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NEW PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER WINS ADMIRATION OF JEWS; BREAKS OLD TRADITIONS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Although Viscount Gort, new British High Commissioner, has been in Palestine for less than a month, he has succeeded in winning the sincere admiration of the entire Jewish population because of his simplicity, democratic manners and frankness.

Despite the terroristic outbreaks which have recently taken place in Palestine, High Commissioner Viscount Gort walks around the city sight-seeing without any escort. He broke a British tradition today by being the first High Commissioner to receive representatives of the Palestine and foreign press.

In a friendly conversation with reporters, the new High Commissioner displayed remarkable knowledge concerning conditions of the press and its needs. Since his arrival he has received representatives not only of the Jewish Agency, but also of the Agudas Israel, the New Zionist Organization and other Jewish groups. Among those received this week were David Ben-Gurion and Moshe Shertok, leading members of the Jewish Agency executive.

BULGARIAN MINISTER OUTLINES PROGRAM FOR RESTITUTION OF CONFISCATED JEWISH PROPERTY

SOFIA, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Minister of Interior Anton Yugov today outlined to the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the policy of the new Bulgarian Government with regard to Jews who wish to remain in the country and those who may wish to emigrate to Palestine and other countries.

The ban on emigration will be lifted within a few days, Mr. Yugov said, adding that the Government is not opposed to the emigration of Jews who are not liable to military service.

Various drafts of a law for the return of confiscated Jewish property are now being studied by a special commission, the minister continued. The original draft has been repeatedly altered, he revealed. The final scheme will be submitted to the cabinet for discussion and approval.

The basic principles of the law now under discussion, Mr. Yugov said, are:

1. All anti-Jewish property and tax regulations which were in operation from 1941 up to last month are to be abrogated.
2. Jews will be given back all payments made under the "special Jewish tax" imposed upon them by the previous pro-Nazi regime.
3. All property and valuables confiscated by the state from the Jews must be returned to the owners. All transactions covering Jewish property made under the previous regime are to be invalidated, including sales made by Jews in order to avoid confiscation.
4. Repayments to Jews by the state are to be made in cash up to 100,000 levas and the remainder in state bonds. disputes arising out of the law are to be settled in court without delay.

JEWISH CONFERENCE IN RUMANIA ASKS GOVERNMENT TO RESTORE FULL RIGHTS TO JEWS

BUCHAREST, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Delegates from various Jewish communities assembled here at a conference of the Rumanian section of the World Jewish Congress today adopted a resolution demanding that the Rumanian Government take practical measures to restore full rights to Jews. The resolution also asked for "moral and material reparations to the Jews of Rumania for damages suffered." The Government, at the same time, was urged to facilitate the emigration of Jews from Rumania to Palestine.

The conference sent messages of greetings to King Michael of Rumania, Marshal Joseph Stalin, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. The messages contained an appeal for action to keep the gates of Palestine open to Jewish immigration. During the last three days more than 700 Jews left Rumania by train for Palestine, it was announced at the conference.

Other resolutions adopted asked for the abrogation of the British White Paper and for a Jewish State in an undivided Palestine. Representation for Jews at international peace parleys and in the tribunals trying war criminals was also demanded.

One of the resolutions asked that Jews be recognized by the United Nations as co-belligerents and that Germany be made to pay reparations to Jews for all life and property destroyed. The reparations received from Germany should be used to build a Jewish State in Palestine, the resolution recommended.

Dr. Freudiger, a leader of Hungarian Jews, addressing the conference said he has received a report from reliable sources that 200,000 Jews have been deported from Budapest to German-held Poland. He appealed to Jewish organizations in England and America to take steps to rescue them.

ONLY FEW JEWS REMAIN IN LIBERATED SECTIONS OF HOLLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- On the basis of the number of Jews remaining in the sections of Holland already liberated, Dutch Jewish circles here today estimated that no more than five or six percent of Holland's 180,000 Jews will be found to have survived when the entire country is freed.

A report received by the Czech Government from Frantisek Nemco, its delegate in Carpatho-Ruthenia, which was occupied by Hungary, discloses that only five to ten percent of the region's Jewish population escaped extermination. About 135,000 Jews lived there before the war. Towns which formerly had thousands of Jewish inhabitants now have a few dozen.

ALL RELIGIOUS VALUABLES OF PARIS JEWISH CONSISTORY ARE INTACT IN WESTERN FRANCE

BORDEAUX, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- All the religious and other objects of value which the Paris Jewish Consistory placed in storage in 1940 in a chateau in western France are intact and can be restored to their former sites as soon as transportation is available, Grand Rabbi Josef Cohen of Bordeaux said today. Rabbi Cohen added that he had just forwarded to the Paris Consistory an inventory of the property they had sent to be stored.

"CHAIM WEIZMANN SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY" ESTABLISHED BY HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The chemistry departments and laboratories of the Hebrew University have been organized into a single unit which will be known as the "Chaim Weizmann School of Chemistry," it was announced here today. The school has been established to mark the 70th birthday of the Zionist leader, which he will observe on Nov. 27.

