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FRENCH PATRIOTS FREE JEWISH CHILDREN; CEREMONY MARKS DEPARTURE TO SWITZERLAND

GENEVA, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- A touching scene took place today in the liberated French town of Annemasse, on the Franco-Swiss frontier, when French patriots of the Interior French Forces gave a send-off to forty Jewish refugee children rescued from the hands of the Gestapo in France who were permitted to enter Switzerland.

The children were taken into safety by the French underground movement during the month of May when they were about to be deported by the Gestapo to extermination camps in Poland. At the end of May the underground decided to transfer them quietly to Annemasse and to smuggle them through from there into Switzerland. The members of the underground in charge of the children were, however, arrested by the Germans - together with the children - upon reaching Annemasse. A proposal made by the underground French fighters to exchange these children for Germans taken prisoners by the Maquis was rejected by the Gestapo. With Annemasse being finally captured by the French patriots, the children were liberated.

Thanks to the cooperation between the Swiss authorities and the French patriots who are now in complete control of Annemasse, representatives of the Federation of Jewish Youth organizations in Switzerland, and of the Jewish Health Society Ose were permitted to proceed to Annemasse and bring the children to Switzerland.

The departure of the children from Annemasse was marked by a special ceremony, which the French patriots arranged at the Municipal Square at which representatives of the Interior French Forces and Mayor Defiaugt delivered addresses dwelling on the point that in France there are no difference between Jew and non-Jews and that liberated France would remain faithful to its traditions of freedom, equality for all. When the ceremony was ended, crowds of Frenchmen accompanied the children to the Franco-Swiss frontier singing the Marseillaise. At the border, the children were received by the Swiss authorities and representatives of the Swiss Red Cross.

HUNGARIAN JEWS REACHING SWITZERLAND PRESENT FOIGNANT PICTURE

ZURICH, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The circumstances under which the first 320 Jews were permitted to leave Hungary for Switzerland are described today in the Swiss press following the arrival of the group in Basle.

The Jewish refugees left Hungary about two weeks ago, travelling all the time in cattle-cars. Some of them died en route. Others had to be carried out from the train on stretchers when they reached Basle.

"The sight of these victims of cruelty and terror could not fail to make all who saw it think," writes the Swiss paper Arbeiterzeitung. "The refugees presented a pitiful picture. What they had gone through could be seen not only from their shabby and crumpled clothing, but from the sufferings written on every face. Many were obviously so numb from misfortune that they could not realize what it meant to be on neutral soil at last. They remained apathetic and refrained from any expression of joy. Most of them were exhausted through undernourishment."

DECREES RESTORING CONFISCATED PROPERTY TO 30,000 JEWS TO BE ISSUED IN ITALY

ROME, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Drafts of the decrees covering the whole field of restoration to Jewish owners of the property, taken away from them under Mussolini's racial laws have been completed by a special commission of the Italian Ministry of Justice and are at present being studied by Allied legal experts, it was learned here today.

Jewish sources here estimate that about 30,000 Jews were deprived of their property under the Fascist regime and will be affected by the new decrees. The original plan to delay the publication of the new measures until all of Italy is liberated has been dropped. The new decrees will be published as soon as possible. This course is being urged both by economic authorities and by the Jews themselves, in order to speed up the revival of Italian trade and industry and rehabilitate the Jews.

The drafting of the new laws met with numerous difficulties, one of which was the lack of authoritative figures and information of the extent of the property involved. One of the thorniest questions concerned the restitution of property transferred by Jews into other hands in order to avoid confiscation under the racial laws. The procedure established for these cases, provides for restitution when the Jewish claimant proves that the transaction was fictitious and was made solely to avoid confiscation.

Italy's Restitution Measures May Not Be Example for Rest of Europe

Legal experts here point out that Italy's restitution measures may not provide an example for other countries in Europe, especially not for Germany. It is not as yet determined what proportion of Jewish property was taken over by the Fascists in a legal manner - that is in accordance with their laws - through the special government agency "Egerli" which issued to the Jews receipts and Egerli bonds for the acquired property. This is particularly the case in large enterprises and holdings.

In contrast to this, is the case of Germany and of other Axis countries where Jewish property was seized lawlessly through specially imposed taxes and through outright expropriations. This is true, too, to a certain extent here, and the manner in which the Italian decrees will work in the recovery of such property, will serve as guide for measures that can be employed elsewhere.

Restoration of Citizenship Qualified to Avoid Dual Nationality

The special commission of the Ministry of Justice also completed the revision of decree under which Italian citizenship has been restored to all who lost it under the Fascist racial laws. It was pointed out that this decree, as originally issued, established dual nationality for those who had acquired citizenship in other countries.

Under the original decree, for example, several hundred Italian Jews who had emigrated to the United States and subsequently entered the American Army and become United States citizens, were still considered Italian citizens. The new draft qualifies this by providing that for those who had acquired other nationality voluntarily, the restoration of Italian citizenship will be dependent upon their making application for its return.

