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JEWS FROM HUNGARY REACH LISBON ON GERMAN PLANES; PANIC AMONG JEWS IN BUDAPEST

LONDON, June 28. (JTA) -- Jewish refugees from Hungary are beginning to arrive in Lisbon in small groups, aboard German planes, it was reported here today from Portugal.

During the last few days thirty-three Jews arrived there from Hungary by plane, the report said. They are mainly members of wealthy Jewish families in Budapest. All of them have transit visas to overseas countries.

Other reports reaching here today state that the Jewish population in Budapest is panic-stricken as a result of the first deportations of Jews to Poland. Jews dare not appear in the streets for fear of being rounded up and deported. The situation has reached a point where the Hungarian authorities have instructed the central Jewish representative body in Budapest to denounce as false the rumors that Jews who are stopped in the street to prove their identity are being arrested.

The London press today carries articles severely condemning Hungary and other Nazi countries for the increased anti-Jewish measures there. The Evening Standard says in an editorial that "the butcheries of British airmen by the Germans is small as compared with the cold-blooded and persistent campaign which Hitler is still conducting against his first enemies, the Jews." The News-Chronicle similarly compares the German atrocities against British fliers with the "Nazi practice of killing off Jews and returning their ashes to relatives." Both papers emphasize that the people in occupied countries must be told repeatedly that the German atrocities will be avenged.

ARABS DISSATISFIED WITH ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE TO ARAB LEADERS ON POST-WAR PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, June 28. (JTA) -- Expressing obvious dissatisfaction with President Roosevelt's message to the Palestine Arab Party in which he said that the post-war status of Palestine will be decided by the United Nations in consultation with Jews and Arabs, the Falastin, leading Arab newspaper, says that "the Arabs in Palestine are not going to be bound by what President Roosevelt or any other man has to say." Nor will they allow others to share Palestine with them, the article emphasizes.

The message which President Roosevelt sent to the Palestine Arab Party was read to a group of correspondents here by Sayyid Tewfik Hussaini, acting head of the party. He told the correspondents that the American Consul in Jerusalem had invited him and other leaders of the Arab Party to the Consulate and delivered to them President Roosevelt's message typed on official consulate stationery.

"Let President Roosevelt say whatever he likes," the editorial in Falastin says, "but we would like to point out that the Jews will accept nothing short of a Jewish State."

JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE OPENING RELIEF OFFICES IN ROME AND BARI FOR ITALIAN JEWS

CAIRO, June 28. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee is opening two offices in liberated Italy, one in Bari and one in Rome, it was disclosed here by Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the JDC, who left today for Turkey together with Dr. Judah L. Magnes, in connection with important rescue plans.

The JDC office in Bari will care for Jewish refugees and destitute Jews in southern Italy. The office in Rome will assist Jews in the Italian capital and will bring relief to Jews in northern Italy where the bulk of Italian Jewry formerly resided and where most of the refugees will be found. "The Joint Distribution Committee is working in Italy in close cooperation with the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees," Dr. Schwartz stated.

Steps are now being taken to re-establish the Jewish institutions in Naples and other cities in liberated Italy which were closed down after Italy's entrance into the war in 1940, Dr. Schwartz reported. The JDC is also making grants to a number of Hachsharah projects which have been established by members of Palestine military units serving in Italy for the training of those wishing to emigrate to Palestine. Dr. Schwartz paid tribute to these units declaring that "especially in the early stages, members of the Palestine units in Italy rendered valuable service to the refugees, and even now are continuing to do what they can."

J.D.C. Aid Given to Jews in Rome Throughout German Occupation

Dr. Schwartz revealed that Jewish refugees in Italy continued to receive aid from the Joint Distribution Committee during the occupation of Rome by the Germans. The relief was arranged through diplomatic personnel attached to the Vatican. A nucleus of the Jewish relief committee which has been functioning in Rome since 1933 still exists and continued operating throughout the German occupation, Dr. Schwartz said. He emphasized that the JDC will continue to explore all immigration possibilities for the refugees in Italy and will provide for them during their stay there.

Estimating that there are about 9,000 Italian Jews and about 2,000 refugees in Rome, the majority of whom fled there from southern France when the Germans took over this territory from the Italian occupation authorities, the JDC representative said that many of the refugees are old and sick and show the effects of being confined in one camp or another during the last five years.

In southern Italy, Dr. Schwartz estimated, there are 3,000 Jewish refugees, most of whom are stateless, although a substantial number of them are Yugoslavs. About 600 of them have already emigrated to Palestine. Efforts are being made at present to secure additional immigration certificates for those desiring to go to Palestine, and to find emigration possibilities for those who do not want to or are not able to proceed to Palestine. Dr. Schwartz expressed the hope that President Roosevelt's plan to admit 1,000 refugees from Italy to the United States for the duration of the war will cover some of these stateless Jews, or others who cannot be repatriated at present.

ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES ORDER CENSUS OF JEWS IN JASSI

ZURICH, June 28. (JTA) -- The military governor of the Rumanian city of Jassi, which is menaced by Russian troops, has been ordered to take a census of the city's Jewish population, the Bucharest newspaper Universul reports. The paper estimates that there are between 30,000 and 50,000 Jews in Jassi, including many Jews who had been reported from Transnistria, which has been recaptured by the Red Army.

PALESTINE PLANK OF REPUBLICANS LAUDED BY SILVER; HOPES DEMOCRATS WILL FOLLOW SUIT

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- Satisfaction with the attitude taken by the national convention of the Republican Party towards the Palestine problem was expressed here by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council upon his return today from Chicago where he delivered the invocation at the Republican conclave. He emphasized that he hoped that the national convention of the Democratic Party "will likewise adopt a strong pro-Palestine plank."

