungarian Government for its anti-Jewish measures. It says these measures evidence "an understanding in the spirit of continental solidarity which is so important in our days."

The Fueggetlenség, organ of the Hungarian Government, carries an article justifying the burning in Hungary of books by Jewish authors. "Hungarian literature written by Jews does not represent our culture. We readily accept the 'disgrace' of burning these books because we consider it a measure necessary to preserve Hungarian civilization," the paper says.

BETWEEN JEWS, SEVERAL ARABS INJURED IN LAND DISPUTE IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA) -- Eighteen Jews and a number of Arabs were injured today in a clash over land which broke out between the Jewish settlers in the colony of Daphne and the dwellers of the Arab village Chatzatz. Eight of the injured Jews were taken to a hospital in serious conditions. Several Arabs were removed to a neighborhood hospital.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE PLANS TO SELECT DELEGATION TO ACT AT PEACE TALKS

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Conference today announced that its forthcoming sessions, which will take place in September in Chicago, a delegation will be chosen to act for the Conference in the eventual peace negotiations. The delegation will be given responsibilities in order that the Conference may be prepared in time to exercise a direct influence at the peace table.

Announcement to this effect was made by Louis Lipsky in his capacity as chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Conference. The announcement added that the Conference left many things undone and unconsidered, but what was obscure in September 1943, however, will be much clearer in September 1944.

"The past ten months," the statement said, "have revealed not only an abnormal growth of parallel authorities and agencies in American Jewish life, but the development of rivalries and cross currents that have shocked and distressed the community; a lack of unity and coordination among the affiliated organizations, which had to be adjusted if the Conference was to fulfill its purposes, was not achieved in any adequate measure. This problem deserves special attention."

The statement pointed out that the first session of the Conference adopted a comprehensive post-war European program. "But since then, the outer circumstances have greatly changed and there is required a program of action based on the new realities, more definite and more dynamic. The specific demands of the Jewish people with regard to status and reparations are due for direct representation to the United Nations," the statement declared.

LEADING AMERICAN CHRISTIANS APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT TO ERECT HAVENS FOR JEWISH REFUGEES

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- An appeal urging the establishment in the United States of temporary havens for Jews who can still be rescued by the War Refugee Board was sent to President Roosevelt today under the signatures of more than seventy prominent Christian leaders, including governors of eighteen states; Frank Murphy, Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court; Owen D. Young, chairman of the General Electric Company; Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University; Robert H. L. Ford, president of the National Association of Manufacturers; William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; Alfred E. Smith, former Governor of New York, and many other prominent personalities.

"It is a moral obligation of the United States and all other freedom-loving nations to erect temporary havens where the refugees may find sanctuary until conditions in their native lands enable them to return and take up their lives in the atmosphere of respect and decency and charity that our certain victory will create," the appeal said.

COUNCIL FOR RESCUE OF JEWS FROM POLAND FORMALLY ESTABLISHED BY POLISH GOVERNMENT

LONDON, May 25. (JTA) -- The Council for Rescue of Jews from Poland, established by the Polish Government-in-Exile, officially opened its sessions tonight with a public meeting attended by prominent Jews. Adam Ciolkosz, Polish Socialist leader, was elected chairman of the Council. Engineer Anselm Reiss, Zionist labor leader, was elected vice-chairman, and Dr. Emanuel Szerer, leader of the Jewish Socialist Bund, was named secretary. A budget for the rescue work of the Council will be adopted at the next meeting which is expected to take place within several days.

GEN. MARSHALL PRESENTS BARUCH WITH GOLD MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO HUMANITY

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- Bernard M. Baruch, noted philanthropist and special adviser to the Office of War Mobilization, was presented last night by Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, with a gold medal "for distinguished service to humanity."

The presentation was made in behalf of the National Institute for Social Sciences at the annual dinner of the Institute at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Two other persons received the gold medal at the dinner. They were Mrs. Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Nassau County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers' Federation of North Carolina.

In a brief speech of acceptance, Mr. Baruch said that the chief lesson he had learned in his seventy-three years was that if the American people are to continue their pursuit of happiness under freedom, four pillars supporting the American life must be maintained. He listed the pillars as follows:

"First, spiritual. Unless we maintain, without swerving, our moral standards, our ideals and our purposes will lose nobility and become empty.

"Second, education. We must equip our minds to better discharge the responsibilities imposed upon us by our Americanism and our humanity.

