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RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT FAILS TO RESTORE RIGHTS TO JEWS DESPITE ARMISTICE TERMS

BUCHAREST, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Serious differences exist between Jewish leaders here and the Rumanian Government over the question of restoration of full rights to Jews, as provided by the Allied armistice terms, it was established today by a special correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency arriving from Turkey.

At present, Jews in Rumania enjoy full rights in principle only. Nothing has been done by the government to restore them to the positions which they held before the notorious anti-Jewish laws were introduced, the correspondent found.

"Unless the government acts soon, we shall need \$1,500,000 to provide shelter, food and clothing for needy Jews for a period of three months," Dr. William Filderman, principal leader of Rumanian Jewry, told the correspondent. He appealed to Jews in America and other democratic countries for immediate aid, emphasizing that 150,000 Jews are in great need.

A different view was taken by A. L. Zissu, president of the National Jewish Party in Rumania and of the Zionist Organization. "Relief from abroad," Mr. Zissu said, "is only a temporary palliative. I do not believe that 150,000 destitute Jews can be re-incorporated into the economic life of the country. Their only solution is emigration to Palestine."

There are 290,000 Jews surviving in Rumania. More than half of them are literally without homes, clothing, food. They depend chiefly on relief provided by the remainder of the Jewish population. They include 17,000 Jews repatriated from Transnistria, 90,000 Jews who returned from forced labor, 20,000 Jews who had been deported from larger Rumanian cities and are now returning to their former residences, 10,000 evacuees from war regions, and 20,000 who lost everything they possessed during air raids.

JEWS IN FRANCE UNITE IN SINGLE CENTRAL BODY; TENDER RECEPTION TO U.S. JEWISH SOLDIERS

PARIS, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Hundreds of Jewish members of the U. S. armed forces tonight attended an official reception given by the Conseil Representatif de Juifs de France, the central body of French Jewry, to American Jewish soldiers in Paris. Addresses calling for Jewish unity were delivered at the reception by Jewish leaders and by American Jewish chaplains serving with U. S. Army units in France.

The Conseil was formed several days ago when the representative Jewish organizations which existed in northern and southern France merged into one central body, with headquarters at 17 rue St. George in Paris. Leo Mais, leader of the Jewish Consistoire, was elected president of the Conseil.

Under an agreement reached by all Jewish groups the Conseil will take over policy-making functions for the Jews of France, in place of the Comite de Unity et

Defense de Juifs de France, which operated from the central office of the Jewish Colonization Association. This office, situated at 29 rue Bienfaisance, was used during the German occupation as headquarters of the Union General des Israelites de France which was organized by the German authorities.

Jewish Relief Organizations Reopen Offices in Paris; 20,000 Jews Need Aid

Almost all Jewish relief organizations which operated in Paris before the German occupation have resumed their activities. The Joint Distribution Committee is functioning in its old offices, 19 rue de Teheran. The Federation of Jewish Societies, which gets its funds from the J.D.C., is distributing relief in four districts with a staff recruited from members of the Zionist youth Organization. In addition to J.D.C. funds, the Federation also has received an allocation from the French Government.

Marc Yarblum, representative of the World Jewish Congress, who arrived here from Switzerland, has opened a Congress office at the Hotel Select. He estimated that about 20,000 Jews in France are completely dependent on relief. Of them, 8,000 are in Paris. No comprehensive list of the needy Jews exists, however.

The Hias-Isa office in Paris has not been reopened as yet, but a representative of the organization, Vladimir Schacht, is expected to arrive in Paris this week. The Ort office, also, is not functioning as yet. The arrival of Dr. Aron Syngalovsky, Ort leader now in Switzerland, is expected any day. The Ose office is operating under Dr. E. Minkovsky and is being financed by the J.D.C.

CHIEF RABBI OF FRANCE RELATES HOW FRENCH POLICEMEN HELPED HIM ESCAPE FROM GESTAPO

LYON, France, Oct. 9. (JTA) (Delayed) -- Prof. Isaye Schwartz, Grand Rabbi of France, described today with gusto and many chuckles how he had compelled six French militia men who had arrested him last January to help him escape instead of delivering him to the waiting Gestapo.

The 69-year-old spiritual leader of French Jewry, vigorous despite his frail appearance, told the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency there had been several attempts to arrest him last winter. The last came on the night of January 9. As he was mounting the stairs to the small room where he had been living, two men jumped out with pointed revolvers and told him they were French agents of the German police and that he was under arrest. They forced him to return downstairs where other French militia men were posted. There, the Rabbi said, a two-hour discussion ensued.

"I did not plead with them for my liberty and did not implore them. I spoke with firmness, authority and indignation," he related, almost reenacting the scene. "They argued they had to arrest me, that the Gestapo chiefs were waiting for me at their headquarters and that they would be shot if they failed to bring me back, but I refused to accept the situation. I told them they had to help me, and somehow I completely dominated them spiritually.

