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SWISS BORDERS OPENED TO CHILDREN; TRANSPORT OF HUNGARIAN JEWS REACHES SWITZERLAND

GENEVA, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The first transport of Jews permitted by the pro-Nazi Hungarian Government to emigrate from Hungary arrived in Basle, Switzerland last night on a special train under the care of the Swiss Red Cross.

The group consists of 320 Jewish men, women and children from Budapest and vicinity. The refugees will be interned in a Swiss refugee camp for the duration of the war.

The Swiss Government announced today that it will admit any child from German-held territory reaching the Swiss frontiers, providing it is under 14 years of age. Such children will not be asked for passports or visas usually required from adults, the announcement said.

The refugee children will be permitted to remain in Switzerland until it is safe for them to return to their native lands, the Swiss announcement said, adding that the young refugees will be taken care of by the International Red Cross with funds raised by public subscriptions.

CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT APPOINTS OFFICIAL TO DEAL WITH REPATRIATION OF JEWS

LONDON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The Czechoslovakian Government-in-Exile today appointed a special official to deal with questions concerning the release of Czechoslovakian Jews arrested by the German occupational authorities, and the return of these Jews to their homes and their rehabilitation.

The official, Dr. Isidore Rosenberg, who is a member of the Ministry of Agriculture, was made a member of the Czechoslovak delegation which will soon leave for Russia and proceed then to liberated Czechoslovakia as soon as the Russian Army enters that country.

Belgian circles here today reported that Jews are still being deported from Belgium by the German authorities. A transport of 250 Jewish men and women of all ages was herded together recently in cattle trucks and brought, accompanied by the usual brutalities, to the Wallonia railway station from which place they were shipped to points unknown.

CONFERENCE IN SWEDEN PROTESTS AGAINST DISSEMINATION OF ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- A resolution protesting against the dissemination of anti-Jewish propaganda in Sweden was adopted at a conference of the Wendelsberg Union for Christian Community Life, the Stockholm newspapers reported today.

The resolution expresses "deep indignation over the organized anti-Jewish propaganda that, for a long time, both openly and underground, has been sowing spite in the minds of the Swedish people, and undermining their spiritual health."

GEN. CHERNIAKHOVSKY IS NOT JEWISH; HIS NAME CONFUSED WITH JEWISH GENERAL CHERNIAVSKY

MOSCOW, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakhovsky, Soviet commander of the Third Byelorussian Army which is now at the gates of Germany, is not a Jew despite the fact that he is being hailed in the United States and in England as a Jewish front commander, it was established here today by the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The correspondent checked and rechecked on Gen. Cherniakhovsky's genealogy, aided in this work by Soviet Jewish leaders who, after a thorough investigation, declare that Gen. Cherniakhovsky "is positively non-Jewish."

It is taken for granted here that Gen. Cherniakhovsky's name was confused abroad with the name of the Soviet Jewish General Mikhail Cherniavsky. Lieut. General Mikhail Cherniavsky who is well-known in the military world abroad as a tank-troops commander, is one of the Soviet commanders of the Second Baltic Army and has to his credit many victories over the Germans on that front. He comes from a poor Jewish family in Kiev and his father, Leib Cherniavsky, is reported here as having been engaged under the Czar "in a purely Jewish profession - in raising and pressing grapes and selling Sabbath wine."

Lt. General Cherniavsky who is now 45 years old, was an electrician before the outbreak of the Russian revolution. He joined the Red Army as a volunteer when it was formed in the early years of the revolution. He graduated from the Frunze Military Academy and was appointed head of a Soviet tank school six years before the outbreak of the present war. His school was considered a model military educational establishment and turned out hundreds of tank commanders. When the war broke out, the Jewish general was put in charge of all tank schools in the Red Army.

Transferred later to command tank troops at the Baltic front, Gen. Cherniavsky succeeded in breaking through the German line at Idritsa and was lauded by Marshal Stalin in an order of the day as second-in-command of the Second Baltic Army.

ROME JEWISH COMMUNITY TO HOLD ELECTIONS; RIFT BETWEEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND CHIEF RABBI

ROME, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish community here will hold its first elections since the liberation of the city within a month's time when it will install a new council to assume control over Jewish communal affairs.

Authorization to hold elections to the Jewish Community Council was requested today from the Rome Jewish lawyer, Silvio Ottolenghi, designated by Lt. Colonel Charles Poletti of the Allied Military Government as commissioner for Jewish community affairs early in July when he dismissed the Council after a dispute between it and Chief Rabbi Israel Zolli.

At the same time, the Italian Government and members of the Jewish community are studying proposals to abolish the special legal status of the Jewish community, established under Mussolini's decree of October 30, 1931, which in effect compelled all Jews to belong to the community, and which was invested with official power to tax its members. This peculiar status was given only to the Jewish and not to other religious minorities in Italy, and the administration of the community was made responsible to the government.

Lt. Col. Poletti dismissed the Jewish Council and appointed a commissioner to administer Jewish affairs following a bitter quarrel within the Rome Jewish community when the community council demanded Rabbi Zolli's resignation charging him with going into hiding when the Germans occupied Italy. Rabbi Zolli, who was formerly the Rabbi of Trieste, in turn accused the president of the Council, Ugo Foa, and other members of the Council of being fascists. Ottolenghi was named commissioner for the affairs of the Rome Jewish community at Rabbi Zolli's recommendation.