TERROR IN TEL AVIV; JEW TOSSED FROM ROOF TO DEATH; PATROL FIRES AT PASSING JEW

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Abraham Fleischer, a Jewish resident of this city, was wounded last night by a passing police patrol on Allenby Road. He was taken to the government hospital in Jaffa.

Willy Millbauer, a 32-year-old Tel Aviv Jew, was thrown down last night by unknown persons from the roof of his flat and died instantly. His death is linked here with a threat to his life for refusing to contribute \$4,000 to an unnamed underground organization.

Six suspects have been arrested thus far in connection with the armed attack yesterday on the two police stations in Tel Aviv. One of the Jewish policemen who participated in the exchange of fire with the terrorists was seriously wounded.

RESOLUTIONS DEMANDING "FREE PORTS" IN PALESTINE INTRODUCED IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Similar resolutions urging the President and the Secretary of State "to use their good offices" for the immediate establishment of mass-emergency rescue shelters in Palestine as havens for the Jews of Hungary were introduced today in both houses of Congress.

The resolution in Senate was sponsored by Sen. Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, Sen. James E. Murray of Montana and Sen. Homer Ferguson of Michigan. The resolution in the House was sponsored by Rep. Andrew L. Somers of New York, Rep. Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts and Rep. Hugh D. Scott, Jr. of Pennsylvania. The text of the resolution reads:

"Whereas the Government of Hungary has specifically expressed its readiness to release those Jews who could enter Palestine, which is easily accessible from the Balkan countries by land route and calls for little or no shipping space, and whose 600,000 Hebrews are clamoring for an opportunity to shelter and feed their tormented kin and; whereas the government of the United Kingdom and the United States have accepted the proposal of the Hungarian Government, made on July 17, 1944, to the International Committee of the Red Cross for the release of Jews, and have officially and publicly stated that they "will find temporary havens of rescue where such people may live in safety;" now therefore be it

"Resolved that the Senate-House of Representatives of the United States recommends and urges the President and the Secretary of State to use their good offices to put into effect immediately the solemn obligation by the immediate establishment of mass emergency rescue shelters in the mandated territory of Palestine similar to the emergency shelter at Oswego, New York, so that the Hebrews of Europe find there havens from the ordeals of persecution."

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT DETERMINED TO ESTABLISH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, EXHIBITION SHOWS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The future of Jerusalem, as visualized by the Palestine Government, is depicted in an architectural exhibition opened here today. The exhibits include a large wall map prepared by the Public Works Department of the Palestine Government showing the view of Jerusalem in the near future.

Among the future buildings shown on the map is one marked as seat of the Palestine Legislative Council, which the government once planned to establish to be composed of British officials and of Jews and Arabs, but which has not been established due to the opposition of both the Jews and the Arabs to the proposed scheme.

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE FELICITATE FRENCH LABOR LEADERS ON LIBERATION OF PARIS

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Hailing the liberation of Paris as a great step towards the liberation from German hands of Jews and other oppressed people, the Jewish Labor Committee today cabled a message of congratulations in behalf of 500,000 Jewish workers in the United States to leaders of the French labor movement on the occasion of the restoration of the French capital to the people of France. The message reads:

"On the historic day of the liberation of Paris, we salute the workers of France whose great courage and untold sacrifices kept the spirit of freedom in France alive, despite the cruel oppression of the Hitler hordes. Your liberation is a great step to the liberation of all peoples groaning under the yoke of Nazi oppression, among whom our own Jewish people have been marked for total extermination. This day is celebrated by all who are fighting in the war for human decency and international brotherhood. It has been our proud duty to cooperate with the heroic underground movement in France. We shall be happy to cooperate with the freed and revived French labor movement whenever we can be of service."

FEDERATION OF LABOR CONVENTION CALLS FOR REPEAL OF BRITISH WHITE PAPER

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Delegates to the convention of the New York State Federation of Labor, representing 1,500,000 workers, today adopted unanimously a resolution urging "our Government and the Government of Great Britain to bring about the immediate and unequivocal repeal of the entire White Paper policy, replacing it with a new policy which shall provide for free entry of Jews into Palestine -- a policy consistent with the tragic needs of the Jewish people and the magnificent contribution made by the Jewish workers of Palestine to the war effort of the United Nations."

The resolution also pledged support for the program of the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine which was organized "for the purpose of crystallizing the sentiment of American labor in behalf of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine."

LUXEMBURG GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE APPOINTS COMMITTEE FOR REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Anticipating an early end of the war, the Luxemburg Government-in-Exile has appointed a committee of ten to arrange the details of repatriation of all refugees, it was announced here today. Six of the committee are Jews, four of whom are members of the Luxemburg delegation to the World Jewish Congress.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CELEBRATED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Jewish Medical Association was celebrated here today. The Association, which was founded by Dr. Jarcho, a New York physician, now possesses the largest medical library in the Near East.