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RUSSIAN SHIPS MAY CARRY RELIEF SUPPLIES TO JEWS IN POLAND, SAYS SOVIET ENVOY IN CANADA

OTTAWA, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The Soviet embassy here will make Russian ships available for the transportation of relief supplies to the Jews in liberated sections of Poland, as soon as such arrangements are approved by Moscow, a delegation of the Canadian Jewish Congress was assured yesterday by Soviet ambassador George Zarubin.

The delegation, headed by Samuel Bronfman, Congress president, discussed with Mr. Zarubin the various problems involved in getting food, clothing, medicine and other relief supplies to the Jews of Poland. The Jewish leaders said that the Congress was ready to supply unlimited quantities of assistance provided transportation and means of distribution are available.

The ambassador expressed sympathy with the Congress' aims and said that he would immediately contact Moscow to secure information concerning all aspects of the relief problem.

POLISH-JEWISH CIRCLES IN LONDON AWAIT GOVERNMENT LEAD BEFORE CONTACTING SOMMERSTEIN

LONDON, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Polish Jewish circles in Britain are anxious to establish contact with the liberated remnants of Polish Jewry and with the Committee of National Liberation in Lublin, but will not make any independent moves until an agreement is reached between the Polish Government here and the Liberation Committee, an authorized Polish-Jewish spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

Admitting that Polish-Jewish leaders were closely following the activities of Dr. Emil Sommerstein, prominent Zionist and pre-war member of the Polish Sejm who is now a member of the Committee of National Liberation, this spokesman said that the policy of Polish Jews here must be subordinated to considerations of major Polish policy and must follow the line of the Polish Government.

An agreement between the London and Lublin groups, he continued, would open the door for unification of Polish-Jewish forces and would automatically lead to immediate cooperation with the Jewish committee established under Dr. Sommerstein's leadership in Lublin.

The JTA informant denied rumors that the Jewish representation in the Polish National Council will be enlarged by the inclusion of representatives of extreme left-wing groups. He pointed out that the fate of the entire council is presently in the balance in view of the impending reshuffle of the Polish Government, and that it is possible that the council will be dissolved since its political structure will have to follow that of the government when the latter is reconstituted.

MANY JEWS IN SOUTHERN FRANCE ESCAPED EXTERMINATION BY NAZIS, JTA CORRESPONDENT FINDS

GRENOBLE, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- It appears now that more Jews than anyone expected may have survived the Nazi extermination campaign in this part of France, as those who have been hiding in remote villages finally succeed in reaching nearby larger centers.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent learned today that in the small village of Voiron, about 20 miles from Grenoble, about 100 to 150 Jews have been hiding for more than a year with the aid of the local population. Among them is Rabbi Salomon Schneerson, of Paris, a member of the noted Chassidic family headed by Rabbi Joseph Schneerson, the "Lubavitcher Rebbe," who now resides in Brooklyn. Rabbi Salomon Schneerson conducted relief and educational activities among orthodox Jews in Paris before the city's occupation by the Nazis.

Other Jews who found haven in Voiron are Moshe Bryzman, secretary of the left Poale-Zion in Paris and Sonia and Assia Gefen, who were on the staff of the ORT in Marsilk, These and many of the other Voirons refugees have relatives in the United States. Bryzman revealed that several members of the Poale-Zion committee in Paris were deported by the Germans.

Me Jacobowitch, head of the United Jewish Defense Committee in Grenoble, which functioned underground all during the German occupation, told the JTA correspondent that in the fortnight since the city was liberated the number of needy Jews requesting aid has risen from 450 to 700. The committee's means, he said, are taxed to capacity.

ANTI-SEMITISM WILL DIE SUDDEN DEATH IN EUROPE AFTER FALL OF NAZIS, OFFICIAL BELIEVES

ROME, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- An optimistic view concerning the future disappearance of anti-Semitism in liberated Europe was voiced here today by Sir Clifford Bartholet-Smith, representative of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees.

Speaking to the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Sir Clifford pointed out that anti-Semitism without Nazi and Fascist stimulus has died a sudden death in liberated Italy. This, he said, will be the case in other countries after the fall of the Nazi regime in Germany.

"As the battleline in Italy swept northward," Sir Clifford stated, "Italian peasants hid and sheltered Jews, saving them from seizure and deportation to death at the hands of the retreating Germans."

The representative of the Intergovernmental Committee emphasized that repatriation and reinstatement of Jewish refugees as full citizens in their native lands would be the best method of handling the problem of Jews dislocated by the war. "Wherever possible, the dislocated should be repatriated to their homelands and given equal rights and full citizenship. Where this is impossible, the Intergovernmental Committee will attempt to find new homes for them," Sir Clifford said.

ARAB NATIONALIST LEADER HEADS DELEGATION OF PALESTINE ARABS TO CAIRO PARLEY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Achi Abdul Hadi, Arab nationalist leader, will lead the delegation of Palestine Arabs which will participate in the Cairo talks on pan-Arab unity which open on September 25, it was learned here today. The names of the other members of the delegation are not known. The Arab press points out that Achi Abdul Hadi some time ago issued a flat statement that there can be no "mutual understanding" between Arabs and Jews in Palestine as long as Zionist aims are not abandoned. In that statement he emphasized that "the Arabs are determined to oppose Zionism with all their strength."

