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RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES TRANSFER JEWS FROM BESSARABIA, BUKOVINA, POLAND TO SIBERIA

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- All Hebrew papers here report that Russian authorities in liberated Poland, Bessarabia and Bukovina have started transferring hundreds of people to remote places in the Asiatic parts of the USSR, especially to Northern Siberia.

The transfer is not aimed at any special section of the population, but is especially hard on the exhausted and impoverished Jews who are unable to withstand the hardships of travel, the reports indicate. One report says that several hundred Jews have already been removed from Czernovitz, capital of Bukovina, to the Ural mountains.

Some of the reports speak of mortality among the transferred Jews. Numerous appeals for relief are also being received here from Jews moved from the Russian-liberated territories to remote sections of Russia.

RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT CHANGES STATUS OF JEWS; NO LONGER CONSIDERED NATIONAL MINORITY

BUCHAREST, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government today announced that Jews will no longer be considered a national minority, but will be classified as Rumanians of Jewish religion.

The announcement was issued by the Ministry for Nationalities. No interpretation of the new policy was given. Hitherto, Jews in Rumania were regarded as a national minority, although the national minority rights secured for them under international agreements were violated or even annulled on many occasions.

The Rumanian section of the World Jewish Congress opened a conference here today with sixty delegates from various Jewish organizations in Rumania participating. The conference was addressed by Chief Rabbi Szafran, Dr. William Filderman, Dr. A. Zissu, Dr. Wilhelm Fischer and other Rumanian Jewish leaders.

ARABS SEND MEMORANDUM TO STALIN; APPEAL FOR HIS SUPPORT ON PALESTINE ISSUE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The Arab press here today reveals that a memorandum outlining the Arab viewpoint with regard to Palestine has been submitted to Marshal Stalin by anti-Zionist groups in Lebanon. The memorandum asks the Russian Premier to use his influence in favor of a solution of the Palestine problem in accordance with Arab demands.

At the same time, it is reported that four Arab political societies, meeting in Cairo, cabled to President Roosevelt urging him to withdraw his pre-election statement pledging support of the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

WEIZMANN INTENSIFIES CAMPAIGN AGAINST TERRORISTS; URGES PALESTINE YOUTH TO COMBAT THEM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann today intensified his campaign against terrorism in Palestine by addressing a nation-wide rally of representatives of Jewish youth organizations at which he called upon the Jewish youth of the country "to stamp out the terror without delay."

"You are the bearers of the Jewish and Zionist future," Dr. Weizmann said. "You are the builders of our homeland. You must assist in stamping out the terror immediately." The conference was called to discuss measures to curb the terrorists.

Speaking at a meeting of the Small Zionist Actions Committee, yesterday, Dr. Weizmann said "you you know my personal tragedy in suffering the loss of a son. (His son, a flight officer in the R.A.F., was lost in operations in 1942.) You can imagine how great a shock that was. But the shock suffered as a result of the assassination of Lord Moyne was no less. One was my personal tragedy, but the other was the tragedy of the entire Hebrew nation." Before addressing the Actions Committee, Dr. Weizmann and his wife were entertained at lunch by High Commissioner Viscount Gort.

In an official communique covering Weizmann's speech, issued by the Jewish Agency, it was stated that he had reviewed the political developments in London and Washington and stressed the necessity of placing a wide comprehensive explanation of the justice of the Zionist cause before public opinion in America and Britain. He dwelt on the destructive influence of the terror and called for unity to combat it more effectively.

At the same meeting, Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency, read the full text of the memorandum submitted by the Agency to the British Government, opposing partition and calling for the establishment of a Jewish State in all of Palestine.

HOUSE COMMITTEE BACKS EASING OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS OF SERVICEMEN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The immigration and naturalization committee today approved a bill to make it easier for the parents of men and women in the armed forces to become citizens.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Noah M. Mason, Ill. Republican, also provides for relaxation of educational requirements for aliens over fifty who have lived in the United States continuously since 1924. If the bill is passed, elderly aliens will be able to be naturalized without having to learn English. Reps. Fisher and Gossett, Texas Democrats, and Rep. Ellis, W. Virginia Democrat, opposed the bill.

Testifying before the committee today, Edward J. Shaughnessy, assistant to the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, denied the charge by Rep. Clare Hoffman, Michigan Republican, that thousands of unauthorized refugees have arrived in the United States since 1943 by air. Hoffman has introduced a resolution in the House asking information regarding the number of such "refugees." Shaughnessy told the committee that there has been "no flood of unauthorized immigrants." "As a matter of fact," he said, "immigration is practically at a total standstill."

