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ATLANTIC HUNGARIAN JEWS ATTEMPTING TO FLEE COUNTRY WITH ASSISTANCE OF NON-JEWS

ZURICH, July 21. (JTA) -- Hungarian Jews faced with deportation and death despite intervention in their behalf by religious and political leaders of the United and neutral nations are frantically attempting to flee the country, it is indicated by reports reaching here today from various sources.

Hungarian newspapers disclose that the police in the town of Szeged have discovered a large organization which was smuggling Jews into Rumania. The group was headed by a prominent non-Jewish citizen of Szeged and had the cooperation of the chief of the Alien Control office in the city. Many members of the organization have been sent to concentration camps.

The Nazi Transkontinent Press reports that the head of a large textile firm has been arrested, together with fourteen of his employees, for providing Jews who fled from the labor service or concentration camps with forged identification documents. Rumanian newspapers received here state that several Hungarian Jews have been sentenced to five years in prison for crossing into Rumania illegally.

The Slovakian press, which has kept silent up until now concerning the deportations of Jews from Hungary, today admits that transports of Jews bound for Poland have been passing through Slovakia. They reveal that deportees who succeed in escaping from the trains are being sheltered by Slovakian Jews. They accuse a baptized Jewish land owner named Hertz and his manager named Friedman of operating an "underground railroad" which has succeeded in getting many Hungarian Jews to safety.

Police Intensify Hunt for Fugitive Jews

The Hungarian police are taking drastic measures to curb the flight of the fugitive Jews. A wide-spread dragnet has been thrown around Budapest and all borders aimed at rounding up every Jew not residing in ghettos. In the capital this week police shot and killed David Popovics, who had escaped from a ghetto in one of the provincial cities.

The Hungarian civil authorities, meanwhile, are continuing to introduce further anti-Jewish measures. The National Commissioner of Public Health decreed that all equipment in the offices of Jewish doctors, or in medical supply firms owned by Jews, belongs to the state. He announced, at the same time, that only 19 of the estimated 4,500 Jewish physicians in the country have received permits allowing them to travel out of the cities in which they are confined in order to treat patients. Several hundred Jewish medical aid societies and Jewish-supported hospitals were closed down this week.

In Budapest the authorities are being swamped with applications for the tens of thousands of apartments from which Jews have been ousted. Revealing that 100,000 such applications have already been filed, the housing department announced that no apartments will be allotted as yet, and warned that persons who have taken over Jewish apartments are living there illegally.

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JEWISH AGENCY SPOKESMAN WELCOMES GORT WITH RESERVATIONS; ARABS HOPE HE WILL CURB JEWS

JERUSALEM, July 21. (JTA) -- The appointment of Field Marshal Viscount Gort as High Commissioner for Palestine was welcomed today by the Hebrew press and a Jewish Agency spokesman. The Agency representative said that "in all matters connected with the war effort, we will help Viscount Gort to the utmost of our ability. As for the rest, we will judge him by his actions and policy."

At the same time, Auni Bey Abdul Hadi, spokesman for the Arab extremist groups, said that "the Arabs hope that Viscount Gort will not tolerate the existence of Jewish military organizations foolishly aiming to force the British Government's hand. We hope he will finally succeed in uprooting the evil of organized Jewish terrorism."

BRITAIN WILL NOT ACT ON PALESTINE UNTIL INDIAN QUESTION SOLVED, SAYS LABOR PARTY LEADER

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- Britain will not adopt a clear-cut final policy in regard to Palestine until the Indian question is solved, Emanuel Shinwell, Labor Party leader in Commons, said today in an interview appearing in the London Jewish Chronicle.

"In the meantime," Shinwell stated, "I strongly urge Zionists to concentrate on economic and purely materialistic Jewish developments in Palestine. That is the thing that counts with the British Government and people. The more valuable they make themselves economically and materialistically, the more consideration and respect they will receive from Britain which has absolutely no interest in Jews as Jews or in the future of Jewry."

Shinwell said that there were no indications that anti-Semitism in Britain is increasing, but expressed the belief that there might be a wave of anti-Semitism in the post-war period intensified for unscrupulous political purposes. "My advice to individual Jews," he stated, "is always fight the anti-Semite. Do not take an apologetic, explanatory line, but hit out, and hit hard every time."

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWISH REFUGEES BEING EVACUATED THROUGH SPAIN, SAYS STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, July 21. (JTA) -- More than 10,000 refugees, many of them Jewish, have been evacuated to the United States, North Africa and various American republics this year through Spain, and a total of 4,500 such refugees were evacuated in 1943, according to an announcement by the State Department yesterday.

Evacuation of the refugees was handled by the "Representation in Spain of American Relief Organizations" which includes the Joint Distribution Committee, the American Friends Service Committee, the Unitarian Service Committee and the War Relief Offices of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. The relief groups were assisted by the American Embassy and the Spanish Government, the announcement said, citing reports by the Spanish authorities which resulted in saving several hundred Sephardic Jews from deportation to Poland.

ITALIAN FASCIST GOVERNMENT BARS ALL JEWS FROM BORDER ZONE

BERN, July 21. (JTA) -- The Minister of the Interior of the puppet government in northern Italy has established a three-kilometer wide zone on the Italo-Swiss frontier from which Jews of all nationalities are excluded. Persons seeking to enter the zone must secure permits, the ministry announced, but no permits will be given to

WISE HAILS PALESTINE PLANK ADOPTED BY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

CHICAGO, July 21. (JTA) -- The adoption by the Democratic national convention of a plank endorsing unrestricted Jewish immigration to Palestine and the ultimate establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth there was hailed today by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, co-chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, who expressed confidence that it "will speedily be translated by definitive action into the fulfillment of the age-old aspirations of the Jewish people."

