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JEWISH EXPERTS WILL AID BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT IN RETURNING CONFISCATED PROPERTY TO JEWS

SOFIA, Oct. 3 (JTA) -- Jewish experts will assist the Bulgarian Government in setting up machinery for returning confiscated property to Jews, it was officially announced here today.

The announcement, made over the Sofia radio, said that the problem of arranging the return of confiscated Jewish property is complicated. "There are many cases where Jews made fictitious property transfers to Bulgarians," it pointed out. "Under the new democratic regime such property will automatically be returned to the lawful owner. There are also cases of fraud. Public authorities will find out the truth about such fraudulent transfers and act in favor of those wronged."

Property sold under compulsion or confiscated by the authorities will be returned by the state to the Jewish owners, the broadcast emphasized. "There remain to be settled," it said, "the question of assets wherein judicial obligations have arisen between the state and private interests, that is when property or firm rights have been transferred to third persons, or when other obligatory relations have been incurred in the course of the last few years. The solution of this question will be reached in complete understanding with Jewish leaders and with the aid of Jewish experts."

LIBERATED POLAND WILL WELCOME REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN JEWISH RELIEF GROUPS

MOSCOW, Oct. 3 (JTA) -- Liberated Poland will welcome representatives of American Jewish relief organizations, Edward B. Osobka-Morawski, chairman of the Polish Committee of National Liberation, told the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here today.

He emphasized that with the approach of winter, the Jews in liberated Poland are in great need of clothing, underwear and shoes. "Poland faces a very difficult if not tragic situation and must have aid at once," he declared, adding that this applies to Jews as well as to non-Jews in the liberated sections of the country.

PAN-ARAB CONFERENCE ADMITS PALESTINE DELEGATE; UNEXPECTED MOVE CAUSES SENSATION

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Oct. 3 (JTA) -- Moussa el Alami, Palestine Arab leader, was authorized today to participate in the pan-Arab conference now taking place here for the purpose of preparing for a pan-Arab Congress in Cairo in the near future. He originally came as an observer only, since the Arabs in Palestine could not agree on the choice of a joint representative.

The decision to admit the Palestine Arab leader to the conference caused a sensation here since it is known that he does not represent all the Arab political parties in Palestine and in view of the fact that no bona-fide Palestine delegation could be formed because of the dissension among the various Arab groups in Palestine. The sudden decision to admit Moussa el Alami to the conference indicates the importance which the pan-Arab parley attaches to the Palestine problem.

JEWISH SITUATION TENSE IN COSTA RICA; PRESIDENT GIVES ASSURANCES TO JTA DIRECTOR

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Oct. 3 (JTA) -- President Teodoro Picado of Costa Rica, receiving Jacob Landau, managing director of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, assured him of his great sympathy for the Jews, and authorized him to state that instructions would be issued permitting Jewish ritual slaughter which had been prohibited in this country since 1940.

"I like the Jews," the president said. "They are a constructive element enriching every country they inhabit. They work hard and their success arouses hatred of envious rivals."

President Picado promised that he will not permit the application of a law adopted unanimously last December by the Costa Rican Congress prohibiting foreigners to engage in commerce, except in certain categories. The government postponed application of the law until after the war, but President Picado assured Mr. Landau that he will see to it that it is never enforced.

Although anti-Jewish propaganda in Costa Rica is not new, the Jewish community here is alarmed over the official and dramatic encouragement given it recently by Jose Joaquin Perota, Minister of Agriculture, who issued a public statement demanding that Jews keep their promise and engage in farming, or leave the country. Perota insisted that energetic measures are necessary in view of the economic situation in Costa Rica, which is suffering from an excess of merchants while not producing essential food supplies.

The minister's statement was followed by vicious articles in the newspapers, including the government organ Tribuna, charging the Jews with monopolizing trade. A petition was signed by many merchants endorsing the statement of Perota who claims that he has received thousands of congratulatory messages.

Jewish leaders here fear that a pogrom atmosphere is developing. During the last few days windows in two Jewish houses and in a Jewish-owned tavern were smashed. Jews are being molested on the streets and one Jew had his beard pulled by hooligans. Stores refuse to sell goods to Jews, and some teachers discriminate against Jewish children who are treated in a hostile manner by other children. The Jewish leaders declare that only about twenty Jews promised to engage in farming, while at least an equal number of Jews who made no such promises are doing agricultural work.

ADVANCING U.S. TROOPS FORCE NAZIS TO ABANDON 100 FRENCH JEWISH DEPORTEES

PARIS, Oct. 3 (JTA) -- One hundred Jews destined for deportation by the Germans were abandoned in the town of Nevers in the Orleans region when American troops turned the German retreat into a rout, according to information reaching here.

The Jews, among whom are the Paris bankers, Lucien Levy and M. Mendez, were loaded onto trains in Southern France, together with 100 captured members of the resistance movement, and were being transported to a concentration camp when they were stranded in Nevers.

When American troops occupied the town they instructed the group to remain there until they could be checked upon as few had proper identification papers. As soon as their plight was made known here, through a message brought by a farmer from Nevers, the authorities promised to arrange assistance and transportation for them.

