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FIVE MILLION JEWS "ELIMINATED" IN EUROPE BY GERMANY, NAZI NEWSPAPERS ESTIMATE

ZURICH, May 26. (JTA) -- German newspapers reaching here today carry a survey of the number of Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe showing that approximately five million Jews have been "eliminated" by the Germans in all German-controlled areas of the European continent.

A statement preceding the survey says that "there is no longer any Jewish problem existing in the German Reich and even in other sections of Europe." The Jews have suffered "heavy losses" in Poland, the statement emphasizes, adding that "such Jewish centers as Warsaw and Lublin have been completely neutralized."

"By action taken up till the present time, five million Jews have been eliminated in various countries of Europe," the statement reads. "There are still about 10,000 Jews to be dealt with in Hungary."

Hungarian newspapers arriving here today report that by the end of this month at a single Jew will be left in the city of Budapest. Under an order issued on May 22, the city must be made "judenrein" within eight days with all Jews removed to the ghettos in the suburb known as "Little Budapest."

Budapest newspapers report that many Jews are intentionally damaging their houses prior to leaving for the ghetto. They reveal that the Jewish body which the Hungarian Government has formed to carry out its orders concerning Jews is composed of State Councillor Samuel Stern, most prominent Jewish leader in Hungary and president of the Budapest Jewish community, Chief Rabbi Bela Berend, Rabbi Samuel Kahan-  
 ankel, Dr. Jozef Nagy of the Budapest Jewish hospital, Dr. Janos Gabor, Ando Torok, and Peto and other Jewish community leaders.

RUSSIAN ADMINISTRATION IN Bessarabia RETURNS TO JEWS PROPERTY CONFISCATED BY RUMANIANS

STOCKHOLM, May 26. (JTA) -- Jewish property in Bessarabia which was confiscated by the Rumanian authorities has been returned to its owners by the Soviet administration in the section of Bessarabia taken by the Red Army, it was reported today from Bucharest by the Transocean news agency, a Nazi propaganda bureau.

The report, apparently aimed at picturing the Red Army as defenders of the Jews, also states that all anti-Jewish laws issued by the Rumanian Government were annulled in Bessarabia immediately after the entrance of the Russian units. "Not only have hundreds of stores and workshops been transferred to Jews in Bessarabia, but Red Army officials are even temporarily helping Jewish storekeepers to recover their merchandise from the local Rumanians," the German report says.

The Bucharest radio today reported that three prominent Jews in the Rumanian city of Timisoara have been sentenced to six months imprisonment "for carrying on pro-Allied propaganda."

LONDON, May 26. (JTA) -- A motion requesting President Wladyslaw Raczlewicz issue a decree making anti-Semitic activities or propaganda a criminal offense, was introduced today into the Polish National Council by Jewish deputies Emanuel Czerwinski and Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, with the support of five members of the Socialist Party. The decree would apply to both civilians and officers and men of the armed forces.

(A meeting in Tel Aviv today of demobilized Polish soldiers broke up in disorder when several of the soldiers directed anti-Semitic insults at 16 of their number who were Jewish. When the Jews refused to leave the meeting, they were threatened with violence. Some of the non-Jewish soldiers warned that they "would deal with the Jews" after they return to Poland.)

It was learned here today that Flight Sgt. Richard Bichowski, only son of Prof. ~~Staw~~ Buchowski of Warsaw University, who is now residing in New York, has been ~~called~~ killed in action. Sgt. Bichowski was one of 40 Jews who were brought here by the Polish Ministry of National Defense to take a course in public welfare and education.

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- Arab mayors in Palestine today announced that they will hold another conference early next month to demand stricter laws against immigration of Jews to Palestine and the acquisition of land by Jewish residents. The announcement followed the disclosure that the Palestine Arab Party yesterday sent a cable to President Roosevelt appealing for his support of the Arab anti-Jewish demands.

Jewish members of the Jerusalem municipal council today issued a statement to the Hebrew press declaring that their leaving the council was only a demonstration against the participation of the Jerusalem mayor in the conference of the Arab mayors which took place recently in Jaffa, and at which he spoke against Jews. "With our return to normal business within the Jerusalem municipality we consider the incident liquidated," the statement said. It added, however, that the Jewish aldermen will continue to fight in the municipal council "where we sit because of right and not of preference."

The Arab newspaper Falastin today regrets the fact that the Arabs in Palestine failed to agree on sending a delegation to the Cairo talks on Arab unity. It points out that the delegation of Palestine Arabs sent to London is not considered there to be representative of all Arab groups. "We need to meet the Zionist organization with an equally strong organization, thus we must see to it that a supreme Arab body composed of representatives of all Arab groups in Palestine is finally formed," the paper writes.

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- The Zionist Revisionist party in Palestine, through its daily newspaper Hamashkiff, disassociated itself today from the "Hebrew Committee for National Liberation" which was formed last week in Washington, headed by Peter Hain, a former leader of the Revisionists.

"The present development of the 'Hebrew Committee for National Liberation' cannot wholeheartedly be supported by us," an editorial in the paper says, "We definitely disassociate ourselves from this third phase of the activities of the person group."

ROSENWALD, WOLSEY ATTACK POLITICAL ZIONISM IN CINCINNATI; NEUMANN, HELLER REPLY

CINCINNATI, May 26. (JTA) -- Political Zionism was opposed and defended here by Lessing J. Rosenwald and Rabbi Louis Wolsey, founder of the American Council for Judaism, on one hand, and Dr. James Heller and Emanuel Neumann of the American Zionist Emergency Council on the other.