The text of the Republican Party plank on Palestine reads: "In order to give refuge to millions of distressed Jewish men, women and children driven from their homes by tyranny, we call for the opening of Palestine to their unrestricted immigration and land ownership, so that in accordance with the full intent and purpose of the Balfour Declaration of 1917 and the Resolution of a Republican Congress in 1922, Palestine may be constituted as a free and democratic commonwealth. We condemn the failure of the President to insist that the mandatory of Palestine carry out the provision of the Balfour Declaration and of the Mandate while he pretends to support them."

The Republican convention also included in its platform a statement "unreservedly condemning the injection into American life of appeals to racial or religious prejudice" and pledging "the establishment by federal legislation of a permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission" to combat racial discrimination in employment.

Expects Early Favorable Action on Palestine Resolutions by Congress

Commenting on the Republican Palestine plank, Dr. Silver said: "The clear and forthright demand for unrestricted Jewish immigration and land ownership in order that Palestine may be constituted as a free and democratic commonwealth in accordance with the full intent and purpose of Balfour Declaration is most heartening indeed. When I discussed this subject with Gov. Dewey in New York City on June 1, the Governor stated that he heartily approved of the Jewish commonwealth resolution pending in Congress and that he would do all he could to help the cause. In Chicago he made good his promise."

Disclosing that Sen. Taft, as chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, was "extremely helpful," Dr. Silver declared: "It is my hope that the Democratic party when it assembles for its convention in Chicago in July will likewise adopt a strong pro-Palestine plank. I believe that the political conventions will pave the way for early favorable action on the Palestine Resolutions when Congress reconvenes."

STALIN THANKS BIRO-BIDJAN JEWS FOR OFFER TO HOUSE 2,500 JEWISH WAR ORPHANS

MOSCOW, June 27. (JTA) -- Acknowledging an offer by the Jewish autonomous region of Biro-Bidjan to erect two orphanages at a cost of 1,662,000 rubles to house 2,500 Jewish war orphans, Marshal Stalin today telegraphed to Biro-Bidjan extending his "fraternal greetings and thanks of the Government of the USSR." Stalin added that the "desire of the toilers of the Jewish autonomous region" to establish the orphanages would be fulfilled.

GESTAPO LEADER RESPONSIBLE FOR MASSACRES OF JEWS IN LITHUANIA NAMED BY UNDERGROUND

STOCKHOLM, June 28. (JTA) -- Swedish newspapers today quoted the latest issue of the Lithuanian underground publication, *Laisves Kovotojas*, reporting that the person responsible for the two-day massacre of Jews in the Kaunas ghetto which started March 27, is a Lithuanian-German leader of the Gestapo named Helke. He is also responsible for the torture of political prisoners in the Kaunas central prison, the report said.

BRITAIN AGREES TO ESTABLISH A "FREE PORT" FOR REFUGEES IN LIBYA, STETTINIUS ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- Under-Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr. today announced that the British Government has agreed to the establishment of a new haven of refuge in one of the former Italian colonies in Libya for refugees escaping from the German-held part of Italy and from Yugoslavia. "This act of mercy, like that of our own country a few weeks ago, will lead to similar acts by other nations in opening their doors to peoples who would otherwise perish under Nazi brutality," he declared.

The announcement was made by Mr. Stettinius in the course of an address at a dinner tendered to Rep. Sol Bloom by the Palestine Grove Representation Committee at the Hotel Commodore. He said that Bloom "has been an outstanding leader in the struggle to aid and rescue the persecuted peoples of Europe."

The Under-Secretary of State emphasized that the State Department acting in close cooperation with the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees and with the War Refugee Board, "has labored constantly to assist the escape of refugees from Europe and to find for them places of refuge."

"Much of the story of assistance to the refugees of Europe cannot now be told without seriously endangering our future efforts," he said. "Escape from Europe is not easy. Savage retaliation by the Nazis follows quickly upon any mistake or ill-planned actions, but in a thousand different ways, in many different lands, the work goes on night and day. When the full story can be told it will be one of the most dramatic chapters in the history of human freedom."

PALESTINE TERRORIST CONDEMNED TO DEATH; SECOND SUCH SENTENCE SINCE BRITISH RULE

JERUSALEM, June 28. (JTA) -- Mathias Shmulevitz, alias Raphael Birnbaum, 24, was sentenced to death by a British military court here yesterday for illegal possession of arms and firing on a British policeman. He is the second Jew to be condemned by a military tribunal since Britain assumed the mandate over Palestine.

Upon hearing the verdict, Shmulevitz arose and sang Hatikvah, during which all the spectators and members of the court stood in silence. When being led from the court he approached reporters and called out: "Give my regards to the Yishuv." The accused youth, who is a member of the outlawed Stern group, addressed the court for several hours, charging that Britain is following a "Jekyll and Hyde" policy. In England, he said, she discloses her "Jekyll" aspect, while in Palestine she displays that of "Hyde."

At the opening of the trial, Shmulevitz had requested that High Commissioner Sir Harold MacMichael and Jewish Agency chairman David Ben-Gurion be called to testify. Through their testimony, he said, he would prove that Britain was not fulfilling its mandatory obligations in Palestine and also that the Jewish population was strongly opposed to the government policy. The court refused his request. The court also denied a request for the appearance of police Superintendent Harrington, by whose testimony, Shmulevitz claimed, he would show that the police had instigated terroristic methods and "behavior akin to the Gestapo."

The only other Palestine Jew to be sentenced to death by a British military court was Shlomo Ben Yosef, 25, who was hanged on June 29, 1938 for firing on an Arab bus. His trial and execution, which occurred at a time when Arab-Jewish tension was high, aroused nation-wide resentment. On several occasions Jewish demonstrators protesting the sentence clashed with police.