"Third, economic. Since happiness flows more readily from a life that is not bittered by hardship, we must constantly seek to improve our own conditions and help the rest of the world to the same end.

"Fourth, military. We must be strong enough to make it plain to one and all that we are able to back reason with force. Never again are we to be unprepared, resulting in the needless death of thousands. This American earth, of which we are a part, is worth living on, worth fighting for and worth dying for."

In reviewing the events and personalities connected with his long career, Mr. Baruch named Woodrow Wilson as "the greatest man I ever knew," and added, "I am proud to have been his friend and follower." He also listed among his friends Grover Cleveland, Theodore Roosevelt, J. Pierpont Morgan, Sr., William J. Bryan, Enrico Cuccia, John L. Sullivan, Georges Clemenceau, Marshal Foch, Marshal Joffre and Lord Curzon.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRUST UNDER UNITED NATIONS FOR \$150,000,000 PALESTINE PLAN IS PROPOSED

WASHINGTON, May 25. (JTA) -- A plan for financing of the \$150,000,000 project of Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk for the irrigation and electrification of Palestine, (the Jordan Valley Authority) was outlined here last night by Emanuel Neumann, Zionist leader, at a dinner tendered Dr. Lowdermilk at the Statler Hotel.

"I would visualize two steps," Mr. Neumann said. "The first, is setting up a restitution commission to study the problem of financing the project in all its aspects, to gather all relevant information and to map out a program of restitution. The second, is the setting up under the auspices of the United Nations of a rehabilitation and resettlement trust as the financial instrument for effectuating these plans.

"This trust," Mr. Neumann continued, "should take over and administer all such abandoned Jewish property to be gradually liquidated over a period of years and the proceeds to be used for the purpose described. Once such a trust is established,

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provisions can be made for temporary credit, secured by its holdings, so that the program of rehabilitation and resettlement might go forward."

Plan Would Bring Prosperity to Twenty Million People in Near East

Speaking at the dinner in his honor which was attended by many government officials and prominent Jewish and non-Jewish leaders, Dr. Lowdermilk said that with the realization of his project, Palestine may well become the lever that will transform the other lands of the Near East. "Once the great undeveloped resources of these countries are properly exploited, twenty to thirty million people may live decent and prosperous lives where a few million now struggle for a bare existence," he emphasized.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, speaking at the dinner, said that "Dr. Lowdermilk has written the epic of an unforgettable people reviving an unforgetting land," and had also "demonstrated the amazing possibilities of Palestine, showing how it can be restored to productivity so as to absorb hundreds of thousands of new settlers."

"But it is not the material prospects of the country which have attracted pioneers," Silver stated. "Nor is it the urgency for finding new homes for refugees which will revive the land. The Jewish people is returning to rebuild Palestine because it has always loved that land and by rebuilding it, it rebuilds its own life. The Jewish people is investing its love and its hope in Palestine and thus the land is returning to its former loveliness and the people to its former stature."

AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR FREE PALESTINE FORMED; WILL HOLD CONGRESS IN SEPTEMBER

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- The American League for a Free Palestine today announced that it will convene a Congress in September at which permanent officers of the League will be chosen. An interim executive committee was designated yesterday at the first formal meeting of the sponsoring committee of the League which was established to further the principles of the recently-established "Hebrew Committee of National Liberation" which seeks a seat on the council of the United Nations and demands the formation of an independent Jewish army.

Alex Wilf, a member of the executive committee, was named executive director of the new organization. He announced that the League would launch a membership campaign and would seek to mobilize American public opinion in behalf of its activities. He claimed that the sponsoring committee now numbers 479 members.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHES PROFESSORSHIP OF HEBREW CULTURE AND EDUCATION

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham I. Katsh, well-known Jewish scholar, has been appointed to fill the newly established professorship of Hebrew culture and education at New York University, it was announced yesterday by Harold O. Voorhis, the university's secretary. The professorship was made possible by funds donated by the Jewish Culture Foundation.

JEWISH RELIEF ORGANIZATION IN CANADA SENT \$75,000 TO PALESTINE FOR RESCUE WORK

MONTREAL, May 25. (JTA) -- The sum of \$75,000 was recently transmitted to Palestine by the United Jewish Refugee and War Relief Agencies for relief purposes, it was announced here today. The money will be spent in nearby areas for the rescue of Jews from Axis Europe in a program developed by the American Joint Distribution Committee in conjunction with the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the announcement said.