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2,000 ITALIAN JEWS DEFORTED BY GERMANS AFTER RESCUE ATTEMPT PATIS

ROME, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Two thousand Jews imprisoned in a concentration camp at Barna di Lucca, in the mountain fighting zone, were deported northward by the Germans after unsuccessful efforts to save them by the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, it was learned here today. Only 30 of the camp's inmates managed to escape.

Arthur Greenleigh, Joint Distribution Committee representative in Italy, just prior to leaving for Paris, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, that within the next fortnight all of Rome's Jewish cultural, religious, welfare and educational institutions will have been reopened and will be functioning on a pre-war scale. Final plans for reopening the hospital and orphanage have been completed. Already in operation are a nursery, kindergarten, home for the aged, schools and religious institutions. Local committees are now operating in every city and town in liberated Italy. In Rome, local Jews have raised 800,000 lire to match the JDC's contribution.

A similar campaign has been launched in Florence, where local Jews have already allocated 300,000 lire to reopen community institutions. It will cost 5,000,000 lire to repair Florence's magnificent synagogue, which the Nazis mined. South African sappers finished clearing mines and time bombs from the synagogue several weeks ago.

Meanwhile, as a result of the efforts of the Intergovernmental Committee and the JDC 900, stateless Jewish refugees from Germany, Austria, Poland and Czechoslovakia will leave for Palestine within a few weeks, it was announced here.

600 RUMANIAN JEWS STRANDED IN BULGARIA; TURKEY REFUSES THEM TRANSIT VISAS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- More than 600 Jews who left here for Palestine by train two weeks ago are stranded in Bulgaria because Turkey has refused to grant them transit visas, it was learned here today.

A committee to aid refugees and speed their emigration to Palestine has been formed here by 62 rabbis from Poland, Bungary and Rumania. The committee will also care for women and children who do not know the whereabouts of their husbands. It is headed by Chief Rabbi Safran.

A traveller who has just returned here from the liberated areas of Poland reports that there are only 150 Jews in Tarnopol, 900 in Iwow, 20 in Przemysl, 120 in Jaroslaw, 120 in Rzeszew, 36 in Krosno and 18 in Zaleszelyji.

The Zionist groups here this week elected a new central executive committee headed by Dr. Borleich, who was deported to Transmistria during the Antonesca regime for Zionist activity.

WRID JEWISH CONGRESS \$10,000,000 DRIVE NO CHALLENGE TO OTHER GROUPS, LEADERS SAY

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The decision of the World Jewish Congress to search on a \$10,000,000 fund-raising campaign for relief and increased political activity throughout the world should not be considered a challenge to other Jewish organizations, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Congress leaders, announced last night at the closing session of the organization's War Emergency Conference. The move should not be interpreted as an indication that the Congress will not make maintain efforts to secure coordination of activities with other major organizations, they also emphasized.

Dr. Wise revealed that he intends "to spend much time" in Latin American countries to help in the raising of funds there for the campaign. He also announced that Dr. Goldmann will visit India for the same purpose. Dr. Moises Goldmann, leader of the Argentine delegation and S. Sydney Silverman, leader of the British delegation, tald the conference that they would support the campaign. A. B. Bennet, announced the Canadian delegation would not assume any obligations with regard to the \$10,000,000 campaign, and were leaving the decision to the convention of the Canadian lemish Congress which will meet next month in Toronto.

The resolution authorizing the congress to raise \$10,000,000 in 1945 said that a governing council, composed of representatives of the major contributing affiliates, is to be set up as the body "responsible for all plans attending the raising and expenditure of all funds for reconstruction and rehabilitation." Dr. Goldmann management from the platform that no quotes have been assigned as yet to each member country and that such quotas will be assigned by the governing council.

The closing session of the conference also adopted a resolution recommending that the Congress establish a "pepartment of Community Service" which would be charged with ciding in the reconstruction of the spiritual and cultural life of Jews in liberated countries. Another resolution extended the gratitude of the gathering to the lattican and to the Governments of Spain, Sweden and Switzerland" for the protection they offered under difficult conditions to the persecuted Jews in German-dominated Europs. At the same time, it expressed regret at the fact that "deplorably little has been done to have Axis civilians under the power of the United Mations exchanged for Jews in ghettos, internment, concentration and labor camps."

The resolution on indermification, read by Dr. Noah Barou of London, outlined lemish demands for retribution and for restitution of property and proposed that an International Jewish Reconstruction Commission and national reconstruction commissions in the countries concerned, working in cooperation with it, shall be established and rested with all the powers necessary to procure the right to and payment of indemnification to the Jewish people, Jewish bodies and individuals.

"Property and rights belonging to Jewish communities, organizations, funds," trusts, and other institutions which have ceased to exist, and to Jewish families considered extinguished, shall be deleared to belong to the International Jewish Reconstruction Commission directly, ors whenever and as long as an appropriate matical commission exists and requests this, through such national commissions that use all the funds at its final disposal directly or through the national commissions in the respective countries for rehabilitation of European Jews and their communities, and through the Jewish Agency for Palestine for the development of Palestine as the Jewish Commonwealth.

OUSTED JEWS WILL NOT BE REINSTATED IN BUSINESS PREMISES RENTED FROM BULGARIAN STATE

LONDON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- State or municipally-owned business premises from which Jewish occupants were custed during the reign of the pro-derman government will not be returned to Jews, the Sofia radio announced today.

