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### W.R.B. WILL NOT BE LIQUIDATED; 200,000 JEWS FACE MASSACRE IN HUNGARY, FEHLE SAYS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- A press report that the War Refugee Board will go out of existence on January 22 was emphatically denied here today by John W. Fehle, executive secretary of the Board, in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Mr. Fehle declared that he has never stated that the War Refugee Board would be liquidated on January 22, or any other date. At the same time, he expressed fear that about 200,000 Jews may be exterminated in Hungary during the next few weeks as a result of the establishment there of the pro-Nazi extremist Szalasi regime.

### RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT URGED TO EXCHANGE GERMANS FOR 45,000 JEWS DEPORTED TO REICH

BUCHAREST, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The exchange of Jews who were deported from Transylvania for Germans now residing in the parts of Transylvania regained by Rumania from Hungary is demanded in a memorandum submitted today to the Rumanian Government by Dr. Ernest Marton, a former member of the Rumanian parliament.

The memorandum says that 140,000 Jews were deported by the Germans from Transylvania and that 45,000 of them are still alive as slave laborers in various parts of the Reich. These Jews can be saved if the Rumanian Government requests their exchange for Germans in the Rumanian-held part of Transylvania, Dr. Marton points out.

The former Jewish parliamentarian also urges that a commissariate to deal with Jewish affairs in the part of Transylvania regained by Rumania be established and that Jewish property there confiscated by Hungarian Nazis be restored to the owners. "I hope that the suggestions contained in my memorandum will be accepted by the Rumanian Government," Dr. Marton told the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

### BULGARIA GRANTS PASSAGE TO JEWISH CHILDREN FROM RUMANIA EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE

SOFIA, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The Bulgarian Government announced today that it has granted visas to a group of Rumanian Jewish children who are en route to Palestine. The announcement, which was made in a Hebrew-language broadcast over the Sofia radio, said that the Minister of Communications has placed two railway coaches at the disposal of the children, who are expected to arrive here tomorrow.

Many Jews continue to return to this city, daily, from their two-year exile in provincial "ghetto villages." Most of them are finding it almost impossible to find homes or jobs, and their situation is critical.

### EX-MUFTI OF PALESTINE WILL BE TRIED BY ALLIES AS WAR CRIMINAL

LONDON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, who was the chief instigator of anti-Jewish disturbances in Palestine and who is now in Germany directing Nazi activities among Moslems, will be tried as a war criminal when he falls into the hands of the Allies, a leading British official stated today.

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CONFISCATED PROPERTY ALREADY RETURNED TO LUXEMBOURG JEWS BY GOVERNMENT DECREE

LUXEMBOURG, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Restitution of property confiscated from Luxembourg Jews has already been accomplished in many cases, although this small nation has been free for little more than a month.

The first large business to be returned to its former owner is the cigarette factory owned by Marcel Cahan, who had resided here for more than 30 years and who was a member of the board of aldermen. When Cahan returned to Luxembourg from London recently he walked into his factory, which the Germans had sold to collaborationists for 3,000,000 marks, and remarked that since he was familiar with the business, perhaps he could help. When he identified himself, the collaborators hurriedly left, leaving him in possession.

The problem of the return of confiscated Jewish property is much simpler here than in other occupied countries, since the government has decreed that persons who bought such property from the Nazis - in good faith or otherwise - may demand from the Germans that the purchase price be refunded, but have no rights to it.

The occupation authorities did not succeed in selling a good part of the property they seized, since most Luxembourgers steered clear of buying confiscated Jewish homes or businesses. The Nazis even tried to sell the site of the old Liebfrau Strasse synagogue, which they had razed to the foundation, but there were no takers.

The Germans did succeed, however, in driving practically all Jews out of Luxembourg. Of the pre-war Jewish community of 3,500, only 70 persons remained when the Allies entered. Ten of them had been in hiding all during the occupation, while the other 60 were married to non-Jews and managed to escape deportation. About 830 Jews were deported to Poland and Czechoslovakia. The remainder of the community fled, of the latter many are assumed to have been picked up by the Germans in France and Belgium.

SWISS GOVERNMENT ASKED TO GIVE "TOLERATION PERIOD" TO REFUGEES BEFORE REPATRIATION

GENEVA, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The Swiss Government was asked today to allow a "toleration period" for Jewish refugees who are eventually to be repatriated from Switzerland to their countries of origin.

The request was voiced at a conference arranged by the International Committee of Refugee Professional Workers at which the question of repatriation of refugees was discussed, as well as that of providing them with proper identity documents. It was pointed out that a "toleration period" will enable the refugees to prepare themselves technically and professionally so that they may be able to reestablish themselves in their native lands without much difficulty.