JEWISH CHILDREN SOLD BY GERMANS AT MINSK SLAVE MART; SAVED FROM DEATH BY PURCHASERS

MOSCOW, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Ragged and starving Jewish children ranging in age from three to seven years were auctioned off by the Germans at an improvised slave block set up in the railway station at Minsk, a Russian correspondent reports quoting non-Jewish villagers in the Minsk district.

Since those children who were not "sold" were left to starve, peasant women bought as may as they could afford at prices of from 20 to 50 marks (nominally eight to 20 dollars). Unsold children cried bitterly and begged passers-by to purchase them, Maria Gotovoska, a worker at the Minsk radio plant, told the correspondent. Children purchased at the Minsk slave mart were found in the homes of many of the peasants when the region was liberated.

The youngsters who were placed on sale, the correspondent was told, were the survivors of thousands seized by the Nazis from the villages to which they had been sent just prior to the fall of Minsk. Large numbers were gassed to death in portable asphyxiation chambers and many died from cold and hunger.

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCILS URGED TO DISCOURAGE JEWS FROM VISITING WINTER RESORTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Jewish federations and community councils throughout the country were urged by the National Community Relations Advisory Council to make a widespread distribution of a letter requesting civilians to stay away from such winter resorts as Miami Beach, Hot Springs, Lake Placid, Atlantic City, Asheville and Santa Monica, all of which are being used by the Army and Navy as redistribution and rehabilitation centers.

In the announcement, David Sher, chairman of the NCRAC, said that the request is being made by the six national civic protective member agencies of the NCRAC in conjunction with the Army and Navy Committee of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

The letter said that civilians "must not go to winter resorts being used by the Army and Navy to care for the wounded" where there is already overcrowding and high prices, and pointed out the resentment on the part of the wounded soldiers "against those civilians who have flocked to these resorts and whose holiday mood contrasts so vividly with the recent harrowing experiences of the men who have returned."

SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER, PRESS STRESS JEWS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MOYNE MURDER

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- South African Minister of Labor Walter B. Madoley, discussing the assassination of Lord Moyne at a Zionist meeting at Benoni, deplored the tendency to blame all Jews for the murder, stating that the assassins must be judged as individuals not as Jews.

The South African press denounces the Sternists responsible for the Moyne murder, but points out that Jewry as a whole is innocent of any crime. The Daily Mail says that it would be as foolish to attack the Jewish people for the murder as to blame the English people for the activities of Sir Oswald Mosley.

SPANISH GOVERNMENT ISSUES SEVERAL HUNDRED PROTECTIVE PASSPORTS FOR HUNGARIAN JEWS

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The Spanish Government has issued several hundred protective passports to Hungarian Jews, Agudas Israel officials here were notified today. The communication from the Spanish authorities added that other steps have been taken "with a view to ameliorating the position of the Hungarian Jews generally."

DR. KARPf ATTACKS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Racial and religious discrimination was attacked as inconsistent with democracy and the highest religious values in an address by Dr. M. J. Karpf, executive director of the Federation of Jewish Welfare Organizations of Los Angeles, delivered here before a distinguished audience of professors, representatives of various religious denominations, university students and community leaders.

Dr. Karpf spoke at the Institute on Religion and Contemporary Civilization sponsored by the University of California and the University Religious Conference. Thoughtful students, he declared, find it impossible to reconcile the emphasis by all religions on the sanctity of man with their failure to speak out against persecution and discrimination of religious and cultural minorities in the United States and elsewhere. "In their emphasis on human values, religion and democracy have the same goal," he said "and religion should, therefore, associate itself with democracy in encouraging differences in culture, including religious beliefs, practices, and observances." He insisted that even as it is the obligation of the majority in a democracy to protect the minority, so must the religious majority in a community protect the religious minority.

Dr. Karpf criticized all religious leaders and all denominations for condoning activities and programs designed to create strife, competition and prejudice against other religious and racial groups. He also pointed out that thoughtful young people find it impossible to reconcile the constructive role of religion with its failure to identify itself with the struggle of democratic forces throughout the world against tyranny under Mussolini in Italy, in France under Petain, and in Germany.

Young people of all denominations are losing faith in religion as an effective ethical guide, according to Dr. Karpf, and their confidence can be restored only "by a revitalized religion which will speak out boldly and courageously on all matters affecting the relations between capital and labor, between religious and racial groups and international relations. Only when religion will fight injustice, discrimination, intolerance and tyranny wherever and whenever they manifest themselves, will it make its vital contribution to the social order."

\$1,000,000 DRIVE TO AID JEWISH WAR ORPHANS IN RUSSIA TO BE LAUNCHED BY AMBIJAN

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- A drive to raise \$1,000,000 to care for Jewish children in Russia who have been orphaned by the war will be proclaimed at the Ambijan National Conference on Emergency Aid and Reconstruction for the victims of Nazism, which opens Saturday evening at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, it was announced today at a press conference called to welcome the Mexican delegation. Principal speaker at the conference will be Soviet Ambassador Andrei Gromyko.

The chief activity of the Ambijan Committee at present is raising funds for the care of 3,500 Jewish war orphans who have been settled in Biro-Bidjan. It is hoped that eventually 30,000 such children will be sent there. In preparation for this large scale settlement the Ambijan is collecting various types of machinery which will be sent to the children's homes in order that they may be made as self-sufficient as possible. A complete knitting mill has already been sent.