Explaining the provision of a new decree dealing with the question of housing, the broadcast said that regulations entitling lews to reclaim apartments from which they were custed under the racial laws does not apply to business premises. Tenants of state or municipally-owned premises are assured that they will not be ousted in favor of the former Jewish lease-holders.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT FORMS CHURCH GROUP TO COUNTER CONDEMNATION OF ANTI-SEMITISM

ZURICH, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Irked by church condemnation of its persecution of Jews, the German-controlled Hungarian Government of Fremier Ferenc Szalasi has established an ecclesiastical group of its own.

A newspaper issued by the government-dominated organization, which alleges that it represents all churches, says that the Old Testament is the word of God, and nothing of its text can be altered. However, it continues, today's Jewry has nothing in common with the Jews of the Bible.

The church, it adds, has been carrying on a "2,000-year-old law suit" against the Jews and must look at the Jewish problem as a political one to be settled by the state. Christian churches, it concludes, must keep "the problem of the Old Testament separate from the Jewish problems"

The Hungarian press received here today reports that three persons have been arrested on charges of selling forged Swedish protection certificates to Jews.

HEBREW PRESS ATTACKS CONVICTION OF JEWS BEARING ARMS FOR DEFENSE OF THEIR HOMES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Hebrew press today sharply attacks the action of the military court which this week sentenced two Jewish youths, David Salomon and David Epstein, to seven years imprisonment on the charge of carrying illegal arms.

The papers point out that a difference must be drawn between those, such as Salemon and Epstein, who possess arms to defend their homes, and those who use arms to attack the government and jewish institutions. The convicted youths explained at their trial that they carried revolvers to protect their settlement - which is located in the heart of an arch area - from armed marauders who had attacked it on several cocasions.

HERO CHAPLAIN LOST IN TRANSPORT STHKING AWARDED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, of Washington, D. C., one of the four army chaptains who gave their lifejuckets to other men absard a sinking troop transport; has been posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the War Department announced today. The other three were similarly chonored.

The decorations are to be presented to the next of kin of Lt. Goode and the others by Lieutenant General Brehon Somervell, Commanding General of the Army Service Forces, in a ceremony at the Post Chapel at Fort Myer, Virginia, the night of Dec. 19.

Chaplains Goode and the others, Clark v. Poling, John P. Washington, and George L. Cox, were passengers aboard the troop transport SS Dorchester when it was torpedeed off greenland early on the morning of February 3, 1945.

THOUSANDS CHEER WEIZMANN ON VISIT TO TEL AVIV; REVIEWS MEMBERS OF JEWISH ERIGADE

TEL AVIV. Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Thousands of residents of Tel Aviv and neighboring communities acclaimed Dr. Chaim Weizmann yesterday as he passed through the gayly desorated streets of this city.

Reviewing a parade of volunteers for the Jewish Brigade, Dr. Weizmann told them that they have attained a privilege which had long been fought for —"the right of Jews to appear in this war in their own camp and under their own flag," The Brigade, he said, would have great significance for the future of a Jewish Palestine. Its members, he continued, have the two-fold task of wreaking revenge on the enemy and speeding the redemption of the remmants of the Jewish people in Europe.

Later, Dr. Weizmann addressed a special session of the Tel Aviv municipal council, presided over by Mayor Isrcel Rokach. Reviewing the destruction that has been visited on the Jewish people since he was last in Palestine, prior to the outbreak of the war, the Zionist leader said that the prospects for the establishment of a Jewish state were good, although he could not say when such a state would be created.

A.F. OF L. CONVENTION ASKS UNRESTRICTED IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE; BACKS COLMONWEALTH

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Pointing to the 4,000,000 European Jews who have been murdered by the Germans, the 64th annual convention of the American Federation of labor yesterday adopted a resolution urging that steps be taken to reopen Palestine to unlimited immigration by Jewish refugees.

The resolution also called for the reconstitution of Falestine as a Jewish Commonwealth, and urged the United States Government to take speedy action on the Falestine question "in conformity with the as yet unfulfilled pledges to the Jewish people and with the present needs of the Jews in Europe."

Earlier in the convention, Israel Mereminski, American representative of the Histadruth, the Palestime Federation of Labor, addressed the delegates, bringing greatings from the workers of Palestine. Mr. Mereminski asked the A.F. of L. to press for measures to aid the Jews in Europe. "We do not want to continue to be the people with the largest numbers of civilians killed by the enemies of mankind," he said. "We cannot, we must not, continue to be the people chosen for homelessness, wandering, and persecution."

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM HAILS MODIFICATION OF PALESTINE RESOLUTION BY HOUSE GROUP

FHIADELPHIA, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The alterations in the text of the Palestine Resolution made by the House Foreign Affairs Committee before it approved the bill on Wednesday were hailed here today by lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council for Judnisms The committee struck out the word "Jewish" from the phrase "democratic Jewish Commonwealth," and deleted another phrase urging the United States Government to "take appropriate measures" to secure establishment of a commonwealth,

"In its present form," Mr. Rosenwald said, "the resolution represents a declaration of good-will by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and of its opposition to the discriminatory character of the British White Paper, which excluded Jews as Jews from further immigration into Palestine. A clear notice is here given that our Jews from further immigration into Palestines. A clear notice is here given that our Jewishtors are ready to express their humanitarian concerns. At the same time they are unwilling to take a position on the political involvements of a 'Jewish' political commonwealth or state."

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