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HUNGARIAN PAPERS COMPLAIN OF WIDESPREAD SYMPATHY FOR JEWS; OFFICIALS WARNED

ZURICH, May 31. (JTA) -- Budapest newspapers reaching here today carry articles complaining of the widespread sympathy for Jews displayed by the Christian population of Hungary. The articles assert that even among Hungarian officials a certain amount of sympathy can be noticed in their dealing with local Jews.

"Never have the Jews in Esztergom enjoyed such exceptional treatment as since the promulgation of the Jewish laws," the Függetlenség, official organ of the pro-German Hungarian government writes. "Jews there are treated with special politeness by some of the local authorities who disregard the anti-Jewish laws and grant them various advantages, especially to Jews in the labor service."

At the same time, the paper reveals that the Hungarian authorities are unable to cope with the flood of applications for confiscated Jewish enterprises. The paper appeals to the applicants "to be patient and not to suffer from the psychosis that favoritism is practiced in assigning Jewish firms to new owners."

The German radio reports today that all Jews have been banned from the Budapest stock exchange. Seventy-eight Jewish brokers had to resign their seats on the exchange as of today. The remainder must resign between today and June 30.

Following the example of Hungary, the Bulgarian Government today launched an intensified anti-Jewish campaign over the Sofia radio coupled with a plea for friendship for the German soldiers in Bulgaria. "The Bulgarian people ought to be proud that the Jews in our country have been rendered harmless," the Sofia broadcast said after voicing the usual anti-Jewish "arguments" advanced by the Nazis.

JEWISH LEADERS IN FINLAND INTERVENE FOR MISTREATED RUSSIAN-JEWISH WAR PRISONERS

STOCKHOLM, May 31. (JTA) -- Jews in Finland have succeeded in securing from the Finnish military authorities the segregation in a separate camp of about 200 Jewish war prisoners taken on the Russian front, it was reported here today by Jewish refugees arriving from Helsinki.

The measure became necessary in view of the mistreatment of Russian-Jewish war prisoners by German soldiers in Finland. The Jews will now be guarded by Finnish soldiers only.

The refugees highly praised the leaders of the Jewish community in Helsinki for the aid received from the Jewish congregation there. No Jewish refugees will be left in Finland after the arrival this week of the last group of Jews from Germany and other countries in occupied Europe who had been given shelter in Finland for many months. Among those who arrived today are Dr. Ehrlich, an internationally known chemist from Germany and Dr. Székely, well-known Hungarian-born psychologist, and Adolf Fleischer, prominent Vienna musician.

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JEWISH AGENCY HITS HEBREW LIBERATION COMMITTEE; CALLS IT "POLITICAL CHARLATANISM"

JERUSALEM, May 31. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Jewish National Council of Palestine - the two leading bodies of Palestine Jewry - today issued warnings to all "serious minded people" not to be misled by the newly-formed "Hebrew Committee for National Liberation" which claims to represent the Jews of Palestine and Europe.

Branding the formation of this Committee as "an unscrupulous piece of political charlatanism," the Jewish Agency said that people "should not let themselves be misled and confused by freak bodies assuming high-sounding titles." The Jewish National Council used similar expressions in denouncing the Washington group. Vigorous attacks on the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation are published in all Palestine Hebrew newspapers.

The text of the warning issued by the Jewish Agency was cabled today to the Zionist Organisation of America for publication in the American press. The Jewish National Council of Palestine cabled its statement to Rabbi Stephen S. Wise to be published in the United States by the American Jewish Conference. The Jewish Agency said:

"The appearance in the United States of a body styling itself Hebrew Committee for National Liberation must be branded as an unscrupulous piece of political charlatanism. Its contention that the Yishuv is not free to speak through its elected political representatives is preposterous. The overwhelming majority of the Yishuv is democratically organized and represented by the constitutionally established organs, the Assefath Hanivcharim (Palestine Jewish Assembly) and the Vaad Leumi (the Jewish National Council of Palestine). They have full freedom to voice the Yishuv's feelings and political aspirations, and have done so in outspoken terms and in opposition to the present official government policy.

"The rights and the interests of the Jewish nation as a whole with regard to Palestine are represented by the Jewish Agency incorporating the World Zionist Organization. This warning must be addressed to all seriously minded people not to let themselves be misled and confused by freak bodies assuming high-sounding titles, and by misleading policies for which none but their representative authors are responsible."

Histadruth Urges Fight Against Liberation Committee

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine today made public the text of a cable received from the Histadruth, the Jewish Federation of Labor in Palestine, assailing the "Hebrew Committee for National Liberation" which was established last week by a group of young Jews in Washington.

"It is imperative that you clearly understand that this group has absolutely no authority to represent the political interests of Jewish people or the Palestine Yishuv," the cable reads. "This political representation is vested in the Jewish Agency and the Vaad Leumi. Usurpation of this authority means undermining which is particularly dangerous at the present period. This group must not be allowed to continue to deceive public opinion and it is necessary that you open the eyes of those following it in good faith, but who are ignorant of facts."