U.S. JEWS SENT \$12,000,000 TO PALESTINE SINCE OUTBREAK OF WAR, WASHINGTON REPORTS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (JTA) -- American Jews have given approximately \$12,000,000 to Palestine since the start of the war in 1939, Joseph E. Davies, Chairman of the President's War Relief Control Board, revealed in a statement calling attention to the second National War Fund Drive, to be conducted during this month.

As head of the body established in 1942 to regulate and license foreign and domestic war charities, Davies made public for the first time cumulative totals on the amount of war relief given by citizens of the United States for aid to refugees, prisoners of war and members of the fighting forces of more than twenty foreign countries. Voluntary gifts from Americans to war victims, exclusive of Red Cross donations, totaled \$175,000,000, with only Great Britain, China, Russia and Greece topping or equalling the sum given to Palestine.

TRAPPED YUGOSLAV JEWS ASK TO BE RESCUED BY ALLIED SUPPLY PLANES

NEW YORK, Oct. 3 (JTA) -- An appeal for aid was received today by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from 1,000 Yugoslav Jews, mostly aged men and women and young children, who are living under the most difficult conditions isolated in the Nazi-puppet state of Croatia, surrounded by Germans and lacking food and clothing. The group asks that they be rescued by Allied planes bringing food and medical supplies to the partisans of Marshal Tito operating in that region.

"We were a group of 2,700 Jews from Yugoslavia who saved themselves from the Ustashi terror and found refuge in a camp on the Island of Rab, held by the Italians," the appeal says. "After the Italians capitulated, about 600 of our people succeeded in getting to the British in Bari, while the remaining 2,100 were transported to Iika and the Kordun--territories liberated by Marshal Tito. The entire youth, male and female, joined the partisans in their fight against the enemy and are still fighting heroically shoulder to shoulder with the Army of Liberation. Unfortunately, a great number of them have already met a heroic death.

"Approximately 1,000 persons, mostly aged men and women and children unfit for fighting, are settled under the most difficult conditions between Slunj and Gline, in the territory liberated by Tito, and unanimously wish to be transferred to a more secure place.

"We are living together with the peasants, often in communities burned down and looted by the enemy, in the most primitive way. We sleep on dirt floors without straw and are fed mostly on corn and beans.

"The most difficult problem, however, is that we are surrounded by the enemy. Frequently attacked by his bands, we have to escape in order not to be captured and killed.

"In such instances we are forced to flee for our lives and to hide in the forests until the enemy withdraws from his robbing expeditions. For the aged, the sick, and the young, such excursions were catastrophic because they mean physical suffering, hardship and hunger.

"During the last Ustashi robbing expedition, many of us had to flee 250 kilometers on foot, and for 16 long days had to live and sleep in rain and storms

in the woods. Many among us have taken their own lives because they could no longer endure the sufferings.

"All our possessions were lost during such flights. We lack the most elementary needs, particularly suits, underwear and shoes, especially shoes since ours are worn out. Literally, many of us are barefoot. Our money is gone and hunger is spreading. There is no help from anywhere. The liberation Army is fighting under the most difficult conditions and has enough trouble without us.

"We beg you urgently to describe our desperate situation to competent authorities with the plea that suits, underwear, boots and food as well as money be sent us by airplane and that they also try to evacuate us to Bari, because 1,000 of us are threatened with extermination.

"Very close to us we see Allied planes bringing food, clothing and medical supplies for the partisans. Such planes could gradually evacuate our group on their way back. Our authorities would like to help us, but they do not possess the means. There is no other way to get out from this place. Please help us urgently. One thousand souls await help!

GERALD E. SMITH ATTACKS ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE AT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE HEARING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (JTA) -- Testifying before the House Special Committee to Investigate Campaign Expenditures, Gerald E. Smith, the American First Party candidate for President, today demanded that the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, "supported by a bunch of short-sighted Jews" and "spending thousands of dollars" to fight him with "Gestapo-like techniques" should be investigated.

"This Jewish financed organization is producing more Anti-Semitism than all the Anti-Semites put together," Smith said. Several weeks ago the Anti-Nazi League asked the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee to look into the resolution offered by Homer Herman Mertz, a delegate at the American First National convention in Detroit, that all Jews should be deported or sterilized.

Smith denied that literature placing the responsibility for black-marketing on "kikes" was part of the official literature of his convention, and also disavowed a pamphlet on a homeland for the Jews. "Whether we oppose or support a national homeland," he said, "we'll be called Anti-Semites." He added that his party opposed the admission of refugees here to take the jobs of soldiers and favored stopping immigration immediately.

ADOLPH S. OKO, EDITOR AND JEWISH SCHOLAR, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 3 (JTA) -- Adolph S. Oko, editor of the Contemporary Jewish Record, and noted Jewish scholar, died here suddenly last night. He was 60 years old. Mr. Oko was born in Russia and educated in Germany. He came to the United States as a young man.

From 1906 until 1933 Mr. Oko was librarian of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. During that period and more recently he wrote many articles and several volumes on Jewish culture and philosophy. He was a disciple of Baruch Spinoza and one of the founders of the International Spinoza Society of which he was American secretary. About two years ago he assumed the editorship of the Contemporary Jewish Record, which is published by the American Jewish Committee.