JAMES N. ROSENBERG HONORED BY JEWISH LEADERS ON 70TH BIRTHDAY; SPENDS DAY AT WORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders in all walks of life today honored James N. Rosenberg, prominent Jewish leader, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, at a gathering at the Lotus Club here. Members of the Joint Distribution Committee, of which Mr. Rosenberg is chairman of the board of directors, observed his birthday at a party yesterday tendered by Paul Baerwald, J.D.C. chairman.

Mr. Rosenberg observed his birthday by going to his office as usual. In addition to his leadership in Jewish affairs, Mr. Rosenberg is one of the best-known lawyers in the country and a painter and writer.

ZIONIST LEADER APPROVES REJECTION OF PLAN FOR JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The announcement by Acting Premier Francis M. Forde that the Australian Government has rejected the plan for the establishment of a Jewish settlement in Kimberly, in the northwestern section of the Commonwealth, came as a result of a recommendation of the committee on immigration of the Department of the Interior, it was learned today.

It is understood that many influential ministers are opposed to the establishment of any separate foreign communities for fear it will lead to a minority problem. Jews will be welcomed on the same basis as all other immigrants and pursuant to the general Commonwealth policy on immigration.

Alex Masel, president of the Australian Zionist Federation, is quoted in the daily press as approving the rejection of the Kimberly project. He said that Palestine is the only place for large-scale Jewish immigration.

In a public address, yesterday, Catholic Archbishop Mannix criticized "non-Catholic Catholics who are without that kindly regard for the Jewish people that true Christianity should promote. This is a great pity," the Archbishop continued, "and I hope that Jews here will have nothing to complain of regarding the attitude of the Australian people towards them."

JEWISH EMERGENCY CONFERENCE WILL DEMAND NEW INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE AGENCY

NEW YORK, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- A four-point program for consideration at the emergency conference of the World Jewish Congress which opens next Sunday in Atlantic City was announced at a press conference here today attended by some of the delegates who recently arrived from abroad. The program demands:

1. A centralized Jewish Agency for Reconstruction representing all Jewry in matters of indemnification and rehabilitation.
2. A new international refugee agency, with enough funds and authority to put its decisions into effect.
3. Reestablishment of European Jewry on a basis of equality.
4. Decisions looking toward Palestine as the Jewish Commonwealth.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise addressing the gathering said that Germany has actually waged war against the Jewish people and should therefore be compelled to make adequate restitution to Jews. This can be done adequately, he said, only by a special organization or agency for the solution of Jewish indemnification problems, attached to whatever central authority for indemnification and restitution the United Nations may establish.

WOMEN IN CANADA ASK FOR LARGER POST-WAR IMMIGRATION; INDUSTRIALIST CITES BENEFITS

MONTREAL, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- Canada should accept a fair proportion of the expected 2,000,000 European refugees, not only from a humanitarian viewpoint but also because she would benefit from the skill, brains and culture of these people, it was agreed by participants in a discussion here on post-war immigration before the Women's Canadian Club.

One of the participants in the panel, T. R. McLagan, general manager of Canadian Vickers Limited, said that "Canada must get immigrants here at any price" and that a populated Canada could also bring about mass production and cheaper cost by increasing the country's consuming power.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ASKS AMERICAN JEWS TO RAISE \$30,000,000 FOR PALESTINE

CHICAGO, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt and the U. S. Government were asked to make the necessary shipping available to transport to Palestine Jews who can now emigrate from Europe, in a resolution adopted here last night at the closing session of the National Conference for Palestine sponsored by the United Palestine Appeal.

The 700 delegates attending the conference also adopted a resolution urging American Jews to dedicate themselves to reaching a \$30,000,000 goal in 1945 for agencies receiving their funds through the United Palestine Appeal.

Other resolutions demand a special United Nations fund for the resettlement of homeless Jews in the post-Hitler period and point out that the transplanting of Jews who will want to go to Palestine at the end of the war should have the full support of the governments of the world.

