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WRB PLANNING RESCUE OF JEWISH CHILDREN IN HUNGARY FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF HORTHY OFFER

WASHINGTON, July 28. (JTA) -- The War Refugee Board is in receipt of Regent Nicholas Horthy's offer to the Red Cross to release all Jewish children under ten who can obtain foreign visas, as well as adults with Palestine visas, it was learned here today:

The Horthy proposal, which was first made public last week by the International Red Cross in Geneva, was transmitted to its delegation here and forwarded to George L. Warren of the State Department, who acts as liaison officer between the Department and the War Refugee Board.

John W. Pehle, executive director of the WRB confirmed that he had received the Red Cross communication and told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the WRB is presently formulating plans for implementing the Horthy offer by securing havens for the children.

It is understood that the Horthy note has also been transmitted to the British Foreign Office, but this could not be confirmed in British official circles here.

The cablegram from the Red Cross in Geneva also reveals that it has been given permission to furnish relief to Jews who are interned in Hungary or those residing in the ghettos.

The text of the Red Cross communication reads: "Following on the steps taken in Budapest by the International Red Cross Commission in Geneva, the Hungarian authorities have given the Commission official assurances that transportation of Jews beyond the Hungarian frontiers has ceased and that the International Commission are authorized to furnish relief to Jews who are interned or in forced residents in Hungary.

"The Commission is furthermore empowered to cooperate in the evacuation of all Jewish children under 10 years of age who are in possession of visas to reception countries and all Jews in Hungary holding entrance visas to Palestine will receive permission from the authorities to leave for that country."

British Paper Calls for Speedy Action on Horthy Proposal

LONDON, July 28: (JTA) -- The London News Chronicle today carries an editorial calling for speedy action by the British and American governments in connection with the offer by Regent Horthy to release some Jews: "Acceptance of the offer may save thousands of lives," the paper says. "We must make our response swift and wholehearted."

The paper's diplomatic correspondent, commenting on the Horthy proposal, says that "many Jewish organizations believe that a time limit is inherent in Horthy's offer. It seems certain that unless moves are made to get out as many Jews as can be evacuated, the Germans will not hesitate to continue their ghastly work."

HUNGARIAN PAPERS SILENT ON HORTHY OFFER TO RELEASE JEWS

GENEVA, July 28. (JTA) -- Hungarian papers reaching here today are silent concerning the offer of Regent Horthy to permit the emigration of Jewish children under ten and also adults who possess Palestine visas. The papers continue to press for even stronger measures against the Jews.

Meanwhile, there is further indication that Hungary is feeling the pinch of having many of its skilled workers and administrators ousted. Yesterday the Ministry of the Interior issued an order permitting "full freedom of movement" to Jews working in enterprises important to the war effort, if they secure permits from the local chief of police.

Budapest newspapers reveal the arrest of another group engaged in smuggling Jews out of the country. Sandor Skultety, the head of a tourist bureau, as well as a "prominent personality" and nine peasants are charged with organizing the flight of fifty Jews. Rumanian newspapers report that the authorities there are no longer imprisoning Jews captured crossing the border from Hungary illegally, but are compelling them to return.

A special intercession service for the persecuted Jews in Hungary was held here today by the Geneva consistory of the National Protestant Church. The services in St. Gervais church were attended by a large throng including prominent Christian and Jewish leaders. The prayer read was the same as that delivered in Protestant churches in Holland in 1942.

FORT ONTARIO REFUGEES EXPECTED TO ARRIVE NEXT WEEK; WILL NOT BE GUARDED BY ARMY

WASHINGTON, July 28. (JTA) -- The army will not police the emergency refugee shelter at Fort Ontario, according to Dillon S. Myer, director of the War Relocation Authority which takes over custody of the grounds at the fort tomorrow. The 986 refugees who will be housed there are expected to arrive next week.

Although President Roosevelt placed the administration of the camp in the hands of the WRA, he ordered the army to help transport the refugees, provide the equipment needed to convert the army camp, and take the necessary security precautions. The War Department will still be responsible for security plans, but the WRA has arranged to assume full responsibility for carrying out all security measures. No military police, therefore, will surround Fort Ontario as they do the Japanese Relocation Camps, to guard against escapes.

The refugee settlement has been placed under the directorship of Joseph H. Smart, formerly field assistant director of the WRA in Denver and more recently stationed in Peru with the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. A staff of approximately 40 WRA employees are now stationed at Oswego making final arrangements for the refugees' arrival. Of the nearly 1,000 refugees, most are Jewish with small contingents of Roman Catholics, Greek Orthodox, and Protestants. They include persons of 14 nationalities.

576 YEMENITE JEWS REACH PALESTINE; LAST IMMIGRANTS FROM NON-BELLIGERENT AREAS

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA) -- Five-hundred seventy-six Yemenite Jews arrived here today and were immediately transferred to the Athlit clearance camp pending release by the immigration authorities. They are the last Jewish immigrants who will be allowed to enter Palestine from non-belligerent countries. All remaining immigration certificates will go to Jews from war areas or occupied territory.

ZIONIST PRESSURE ON POLITICAL PARTIES CONDEMNED AS DISSERVICE TO U. S. JEWS

PHILADELPHIA, July 28. (JTA) -- Zionist pressure upon the Republican and Democratic parties which resulted in the inclusion in their election platforms of a plank calling for unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth there is condemned as having done "a serious injury" to American Jews in the current information bulletin of the American Council for Judaism.

Referring to statements that the vote of many Jews will be decided by the two parties' stand on the Palestine issue, the council says that "we American citizens of Jewish faith are too deeply rooted in the realities of our life in this our own country, to indulge in such fantastic nonsense." The council also charges that "our very capacity to help Jews abroad who will need our help most is being impaired to the extent that such activity continues."

ARABS CONTINUING TO WAGE VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN AGAINST PALESTINE PLANKS

CAIRO, July 28. (JTA) -- The Arab press is continuing to wage a vigorous anti-Zionist campaign on the basis of the Palestine planks incorporated into the platforms of the Democratic and Republican parties.

Al Ahram, largest Arab newspaper in the world, writes that a union of Arab states "can throttle any plans" to make Palestine a Jewish state. The projected meeting of Arab states should make clear, the paper adds, that the Arab governments would consider the formation of a Jewish state in Palestine an inimical gesture and are ready to back the Palestine Arabs "in their desire to hold onto their land."

OPEN-AIR MASS-MEETING IN NEW YORK ON MONDAY TO PROTEST MASSACRE OF EUROPE JEWS

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA) -- A monster open-air mass-meeting to protest the extermination of the Jews in Europe - especially the Jews of Hungary who are menaced by imminent destruction, - will be held in Madison Square here on Monday under the auspices of the American Jewish Conference, in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee, and other Jewish groups.

In large newspaper advertisements calling on the people of New York to attend the meeting, the conference stated that: "Millions of Jews in Axis-dominated Europe have been brutally and sadistically murdered by the Nazi hordes. They have been systematically starved and tortured, mowed down by machine guns and poisoned in gas chambers. We cannot remain silent onlookers."

Hebrew Committee Asks Haven in Palestine for Hungarian Jews

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA) -- The "Hebrew Committee of National Liberation" announced today that it has cabled Prime Minister Churchill asking establishment of emergency refugee shelters in Palestine to receive all Jews who can be rescued from Hungary.

"The opportunity to save the Hebrews of Hungary is at hand," the cable said. "Countless thousands of men, women and children can save their lives if only they are permitted to enter Palestine. We therefore suggest that His Majesty's Government start without delay the establishment of emergency refugee shelters in Palestine."