"They yielded. Their leader told me first that I would have to cut off my beard to help disguise myself." Here Prof. Schwartz ruefully stroked his chin, now covered by a sparse white growth. "Another of them made a bundle of my clothes and a third went out to find a car in which I could escape."

The Rabbi did not want to describe in detail the methods by which his escape was effected, but said that since January he had lived the life of a simple peasant on a farm in the Ardeche Department not far from a tiny village. He lived under an assumed name, with false papers, and only the Protestant pastor there knew his real identity. "I cut wood every day and did farmyard chores," he reminisced. "I shoveled paths through mountains of snow in winter."

Rabbi Schwartz, who came to Lyon on Sept. 15, plans to go to Paris within a few days.

JEWS TEACHERS CALL STRIKE IN PALESTINE; ASK INCREASE IN SALARY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Jewish teachers throughout Palestine struck today as a result of the failure of the Jewish National Council to comply with the demand of the teachers for an increase in salary.

Negotiations had been going on for over a week between representatives of the teachers and the Council which finances the Jewish school system. The negotiations reached a deadlock today when the council reported that the Palestine Government, which controls the Council's education budget, would not consent to any salary increases. A special committee under the leadership of David Ben-Gurion was appointed to seek means of ending the strike.

PALESTINE COURT SENTENCES POLISH SOLDIER TO DEATH FOR MURDERING A JEW

TEL AVIV, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- A Polish soldier named Michael Karetzky was sentenced to death in district court today for the premeditated murder several months ago of a Jewish soldier in the Polish Army named Anshel Weinstock. The sentence is subject to review by the High Commissioner.

Police today threw a cordon around the colonies of Ramat Gan and B'nai Brak, near Tel Aviv, in a hunt for persons wanted in connection with the recent terroristic outbreaks. A number of suspects were held for further questioning.

PARTISANS ATTACK TRAIN CARRYING HUNGARIAN JEWS TO POLAND; LIBERATE 680 DEPORTEES

ZURICH, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The Brussels radio today reported that partisans this week attacked a Budapest-Vienna train and liberated 660 Jews who were being deported to Germany.

The Hungarian cabinet has issued a decree requiring that the proceeds from confiscated Jewish property be placed in a sequestered account in the name of the former owner. The order, which is quoted in the government newspaper Fueggetlenseg, does not indicate what eventual disposition will be made of the funds.

CONGRESS WILL SOON PASS PENDING RESOLUTIONS ON PALESTINE, DR. SILVER PREDICTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The prediction that the Palestine resolutions pending in both houses of the U. S. Congress "will pass overwhelmingly when the proper time comes," and also that "that time is not far off," was made here today by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

Dr. Silver emphasized that he made this prediction on the basis of the pro-Zionist planks included in the Republican and Democratic platforms, and also in view of the fact that more than 400 members of the Senate and House of Representatives -- seventy-seven percent of the Congress -- have gone on record in support of Jewish aspirations in Palestine.

JEWS REFUGEES AT FORT ONTARIO ELECT COUNCIL TO COOPERATE WITH AUTHORITIES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- A ten-man advisory council was elected this week by the refugees at Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter to meet and discuss with shelter director Joseph Smart questions of mutual interest, the War Relocation Authority disclosed today.

Following the democratic voting procedures established by a temporary council set up shortly after the shelter opened early in August, 557 of the 772 eligible voters, persons 18 or over, cast ballots for the candidates, selecting the 10 councilmen from a slate of 25 refugees chosen in primaries held last week.

FORMATION OF JEWISH BRIGADE CELEBRATED IN LONDON; BRIGADE RECEIVES TORAH IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Every one of the United Nations, including the Jewish communities of the world, should have a part in the occupation of Germany, Lord Strabolgi, Labor peer, declared last night addressing a meeting here to celebrate the formation of a Jewish Brigade.

Although recruitment for the brigade is restricted almost entirely, at present, to Palestine, Lord Strabolgi said that he was certain that thousands of refugees from liberated countries and from neutral countries will want to serve in it. Messages welcoming the establishment of a separate Jewish fighting force were received from many countries. Several members of Parliament addressed the meeting.

(In Tel Aviv, today, a torah scroll was presented to the Jewish Brigade. It had originally been destined for use by a Jewish regiment whenever such a unit was formed. The torah was accepted by Chaplain Lipshitz, who was recently named chaplain of the brigade.)

TWO LIBERTY SHIPS NAMED AFTER JEWISH LABOR LEADERS LAUNCHED IN ONE WEEK

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The Liberty ship Morris C. Feinstone, named after the late general secretary of the United Hebrew Trades, was launched here yesterday at the St. John shipyards by Mrs. Florence Feinstone, widow of the Jewish labor leader.