"My associates and I welcome the adoption of the Palestine plank in the platform of the Democratic national convention," Dr. Wise said. "We are grateful to the leaders of the Democratic Party, including the co-chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, the Honorable John W. McCormack and the Honorable Mary T. Norton, and the distinguished leaders of both Houses of Congress who served on the Committee, in addition to the veteran Liberal, the Honorable Josephus Daniels. The convention delegates, representing the conviction of the American people, adopted the resolution with enthusiasm and unanimity. By this act, the Democratic Party once again reaffirms the historic policy of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

The plank adopted by the convention states: "We favor the opening of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and colonization, and such a policy as to result in the establishment there of a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth."

At the same time, the convention went on record supporting Congressional action to secure full rights for racial and religious minorities in the United States. The plank covering the minority question said: "We believe that racial and religious minorities have the right to live, develop and vote equally with all citizens and share the rights that are guaranteed by our Constitution. Congress should exert its full constitutional powers to protect those rights."

Silver Says Convention Action Will Be Welcomed By All Americans

CLEVELAND, July 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council, today hailed with deep satisfaction the inclusion in the Democratic Party's platform of a plank on Palestine. Dr. Silver said:

"The whole-hearted endorsement by the Democratic Party at its convention in Chicago of the rights of the Jewish people to unrestricted immigration and land acquisition in Palestine -- rights which have been denied by the current White Paper policy of the Mandatory -- and the recognition of the historic aspiration of our people to build in Palestine a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth, is an act of greatest political significance and statesmanship. It will be warmly welcomed by all sections of the American people which have always manifested profound sympathy for the efforts of the Jewish people to re-build their national life in their ancient home. It will be especially welcomed by the Jews of America who will be greatly heartened by this magnificent expression of friendship and helpfulness at a time of deep crisis and tragedy for Israel."

"The Democratic Party, under the leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt, now reaffirms its loyal support of the Zionist movement which more than a quarter of a century ago was so eloquently championed by another great Democratic President, Woodrow Wilson. The action of the Democratic Party following the similar notable action of the Republican Party at its convention in Chicago last month, now puts both major parties squarely behind the ideal of a Jewish Palestine. It is now the declared purpose not of one political party or another but of the entire American people which has come to regard this constructive solution of the basic Jewish problem in the world today as one of the important objectives of a just world peace which is to follow this war."

CONFIRM: REPORT POPE INTERCEDED FOR JEWS WITH HUNGARIAN REGENT

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- Pope Pius XII has interceded with the Regent of Hungary in behalf of the Hungarian Jews, it was confirmed today in a cable received at the headquarters of the World Jewish Congress here from its London office.

The Apostolic Delegate in London has written the British Section of the World Jewish Congress stating: "I have telegram from Holy See to say Holy Father has appeared personally to Regent of Hungary on behalf your people and has been assured Regent will do all possible to help."

The Pope's intervention, the Congress said, had also been sought by Myron Taylor who conveyed to him the deep concern of the Jewish community of America regarding the fate of the remaining Jews in Hungary. Mr. Taylor conferred with Dr. Stephen Wise and Dr. Nahum Goldmann representing the World Jewish Congress, prior to his departure for Rome.

D.C. ANNOUNCES SPECIAL GRANT FOR REFUGEE JEWS FROM FINLAND NOW IN SWEDEN

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee today announced a special grant for the relief and maintenance of 115 stateless Jews who fled from Finland just before the Nazis took control of that country several weeks ago. The stateless Jews reached safety in Sweden, where they are now being maintained.

The J.D.C. has provided and continues to supply supplementary relief for between 5,000 and 6,000 Danish Jews, as well as complete support for a small number of refugees of non-Danish origin who escaped from the Nazis and found havens in Sweden earlier in the war. During 1943 and to date in 1944, a total \$83,000 has been appropriated to help the Danish refugees.

JEWISH COUNCIL OF RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF RECEIVES OVER \$500,000 IN SUPPLIES

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- Over a half million dollars worth of food, clothing, drugs and other items were contributed through the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief in March, April and May of this year, John L. Bernstein, treasurer of the Jewish Council, reported today to the national executive board. Included were 450,000 pounds of new and used clothing and over 37,000 household emergency kits in addition to drugs, medical books, watches and eye-glasses.

The largest clothing contribution in this period, Mr. Bernstein stated, was \$497 pounds from New York, followed by 91,758 from Chicago and 71,404 pounds from Boston. New York also led the other cities in the number of kits - 12,267, followed immediately by Philadelphia with 10,572 kits.

10,000 SENT TO PALESTINE WORKING WOMEN BY PIONEER WOMEN

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- The Pioneer Women's Organization has sent the sum of \$160,000 to the Working Women's Council, its sister organization in Palestine, at the beginning of the fiscal year, October 1, 1943, it was reported today by Dvora Rothbard, National Secretary.

The funds have enabled the Working Women's Council to absorb young girls from neighboring countries into the agricultural training farms where they are going through various phases of farming, including citrus culture, tree nursing, vegetable raising, bee raising, and care of poultry and cows, Miss Rothbard said.