OFFICIALS IN ROME DOUBT WHETHER REFUGEES WILL ACCEPT OFFER OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP

ROME, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Officials here dealing with the refugee problem today expressed doubt as to whether any great proportion of the stateless refugees in Italy will care to accept the offer by the Italian Government of citizenship to all stateless persons now residing in this country.

The opinion of these officials is based on the fact that life in Italy for many years to come will be most difficult, and people who are not Italians would have the greatest hardships in establishing an economic basis for existence. The offer of the Italian Government, however, is considered important as a precedent for other countries where there are such stateless persons also and where the conditions would be more suitable for their absorption.

Sir Clifford Heatcote-Smith, representative of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, today told a conference of officials of the Allied Control Commission here that of 15 to 20 million displaced refugees in Europe after the war, between one and two million would be stateless in that they would have no country to return to either in fact or in law. He praised the Italian Government for its "kind and helpful gesture" toward a solution of the problem. There are about 4,000 stateless refugees in liberated Italy at present, of whom between 2,000 and 3,000 are Jews, he said. Those in Rome have been invited to a meeting next Friday at which Sir Clifford will explain the Italian Government's offer and advise its acceptance.

Warning Issued on Admission of Refugees from Italy to Palestine

Sir Clifford informed the conference that one transport of stateless has already left for Palestine but he warned, in connection with the flow of refugees from central Europe, that the number of additional refugees that Palestine could absorb would be limited.

Outlining the intergovernmental committee's work, Sir Clifford, who recently returned from a plenary session of the committee in London, declared that it had the overall duty to survey the refugee problem and cooperate with existing organizations. The committee at present is trying to discover, he said, "what is on the other side of the line," but the fascists destroyed many records which should have been in Rome. He cited the cooperation, in the committee's local office, of the American Quakers, the American Joint Distribution Committee and the British Friends Ambulance Unit, and expressed belief that UNRRA will also be functioning here.

An agreement between the Allied Control Commission and UNRRA, whereby the latter will take over operation of the large camps in southern Italy housing non-Italian refugees, was disclosed by Col. C. B. Findlay, head of the commission's displaced persons unit. He told the conference that refugee officials expected to find a much greater problem in northern Italy than they had so far encountered and warned that unless UNRRA took over the existing camps, the Allied Control Commission organization would not be able to cope with the new tasks.

1,500 BALKAN JEWS ESCAPE FROM NAZI HANDS; HIDE IN YUGOSLAVIA; IN DIRE NEED OF AID

ROME, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- A group of 1,500 Jews who succeeded in escaping from the Nazis and are now hiding in Yugoslavia, are in dire need of assistance, the Yugoslav Red Cross informed the authorities here today.

The majority are believed to be Yugoslavs, with a smaller number Hungarian and Rumanian Jewish refugees. Relief officials are seeking further information on the possibilities of aiding and rescuing them.

ROOSEVELT URGED TO SECURE PALESTINE IMMIGRATION CERTIFICATES FOR HUNGARIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Declaring that the recent concessions made by the Government of Hungary affecting the rescue of Jews from that country "will be useless unless immediate action is taken to give effect to the prospects of rescue opened up," the American Palestine Committee, representing more than 4,000 leaders of American public opinion, today wired President Roosevelt urging "that the Government of the United States use its good offices to secure the immediate grant by Great Britain, irrespective of previous policies, of immigration certificates into Palestine for all Jews who can be rescued from Hungary and other Nazi dominated countries."

The Committee also urged that "the Government of the United States assume the initiative in formulating forthwith an effective rescue program which will facilitate the removal of Jews from Hungary; also if possible from other Hitler dominated lands, by all available means." The Committee requested further that our government "assist in financing the transportation of such refugee emigration and provide all facilities as may be in its power to offer."

"The oppressed Jews of Europe look to you, Mr. President, for salvation," the appeal said. "They also look to non-Jewish Americans like ourselves for such aid as we may give them in their distress. We are confident that under your leadership a rescue program can be carried out which will provide this tortured people with new life and hope."

INCLUSION OF PALESTINE AS A JEWISH NATIONAL HOME IN A "GREATER SYRIA" IS ADVOCATED

LONDON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The establishment of a "national home for the Jewish people" within a Greater Syria composed of Palestine, Syria, Transjordan and Lebanon is advocated by the London Times in an editorial today.

"No solution of the Arab-Jewish problem," the editorial says, "can satisfactorily divorce Palestine either from her immediate neighbors or from her natural hinterland. The pan-Arab conference, if successful, may thus do something to solve one of the most difficult questions of the day." The article admits, however, that the pan-Arab project to reunite Syria, Lebanon, Transjordan and Palestine into a Greater Syria is at present a remote "dream" that would require leadership of high order for its successful accomplishment.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPORT DEMAND FOR A JEWISH COMMONWEALTH IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The Mexican Government will support the Zionist demand for the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, representative of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, reported here today upon his return from Mexico.

During his stay in Mexico, Dr. Goldmann was received by Foreign Secretary Ezekiel Padilla and by Secretary of Interior Miguel Aleman. "Both assured me that Mexico is in full accord with Zionist aspirations and will support wholeheartedly the restoration of the Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine," Dr. Goldmann said.

A Mexican pro-Palestine committee was formed under the chairmanship of Deputy Antonio Manero, noted Mexican economist, and with the aid of Isidro Febela, Governor of the State of Mexico, who was an ardent supporter of Jewish claims on Palestine when he represented Mexico in the League of Nations at Geneva.