A message from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, paid tribute to Mr. Feinstone as "a devoted member of organized labor." Speakers at the launching ceremonies included M. G. Boyce, president of the Jacksonville Central labor union council, William G. Wolpert, secretary of the United Hebrew Trades and delegates from the Jacksonville Jewish community council.

(Earlier this week, a Liberty ship named after Abraham Rosenberg, a former president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, was launched at the yards of the New England Shipbuilding Corp. at Portland, Maine.)

BRITISH JEWS SEND TEN DELEGATES TO WORLD JEWISH CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

LONDON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- A delegation of ten, including Lady Reading, Mrs. Rebecca Sieff and Samuel Silverman, Labor M.P., will represent the Jews of Britain at the world Jewish conference in New York, which is scheduled to open on Nov. 12 under the auspices of the World Jewish Congress.

Delegates representing continental Jewry, who are now in London, will also attend the conference. They include Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart and Anselm Reiss of Poland and Ernest Frischer of Czechoslovakia.

JEWISH LABOR GROUPS RAISE \$1,250,000 FOR PALESTINE IN THE UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The sum of \$1,250,000 was raised this year by the National Labor Committee for Palestine, it was reported today by Isaac Hamlin, national secretary, at a session of the national council of the organization.

This is the largest sum ever raised by the National Labor Committee during the twenty years of its existence. It exceeds last year's fund raising by approximately \$450,000. The total includes \$225,000 raised by the Jewish Pioneer Womens Organization which is affiliated with the Labor Committee.

T. COLONEL CONLEY, JEWISH SQUADRON CHIEF, LAUDED FOR VALOR IN GREAT BATTLE OVER GERMANY

NEW YORK, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Lt. Colonel Harry Conley, of San Francisco, who, at 28, is one of the highest ranking Jewish officers in the U. S. Army Air Force, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while serving as Squadron Commander and co-pilot of a bomber raid on Germany, it was reported today by the Jewish National Welfare Board. He is also the holder of five other decorations for aerial heroism in the European theater, including the Air Medal and the Purple Heart.

Despite intense anti-aircraft fire and extremely heavy fighter opposition, his formation penetrated deep into Germany, bombed a target of vital importance successfully, and continued on to bases in another theater. The award citation praises Conley's "courage, skill and determination" during "one of the greatest aerial battles of the war," which lasted over two hours and resulted in the destruction of some one hundred and fifty enemy planes.

Capt. Louis J. Feves, 35, Medical Corps, of Portland, Ore., has received the Soldiers Medal for heroism in the Gilbert Islands, the J.W.B. also reports. With complete disregard of his own safety, he aided in the rescue of injured and the recovery of deceased crew members of an airplane that had crashed on a mined reef off Tarawa. The plane was loaded with bombs, which increased the jeopardy of this undertaking. When the crew was safely away from the plane, he gave professional care to the injured.

MEXICAN COMMITTEE PLANS FIGHT ON RACIST PROPAGANDA IN ANTI-SEMITIC PRESS

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- The Mexican Committee Against Racism plans a vigorous campaign to combat propaganda in the local anti-Semitic press aimed at limiting the rights of naturalized citizens and preventing the entry of refugees, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told by Enrique Gonzalez Martinez, well-known poet, who heads the committee. Racist theories are part of the totalitarian philosophy against which Mexico is fighting in this war, Mr. Martinez added.

PUBLICATION OF ENCYCLOPEDIA HANDBOOK ON JEWS SPONSORED BY AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- A two-volume encyclopedic handbook under the title "The Jewish People, Past and Present" is now being prepared and will be issued in New York in the early part of next year, it was announced here today. It will be the first complete English-language summary of the cultural, spiritual and material achievements of the Jews from Biblical times up to modern times.

The work is sponsored by a committee headed by Prof. Albert Einstein, Adolph Held, president of the Jewish Labor Committee, Henry Monksy, president of B'nai B'rith, Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee and Zalman Shneour, distinguished Hebrew poet and novelist. The contents of the handbook will be under the supervision of an editorial advisory board consisting of Prof. Salo M. Baron, of Columbia University, Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof of Pittsburgh, Prof. Mordecai M. Kaplan of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Prof. Jacob R. Marcus of the Hebrew Union College and Dr. A. L. Sachar, director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation.

JEWISH BOOK COUNCIL ANNOUNCES PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL IN ENGLISH, HEBREW AND YIDDISH

NEW YORK, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- The publication of the tri-lingual Jewish Book Annual for 1944-45 was announced today by the Jewish Book Council of America, sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board. The Annual is making its appearance in connection with Jewish Book Month which is scheduled from November 10th to December 10th. It consists of sections in English, Hebrew and Yiddish.