Jews of America are at a vital moment in their history, wherein each must decide if he or she is for or against Jewish statehood, Mr. Rosenwald and Rabbi Wolsey told several hundred Cincinnatians at the Hotel Alms, speaking under the auspices of the American Council for Judaism. Both speakers charged that the official Zionist policy today holds that Jews are homeless everywhere save in Palestine. Both speakers rejected that idea and insisted that Jews are Jews by religion and are citizens of the particular land in which they reside.

"I have tried repeatedly to persuade Zionists to debate with me the issue of political Zionism, the idea of Jewish statehood," Rabbi Wolsey said. "But to no avail. They refuse to debate the matter." An American of very high position told Dr. Wolsey that he fears continuance of the current Zionist pressure can only result in increased anti-Semitic manifestations, he said. A Briton of very high position was equally outspoken with regard to the same matter, he added.

Stating that "the Zionists consider utilization of Palestine, as a haven of refuge, as of only secondary importance as compared with establishment of a Palestine commonwealth," Mr. Rosenwald said that "the American Council for Judaism believes that the basis of unity among Jews is religion; Jews consider themselves nationals of those countries in which they live and those lands their homelands; numerous localities must be found throughout the world where resettlement can be effected under favorable auspices and Palestine should continue to be one of the places for resettlement; any hopeful future for Jews in Palestine depends upon establishment of a democracy in which Jews, Moslems and Christians shall be justly represented in the effort to establish a Jewish national state in Palestine or elsewhere is a prospect that has been and will be deleterious to the welfare of the Jews in Palestine and throughout the world; all philosophies that stress the racialism, nationalism and homelessness of the Jews are injurious to their interests."

Mr. Rosenwald questioned whether or not the present standard of living among Jews in Palestine could be maintained if all outside aid were withdrawn. "The impression has gained ground, though utterly erroneous, that the overwhelming majority of Jews in this country are national Zionists. It is our belief that nothing could be further from the fact. It therefore seems to us that there is a definite place in the future for such an organization as the American Council for Judaism," he declared.

Addressing a mass-meeting at Wise Center called by the Committee on Unity for Palestine, Mr. Neumann said that the Council for Judaism takes a self-contradictory position when it declares opposition to the White Paper and, at the same time, declares itself opposed to a Jewish commonwealth. To stand for the principle of unrestricted immigration, he stressed, is to lay the foundation for a commonwealth led by a Jewish majority. He set forth his position on the immigration versus Jewish commonwealth issue in this manner: "If I had the choice between accepting from the United Nations, on the one hand, a political formulation that when the Jews constitute a majority in Palestine they may form a Jewish commonwealth, and I was offered on the other hand, the right to place 1,000,000 Jews in Palestine - but guaranteed - I would say, 'Give me 1,000,000 Jews and we will see about the political future of Palestine.'"

The accusation that the Zionists wish to establish a "theocracy, to create a union of church and state, or oppress the Arabs and create a racist state," the speaker called "a red herring without foundation in fact."

Rabbi Heller in a brief address urged a special effort to reach understanding. "It should not be divided on this issue at such a perilous time," he said.

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NEW YORK LABOR COUNCIL ASKS AMERICAN AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS FOR NEW PALESTINE POLICY

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- The Central Trades and Labor Council of the City of New York, representing 700 trade unions and almost a million American Federation of Labor members, adopted a resolution today urging the American and British Governments to bring about the immediate unequivocal repeal of the entire White Paper policy, "which prohibits further Jewish immigration into Palestine."

The resolution demanded a new policy for Palestine, "consistent with the tragic needs of the Jewish people and the magnificent contribution made by the Jewish workers of Palestine to the war effort of the United Nations." The measure also urged that the Jewish people be given "equal status among the free nations of the world in the international planning for postwar settlement and rehabilitation."

JEWISH GROUPS PRESENT CONGRATULATIONS TO BENES ON 60TH BIRTHDAY

LONDON, May 26. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee, the Board of Deputies of British Jews and other prominent Jewish organizations are among the groups represented in a volume of congratulations presented today to Czechoslovakian President Eduard Benes, on the occasion of his 60th birthday. The presentation was made by the Federation of Czechoslovakian Jews. A cabled message of greeting was also received from Dr. Benes from the Jewish National Council of Palestine.

NORWAY'S INDEPENDENCE MARKED BY REFUGEE SCHOLARS IN SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, May 26. (JTA) -- Addressing a festival here marking the anniversary of Norway's independence, Prof. Hugo Valentin, well known Jewish scholar of Upsala University, voiced the conviction that Norwegians would celebrate their next independence day within the borders of their own country. Similar sentiments were expressed by Prof. J. Worm-Mueller, a refugee scholar from Norway. Prof. Valentin is the author of "Anti-Semitism," which was published in the United States several years ago.

JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY DELIVERS MILLION COPIES OF PRAYER BOOKS FOR SERVICEMEN

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish Publication Society of America has completed the delivery of over 1,000,000 copies of prayer books ordered by the National Jewish Welfare Board for the use of men and women of the Jewish faith in the armed forces of the United States, it was announced here today. Now in its fifty-seventh year, the society has printed 200,000 abridged prayer books for Jewish servicemen in World War I.

Besides these prayer books, the Jewish Publication Society has printed for the B 362,790 copies of a High Holy Day Prayer Book and, early in 1944 delivered 137,000 Megillahs for Passover.

U.P.A. SETS NATIONAL PALESTINE CONFERENCE FOR SEPTEMBER; WILL BE HELD IN CHICAGO

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- The National Conference of United Palestine Appeal for 1944 will be held at the Hotel Stevens, Chicago, on November 18 and 19, it was announced today by Dr. James G. Heller, national chairman of the U.P.A. The theme of the Chicago assembly will be "planning for Post-war in Palestine."