The conference urged that the British White Paper be annulled; that no restrictions be imposed on Jewish immigration to Palestine; that Jews should have the right to purchase land in Palestine on the same basis as other residents, and that the world powers should recognize the existence of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, who returned last week from Palestine, told the delegates that Palestinian Jewry has "reached a stage, economically, socially, politically and morally where it regards itself as an autonomous state, able to run its own affairs." The visitor to Palestine today, he said, "finds himself in a de facto Jewish state, fully developed in all the aspects and expressions of a state, but without status and international recognition." He called for recognition by the peoples of the world of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth.

Henry Monsky, president of the B'nai B'rith, said that "it is to be regretted that the Jews of America were lacking in the vision and the statesmanship 25 years ago to embrace with unreserved enthusiasm the Palestine program." That lack of vision, he stated, was a grievous mistake. "You may think of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth, a National Home, a haven of refuge, a cultural center, or you may think of it according to any other concept; this is indisputable. The agencies devoted to the upbuilding and reconstruction of Palestine command the respect and are entitled to the support of every Jew interested in the problems of his people. To support the program is an inescapable responsibility," he declared.

Declaring that the basic question of Palestine's absorptive capacity is inexorably linked to the acquisition of new land areas for settlement, Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund, said that the reclamation of large tracts of land through scientific irrigation methods will provide for the absorption of an additional 2,000,000 Jews in Palestine.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS LAUNCHES \$1,000,000 CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The National Conference of Christians and Jews has started a \$1,000,000 fund-raising campaign to meet the expenses of its expanded program, designed to "avert the calamity of post-war hate movements" in this country, it was announced here by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president. The work of the National Conference, defined as promoting "civilized harmonious relations among people of differing cultures," was carried on last year out of forty regional and area offices serving 3,000 communities.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ALLOWS TEL AVIV TO USE LAND OF INTERNED GERMANS FOR HEALTH CENTER

TEL AVIV, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The Palestine government has agreed to turn over 100 dunams of land in the German colony of Sarona, near Tel Aviv, for use as a health center by the municipality, it was disclosed today by Mayor Israel Rokach.

Jewish leaders had urged the government to allow new immigrants to dwell in the vacant homes in Sarona of interned Germans, but their pleas were rejected.

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE PROCLAIMS \$1,000,000 CAMPAIGN; MAY QUIT JEWISH CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- A million-dollar campaign to finance its activities in 1945 was proclaimed by the Jewish Labor Committee last night at the closing session of its two-day national conference, under the chairmanship of Adolph Held, president, and attended by more than 200 delegates from all parts of the country.

The conference also decided not to participate in the forthcoming session of the American Jewish Conference if delegates from Jewish Communist groups are admitted to the gathering which is to open in Pittsburgh on December 3.

The conference resolved to intensify the campaign against anti-Semitism conducted by the Jewish Labor Committee, following a number of reports on racial intolerance. Problems of post-war rehabilitation of Jewish life in liberated European countries were among the subjects discussed at the two-day gathering. A cable was sent by the Committee to the International Red Cross in Geneva asking the international body to provide food, medical supplies and other assistance to Jews interned in camps in the German-held part of Poland.

STUDENT BODY IN CANADA ADOPTS RESOLUTION OPPOSING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

MONTREAL, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The Student's Society of McGill University has adopted a resolution deploring race discrimination, and setting up a "vigilantes committee" to watch and report on all discriminatory acts.

The motion on racial discrimination reads: "We, the students of McGill University, are opposed to all forms of racial discrimination; and whereas racial discrimination has been used in the past; that a committee be set up to watch and study such possible discrimination; and that if such discrimination is found it shall be brought to the attention of the Students' Executive Council, who shall call a meeting to attempt to rectify such discrimination."

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND SPENT \$1,615,513 IN TWO YEARS TO BETTER RACE RELATIONS

CHICAGO, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The Julius Rosenwald Fund spent \$1,615,513 in the past two years in support of programs aimed at bettering race relations and extending educational facilities for Negroes, it was disclosed in a bi-annual review issued by Edwin R. Embree, president of the fund.

A. A. KABAK, LEADING HEBREW NOVELIST, DIES IN PALESTINE FROM HEART ATTACK

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- Aaron Abraham Kabak, one of the leading Hebrew novelists, died here today from a heart attack. He was 62 years old.

Kabak, this year, won the Bialik Prize for literature. He was engaged in writing a novel on Jesus. A son of a rabbi, he received Jewish religious education in the city of Smorgon, Lithuania, where he was born, and studied later in the University of Geneva. He was the author of a number of Hebrew novels, some of which were translated into other languages.