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (UPI) — Jewish community centers will play a major role in helping Jewish service men and women to resume social and civic life interrupted by the war, Frank L. Weill, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board stated last night addressing a meeting of the Jewish Center Division of the Board at the Hotel Vanderbilt.

A new statement of objectives for the 235 constituent agencies of the Jewish Center Division of the National Jewish Welfare Board will be drawn up tonight at the close of a two-day session of members representing different geographical areas of the country.

Declaring that approximately twenty-five percent of the membership of the Center Centers are now in the armed forces, Mr. Weill pointed out that when they come back, it will be in these centers that they will renew their civic and social life and become once more a part of the local community.

"Then," Mr. Weill continued, "there will be the thousands who never used the Center facilities, but who have learned to use the recreational and hospitality services of Red Cross and U.S.O. It is in Y's and community centers particularly that they will be able to find this type of group service in civilian life — and it is only through these centers that they can be made a part of our community life."

"In order to care for and to serve these returning veterans and to continue the center's usefulness as a youth center and community forum, it is vital that N.J.W.B. improve and expand its program, stimulate our centers, and bring to them the benefits of our combined thinking and joint planning."

"The unifying of the community and the bringing of various elements together into a common program is another very important function of the Jewish Center," Mr. Weill stated. "Through its Army and Navy program J.W.B. has developed a pattern of unity in which all groups and organizations in Jewish life participate in a joint program of service to the armed forces. It is our responsibility through the Jewish Center Division program to carry over this pattern of unity into our postwar activities," he concluded.

LEADER ASKS BAN ON RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS; HITS "AMERICA FIRST"

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (UPI) — Even the semblance of intolerance in our political activities must be avoided, Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York said today, addressing an inter-faith rally at Randall's Island stadium here.

"America is a nation of minorities," Senator Wagner stated, "but on occasion there have arisen groups and individuals who have sought to play one minority against another for political and partisan gains. Sometimes, this has taken the obvious form of the American Nazis. Against these American fascists we are surely warned and can be on our guard. But there is a more subtle practice, harder to detect and harder to resist. This practice arises when men, sometimes timidly, allow their supporters to make any argument which carries any implication of prejudice based on race, color or kind of origin in hope of obtaining votes."

Addressing the Conference on Science, Philosophy and Religion Being held at Columbia University, Dr. Edward Shils, speaking as a Protestant clergymen, yesterday inveighed "an exchange of religious biasness" among Protestants, Catholics and Jews. Other speakers also urged greater tolerance among the peoples of all religions in the United States.

FEAR OF INFLATION IN PALESTINE DECLINES; PRICES ARE ON THEIR WAY DOWN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Indications that the inflation in Palestine is becoming less serious are reported in an article in the current Foreign Commerce weekly, official magazine of the United States Department of Commerce, which canvasses the trends and prospects of Egypt, Palestine, and Iraq. Prices in Palestine reached their high-point and are on their way down, the article says.

The inflationary peak in Palestine has been passed, it appears. Indexes computed to show the prices from month to month reveal that the retail prices of food, in the towns of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Jaffa, and Haifa, fell from 166.59 in June, 1943 to 132.05 the following November.

Currency in circulation increased 35.4 percent in Palestine during the latest twelve months surveyed, compared with 48.2 percent for Iraq and 25.4 percent for Egypt. But in none of these countries, it is pointed out, is there a lack of confidence in the currency, which is based upon the pound sterling. The inflation, it is explained, has arisen from quite different reasons from that in Germany during the last war. It consists of a shortage of consumers' goods in relation to purchasing power, but it is a result of inadequate shipping space and increased Allied expenditure and not of the issuing of unbacked currency. Neither is it a case of unbalanced budgets.

Effective rationing and price control, begun earlier in Palestine than in Egypt or Iraq, has been strictly administered, according to the article. The Government has spent considerable sums on both food subsidies and cost-of-living allowances. During the fiscal year 1943-44 the former item amounted to 3,500,000 pounds and the latter to 2,500,000 pounds.

An abnormally liquid position of credit in Palestine is reported with danger that the large funds available for investment will threaten the financial stability of the country.

An adequate food supply is an important factor in the control of inflation, and it has been estimated that the yield of cereal crops planted in February, 1944 in Palestine will be somewhat larger than fifty percent of the average yield. A bumper crop of potatoes - about 10,000 acres were planted - will augment the cereal supply.

As additional factors which may act to curb inflation in Palestine, food rationing continues, and the responses of the public to "utility" clothing are called "encouraging." Also military expenditure may be expected to decline as military operations move farther from Palestine.

PORTUGUESE RED CROSS THANKS HIAS-ICA FOR COOPERATION IN REFUGEE AID WORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Appreciation for the Hias-Ica Emigration Association's close cooperation with the International Red Cross in carrying on refugee aid work and helping in the emigration of refugees who were stranded on Portugal following the collapse of France, have been expressed by Major Luiz de Albuquerque Bettencourt, secretary general of the Portuguese Red Cross, in a communication addressed to Dr. James Bernstein, director of the Hias-Ica headquarters in Lisbon, it was announced here today.