WIDESPREAD RAIDS IN TEL AVIV; POLICE ARREST SEVERAL JEWS AS TERRORIST SUSPECTS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Police yesterday conducted a "widespread search" for terrorists in Tel Aviv, and arrested several alleged members of terrorist organizations, according to an official announcement made here today.

The central committee of the Mapai, the Palestine Labor Party, has decided to dispatch a large delegation to Europe, as soon as possible, to start Zionist and Chaiutz education, it is learned here.

IS IN ARGENTINE PROVINCE APPREHENSIVE; JEWISH MEETINGS RESTRICTED IN ENTRE RIOS

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The Argentine province of Entre Rios, on the border of Brazil, where more than 10 percent of the agricultural population is Jewish, in many aspects today resembles one of the German provinces at the time Hitler still dreamed of the conquest of the world, Jacob Landau, managing director of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported here today upon his arrival from Argentina.

For months, nationalists had been given a free hand for their anti-Semitic propaganda, often openly protected by the local police, who are highly sprinkled with nationalist elements. Jewish houses are still marked in big red letters; "Jew" or "Death to the Jews" or "Keep Out of Jewish Business." A police officer is stationed at every Jewish colony to watch Jewish activities.

All Jewish school teachers in the area, numbering about 120, were dismissed from the public schools largely on the unfounded charges of communism. After strong protesting, consideration is being given for reinstatement of the teachers, each case being treated individually although the dismissals were wholesale. Retirement rights are endangered as many teachers had long records of service. In one instance a teacher was dismissed after 20 years of service on the pretext of being a prostitute.

In public schools of many Jewish colonies, where almost 100 percent of the students are Jewish, school-room walls are decorated with crucifixes and other religious objects as part of the state-required morality teachings. Teachers of these secular classes, are Catholics. In other schools, where Jewish children are in the minority, parents are fearful of listing their children as Jewish because of the fear of discrimination, and many Jewish children are therefore receiving Catholic instruction.

During the recent high Jewish holidays, Jews had great difficulties in keeping their stores closed because of threats from local police. Only after a successful appeal to higher authorities were they permitted to close their shops. In Jewish colonies, the gathering of more than three persons for other than religious meetings requires special permission, which is usually not granted. This is causing serious youth behavior problems. Gatherings at burials and birth ceremonies also require special permission.

Government Attitude Towards Jews Tempered by Need to Appease United States

Outwardly the Jewish situation in Argentina seems quiet with earlier panicky fears having given way to a calmer outlook. The Jews realize, however, that their position is likely to change any day, depending on the swing in the political situation. The official attitude towards the Jews at present seems to be tempered by the need for appeasement of the United States, the world, and Argentine democratic public opinion.

This was illustrated by the recent dismissal of M. Zavalla, the government-appointed governor of Entre Rios, who was known to be pro-Fascist, and of Marcelino J. Cepich, well-known reactionary, clerical, anti-Semitic director of the University of La Plata, who was responsible for an anti-democratic student demonstration recently. Simultaneously, in certain provinces the government has closed its eyes to new anti-Semitic actions such as the recent closing of 12 Jewish schools in Buenos Aires because their directors were not naturalized Argentines.

J.D.C. Influence on Jewish Communal Life in Argentina Lauded

Jews in Argentina are grateful to the Joint Distribution Committee for the wholesome influence it has on the general Jewish situation there despite the strictly non-political character of its activities. The presence of a J.D.C. representative in

Argentina constitutes an effective link between the Jewish community and the Jews of the United States, and is a source of moral support for the Argentine Jews. During certain periods, Argentine Jewry without the presence of a J.D.C. representative, felt isolated on matters of social and communal welfare.

A committee of loyal Argentine citizens, the "Junta de Ayuda Judia," has been formed by leading business and professional people. This group is cooperating with the J.D.C. and has found an enthusiastic response among Argentine Jews to appeals for support of the J.D.C. welfare program.

Mr. J. B. Lightman, the representative of the J.D.C. in South America, enjoys the respect of all Jewish circles who appreciate his effective work performed under the most difficult circumstances. Lightman is supervising J.D.C. activities in other South American countries where the organization is carrying on carefully planned programs, administering funds for relief to needy refugees, raising standards of local social welfare activity, stimulating community organization and coordination and organization of local fund-raising committees in behalf of the J.D.C. overseas program. Mr. Lightman is assisted by Gertrude D. Pinsky, social welfare consultant, and Solomon Resnick, fund-raising and public relations representative.

#### COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM INFORMS STATE DEPARTMENT OF ITS OPPOSITION TO JEWISH COMMONWEALTH

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism, in a memorandum submitted to Secretary of State Cordell Hull and made public today, emphasizes its opposition to the "establishment of Palestine or any locality as a Jewish State or commonwealth." The memorandum also urged the adoption of a national policy whereby postwar assistance to foreign countries "would take into account as one of the major facts, that the country under consideration accepts the concept of equality of all its nationals without regard to race or creed."

"Such a condition to the extension of American aid would be an effective, practical demonstration of our determination to foster the principles of democracy in the postwar world," the statement, signed by Lessing J. Rosenwald as president of the Council, maintained.

The Council called for a program of rehabilitation of Europe's Jews and the restoration of their civil, political and economic security on the one basis of a status of "equality of rights and obligations with their fellow nationals. Jews living in all parts of the world as members of a religious faith, are entitled as of right not sufferance, to full equality all over the world," it stated.

"This means," Mr. Rosenwald said, "equality in the countries in which Jews live and choose to remain; equality to return to those lands from which Jews have been forcibly driven; equality to migrate wherever there is opportunity for migration." Pointing out that Jews are "a religious group and not a national group," Mr. Rosenwald said that "the solution to the problems of Jews rests on recognition of the inalienable rights of the individual. Once that concept of human freedom is unqualifiedly accepted, Jews will require no special measure."

#### Urges Simplification of Migration Policies to Extend Postwar Immigration

In behalf of those of all faiths who may need new homes, the statement of the American Council for Judaism called for a maximum simplification of migration policies and the extension of support to "potential centers for large postwar immigration." In those territories not now having sovereign status, the United States was urged to use its good offices to guarantee that "immigration shall not be limited by racial or

religious qualifications" and that "self-government shall be speedily established as soon as populations demonstrate a capacity for self-government." The determining factor for immigration to those territories, the statement declared, should be their expanding economic capacity and political stability." The adoption of these principles, the Council maintained, would mean the abrogation of the British White Paper of 1939 as "unjust discrimination against Jews."

Expressing its opposition to the formation of a Jewish State in Palestine or elsewhere, the memorandum stated, "We urge the adoption of the following principles in a clear declaration of policy on Palestine that would take the place of all previous documents and commitments which have been variously interpreted, and which have led to confusion among our co-religionists and others. Such a policy should, we urge, stress the special character of Palestine as part of the religious heritage of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and make adequate provision for the maintenance of the holy places under international control. It should aid immigration consistent with the fullest possible economic development and political well-being of the country without special limitations or privileges. It should lead to the earliest possible acquisition of self-government, in which all fulfilling the requirements of citizenship shall be free to participate."

"We oppose the establishment of Palestine or any locality as a Jewish State or Commonwealth. We regard as fundamentally undemocratic the procedures involved in such an establishment, such as a preferred status in immigration to those of one religious faith and an arbitrary and indefinite postponement of self-government. Such proposals will, we believe, embroil Jews now in Palestine in continuing civil strife and place in jeopardy the equality of status of Jews everywhere who are integrated in their respective homelands and do not wish to be party to a Jewish State or Commonwealth. Our emphasis, therefore, is on the attainment of the status for Jews of full equality for citizenship - its rights and its responsibilities."

#### FIVE AMBULANCES FROM U.S. JEWS ARRIVE IN PALESTINE, SENT BY RED MOGEN DOVID

TEL AVIV, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Five ambulances - a gift from American Jewry - arrived here today. They were received by directors of the Red Mogen Dovid, under whose auspices they were contributed.

The cornerstone for "Beth Berl," a building named after the late labor leader and editor Berl Katsnelson, has been laid in the settlement of Kvutzath Naan. The building will house various labor organizations.

#### OSE IN FRANCE EXPECTS TO CARE FOR 5,000 CHILDREN SHORTLY; 3,500 ORPHANS IN BELGIUM

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The OSE - Jewish Health Society - in France expects to care for at least 5,000 Jewish children, most of them without parents, within the next few months, according to a report from the Swiss office of the organization received here.

About 2,000 children, together with their families, are already being helped, the report says, and OSE homes for an additional 1,000 are being reopened, since most of their equipment was left intact by the Germans. Social welfare and medical centers are being opened to cope with widespread disease and with problems arising from the disruption of thousands of families.

The report stresses that food and medical supplies are urgently needed, not only in France, but in Belgium where it is reported that there are more than 3,500 "abandoned" Jewish children.

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