LAWYER AT SEDITION TRIAL CHARGES ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE "FORGED" DOCUMENTS

WASHINGTON, May 31. (JTA) -- Maximilian St. George, attorney for Joe McWilliams, one of the 29 defendants in the mass sedition trial here, objected several times today to admission as evidence of documents from the files of the McCormack-Dickstein Congressional Committee. He charged that all such documents had been "forged" or "manufactured" by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

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ROOSEVELT'S STATEMENT ON "FREE PORTS" PLEASES CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, May 31. (JTA) -- Congressional leaders advocating the establishment of "free ports" in the United States as temporary havens of refuge for Jews from Nazi Europe today interpreted President Roosevelt's statement yesterday on the subject as evidence to the world that the United States would do its part in setting up temporary places of residence for refugees and would expect other countries to do likewise.

President Roosevelt told his press conference that he was working on the subject of "free ports," but added that he did not like that name. He did not wish to limit the idea to areas in the United States, he said, emphasizing that there were many places in the world where refugees might find temporary shelter.

The President's rejection of the term "free ports" was seen as an attempt to eliminate a possible source of misunderstanding and subsequent controversy. It is feared that the word "free" would sound to the uninformed as though all checks were to be abandoned. Suggested to replace the discarded term were such names as "safety port" or "refugee port."

Senator Guy Gillette (Iowa Dem.) who Monday introduced a bill urging that Jews and other victims of Nazi hatred be admitted for temporary detention and care, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he was pleased "that the President has expressed himself as being in full accord with the purpose of the resolution." He said that he would ask the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to consider his resolution at the earliest possible moment. Introduction of a similar resolution in the House is expected later this week.

NEW GROUP OF REFUGEES FROM SPAIN AND PORTUGAL ARRIVE HERE EN ROUTE TO CANADA

PHILADELPHIA, May 31. (JTA) -- Seventy-four Jewish refugees who arrived here yesterday from Spain and Portugal aboard the Portuguese steamer Serpa Pinto, are expected to leave for Canada today in a sealed train, as soon as immigration and custom officials have completed their inquiries. Among the arrivals are fifteen children.

The refugees were met at the dock by representatives of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the United Jewish Refugee and War Relief Agencies of Canada and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. The Congress and the Canadian National Committee for Refugees were instrumental in securing the Canadian Government's permission for the refugees to immigrate there.

Most of the refugees had reached Spain and Portugal by fleeing across the Pyrenees from France, where they were interned. They are the second group destined for Canada to arrive here in recent months. In March some 276 arrived. Most of them have already found employment.

SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD JEWISH YOUTH JAILED IN PALESTINE FOR ILLEGAL ARMS

JERUSALEM, May 31. (JTA) -- A military court here today sentenced 17-year-old Uri Pik to eighteen months imprisonment "with special treatment" for illegal possession of a revolver.

Young Pik is the second Jewish youth to be jailed within the past few days for possessing arms. A 22-year-old member of the "Stern gang" was sentenced to 12 years on Monday.

BRITISH COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS SUPPORTS AMERICAN INTERFAITH PEACE DECLARATION

LONDON, May 31. (JTA) -- Catholics, Jews and Protestants in Great Britain were urged today to support the principles of the American document, "Pattern for Peace," in a statement issued by the executive committee of the British Council of Christians and Jews. The Council was established in 1942 to study problems of tolerance and reconstruction, with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the late Cardinal Hinsley, the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, the Moderator of the Church of Scotland and the Chief Rabbi, as its presidents.

The American declaration on world peace was issued last October by 146 Catholic, Jewish and Protestant leaders. The seven principles of the identical statement express agreement on the moral law; the rights of individuals, minorities and colonial peoples; the necessity for international organization; the requirement of economic cooperation; and the need for social justice and harmony at home.

"The Council of Christians and Jews in Great Britain warmly welcomes the statement on the conditions of world peace signed by Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders in America on October 7th, 1943, and finds itself in general agreement with the principles therein laid down," says a proclamation issued by the Council today. "It is in accordance with the Council's aims to urge that ethical and religious principles be applied to relations between groups, to the social life of peoples, and to international relations.

"The Council believes that it is the duty of religious people to pray and work for peace and for the reconciliation of enemies, for the abolition of war and all the evils it involves and for a new era of confidence and constructive service. The re-establishment of moral law, of respect for the rights of the person, especially those of the poor, the weak and the backward, and of responsibility towards the whole community, must be first charges on the energies of all right-thinking men and women. Church and Synagogue have the duty not only to exhort men in this sense but also to infuse with their spirit those agencies, diplomatic, political, economic, social and benevolent, through which a happier world order will be established.

"There can be no permanent peace without a religious foundation. The fact that both Church and Synagogue are international and supra-national, with traditions older than the political and economic structure of the modern world, entitles them to speak with authority at just such a time as this: they were founded on the divine law, on which also all social righteousness must rest. To reconstitute political institutions, to restart the agriculture, industry and trade of the world, to re-establish international institutions representative of the unity and interdependence of the nations and their well-being, will mainly be the responsibility of representative statesmen and assemblies. All Christians and Jews, however, will share the responsibility of putting the plans and actions of statesmen to the tests of religion, and of seeing that they correspond with righteousness, mercy and peace."

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA LAUNCHES \$25,000,000 WAR BOND DRIVE

WASHINGTON, May 31. (JTA) -- A campaign to raise from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 in War Bonds among its nationwide membership during the month of June was formally launched today by the Zionist Organization of America. Edmund I. Kaufmann of this city, former president of the ZOA, heads the drive as national chairman of the Zionist War Effort Committee.

Local War Effort Committees have already been established in more than 250 communities, according to an announcement by national Zionist headquarters here. It is expected that as the campaign progresses the number of such committees will be doubled, the announcement said.