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DELEGATION SEES EDEN ON SAVING HUNGARIAN JEWS; RESCUE POSSIBILITIES BELIEVED GOOD

LONDON, July 26. (JTA) -- A delegation of Christian and Jewish leaders, led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, today conferred with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden on the situation of the Hungarian Jews.

In disclosing the visit to a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president, said that there was reason to believe that the reported offer by Regent Horthy of Hungary to allow the Red Cross to evacuate Jewish children, as well as adults possessing Palestine visas, was genuine.

The delegation, Brodetsky added, was given to understand that steps may now be possible which will result in the rescue of a large number of Jews. He stressed that a favorable situation has finally arisen which presents an opportunity for large-scale rescue, but warned that action must be taken immediately in view of the latest developments in Germany. He asked that the doors of Palestine be thrown open to all Jews who can be saved.

-- Church Attacks Un-godly Solution of Jewish Problem --

ZURICH, July 26. (JTA) -- Hungarian churches, which have been compelled by the pro-Nazi government to cease baptizing Jews in order to save them from deportation, issued a statement today protesting against "methods of solving the Jewish problem which would challenge God's eternal laws."

Information reaching here says that, at the same time, the church authorities succeeded in obtaining some concessions for Jews who have already been baptized. They are now empowered to raise any grievances with the government through the Council of Christian Jews which has been established as a sub-division of the central Jewish council. They are also permitted to wear a "Christian sign" next to the yellow stars.

Meanwhile, seizure of Jewish property and arrests of Jews seeking to escape and those aiding them to do so continue. The German Transkontinent Press reports that in the city of Sopron "much hidden Jewish property, including cash, gold and silver worth millions" has been discovered. In the town of Cluj, Jewish safe deposit boxes were opened and "many millions in gold and foreign exchange were confiscated."

POPE PIUS RECEIVES CHIEF RABBI OF ROME; VATICAN THANKED FOR ASSISTANCE TO JEWS

ROME, July 26. (JTA) -- Pope Pius yesterday received Chief Rabbi Anton Zolli of Rome, with whom he spoke for a half-hour, it was disclosed today.

It is understood that Rabbi Zolli expressed his thanks and those of the Jewish community for the moral and material assistance given the Jews of Rome during the German occupation of the capital. Aside from sheltering many Jews, the Vatican contributed funds to meet a ransom demand of the Germans.

ZIONISTS IN BOTOSANI SAY INTERESTED IN EMIGRATION BUT STABLE ECONOMY IS MAIN NEED

MOSCOW, July 26. (JTA) -- Despite the persecution to which Rumanian Jews have been subjected during the past few years, an active Zionist organization is still functioning in the city of Botosani, from which a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent has just returned.

While visiting Botosani to obtain the names of Jewish residents who have relatives in the United States, the JTA correspondent was given a message by the local Zionist-Labor group addressed to Jews throughout the world.

The message, which is signed by B. Kaufman, "as representative of the Jewish Socialist Party, 'Trud,' in Botosani, which is affiliated with Palestine central organization which is headed by David Ben Gurion," says:

"Owing to the rapid advance of the Russian troops into the liberated sections of Rumania, nearly all the Jews in these regions remain alive. It is the only corner of Europe where the Jews escaped being massacred by the German Fascist hordes.

"The question of emigration is one which interests us very much. But at present it is necessary to strengthen the economic organization of Jews here. Under the anti-Jewish laws, Jews were, until recently, excluded from all branches of economic life. The situation reached the point where the majority of the Jews of our town were pauperized and became public charges.

"Since the arrival of the Russian Army, the situation has been somewhat ameliorated. Life is somewhat better, but the economic structure is not yet stable. The majority of the Jews are peddlers. It is necessary to strengthen the economic organization through increased production. This can be done."

