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2,000 ITALIAN JEWS DEPORTED BY GERMANS AFTER RESCUE ATTEMPT FAILS

ROME, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Two thousand Jews imprisoned in a concentration camp at Bagna 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, Hungary 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 Lwow, 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 Transnistria during the Antonescu regime for Zionist activity.

WORLD 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 embark 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 maximum 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, told 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 Jewish 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 announced from the platform that no quotas 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 "Department of Community Service" which would be charged with aiding in the reconstruction of the spiritual and cultural life of Jews in liberated countries. Another resolution extended the gratitude of the gathering to the Vatican and to the Governments of Spain, Sweden and Switzerland for the protection they offered under difficult conditions to the persecuted Jews in German-dominated Europe. 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 Nations exchanged for Jews in ghettos, internment, concentration and labor camps."

The resolution on indemnification, read by Dr. Noah Barou of London, outlined Jewish 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 invested 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 declared to belong to the International Jewish Reconstruction Commission directly, or, whenever and as long as an appropriate national commission exists and requests this, through such national commission," the resolution reads. "The International Jewish Reconstruction Commission shall 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 ousted during the reign of the pro-German 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 Jews to reclaim apartments from which they were ousted 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 Premier 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 problem."

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 Salomon 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 Arab area - from armed marauders who had attacked it on several occasions.

HERO CHAPLAIN LOST IN TRANSPORT SINKING AWARDED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

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

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 torpedoed off Greenland early on the morning of February 3, 1943.