Relatives of Botosani Jews Flood JTA With Calls

NEW YORK, July 26. (JTA) -- Publication in the English and Yiddish press yesterday and today of the names of Jews in the Rumanian town of Botosani who have relatives in the United States brought a flood of calls to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency office today by persons who had found names of close relatives. The names were obtained by a JTA correspondent in Russia who made a special trip to Botosani to secure them.

One excited caller told a JTA editor that the name of his father appearing in the list was the first word he and his two brothers here have had in the past five years. Brothers and sisters called up to share their joy at discovering that their families in Botosani, who they feared were dead, had survived the years of German and Rumanian persecution. One man discovered relatives of whom he had never heard, members of his family who were born since he emigrated many years ago.

A tragic sidelight to publication of the Botosani list were many calls from persons who had relatives in other Jewish populated cities which have recently been liberated, such as Vilna and Minsk, seeking information as to the fate of their people. All that is known at present concerning these cities is that virtually no Jews remained alive there. One call came from a young woman who had promised a U.S. soldier overseas that as soon as Vilna was liberated, she would attempt to locate his parents.

ARRIVAL FROM RUMANIA SAYS ONLY 101 JEWS REMAIN IN BESSARABIA

JERUSALEM, July 26. (JTA) -- A Jewish refugee who recently arrived here from Rumania reports that according to the most recent statistics issued by the Rumanian Government there are only 101 Jews remaining in Bessarabia. Many of the Bessarabian Jews were deported to Transnistria.

WORRIED NAZI LEADERS ATTEMPTING TO ALIBI AWAY EXTERMINATION OF JEWS

ZURICH, July 26. (JTA) -- Nazi leaders, shaken by unrest at home and defeat on all fronts, are beginning to lay the groundwork for their defense before war criminal tribunals, it is indicated in a dispatch by the Nazi Transocean news service received here today.

The dispatch quotes an address by Sundermann, deputy press chief of the Reich, to representatives of the foreign press in Berlin in which he discussed German treatment of the Jews. Alleging that up until 1940 Jews were allowed to emigrate freely, he said that in 1941 Jews were "incorporated into the European production system" and placed at the disposal of the Todt Organization - which constructs German fortifications - farms, factories and other groups. Once assigned to labor, Sundermann said, Jews were no longer under the control of the Gestapo.

This last is apparently an attempt to place the blame for the mistreatment and execution of Jews sent to forced labor on the individuals or organizations for whom they were working rather than on the German Government.

Sundermann claimed that the International Red Cross recently investigated conditions at the fortress prison of Theresienstadt, where many thousands of Jews from all over Europe are confined, and found them good. Twenty-thousand food parcels reached the Theresienstadt internees from abroad during June, he stated, and negotiations are proceeding for the shipment of such parcels to other camps.

An item in a Munich newspaper received here today indicates that there are still Jews living in that city, which is the citadel of National Socialism. The paper announcing the distribution of special rations of coffee, liquor and meat to persons whose residences have been destroyed by Allied bombers, specifies that Jews are excluded from receiving the rations.

ARABS SAY PALESTINE PLANKS DO NOT JIBE WITH U.S. POST-WAR PEACE PLANS

CAIRO, July 26. (JTA) -- The Arab reaction to the adoption of pro-Zionist Palestine plans by both the Republican and Democratic parties is voiced today by the widely circulated newspaper Al Sabah which says "we do not know how to reconcile the American parties' resolutions with the United States statement about world peace and protection of the weak against the strong."

Meanwhile, it is reported that Viscount Gort, newly appointed High Commissioner of Palestine, will confer here in September with Sir Harold MacMichael whom he is succeeding. Lord Gort is understood to be studying reports on the Palestine situation at present.

JEWISH WOMEN ASK MORE "FREE PORTS" IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, July 26. (JTA) -- A plea for immediate extension of the "free port" plan for European refugees was presented today in letters sent to President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull by the National Council of Jewish Women. The letters also expressed the council's gratification at the establishment of the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter, near Oswego, New York.