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WEIZMANN URGES TRANSITION PERIOD; SAYS JEWISH STATE WILL BE ACHIEVED GRADUALLY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, today indicated that he does not believe that Palestine will become a Jewish state immediately. He emphasized that the younger people in Palestine are certain to see the results of their work and that "a transition period of five or six years are nothing in a period such as the world is now going through."

The Palestine-wide conference of the labor colonization group "Ha'Britiyashvuth Haovedeth," at which Dr. Weizmann delivered his address, received his speech with great applause. The conference announced that the labor colonization group is ready to absorb another 12,000 Jewish children from Europe. It also decided to inscribe Dr. Weizmann's name in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund.

Devoting his talk to the subject of the near future of Palestine, Dr. Weizmann said, "How do I visualize this future? In the first place we must get rid of the White Paper chains. When this is achieved, we will have to plan a great expansion of our work. I believe that if conditions in the world do not change for the worse, and the leaders of nations, such as Churchill and Roosevelt, remain in their places, we will then proceed on the path leading to a Jewish State - maybe gradually.

"I hope," Dr. Weizmann continued, "that we will succeed in opening the gates of Palestine to Jewish mass-immigration, but this is connected with the land problem. In a previous speech I spoke about a transition period, because I do not believe in jumps. Five or six transitional years are nothing in a period such as the world is going through, but there is hope that we will reach our great aim. In the meantime, I want to indicate several conditions that are necessary, the first of which is the unification of the creative forces within Palestine Jewry."

The Agency president then warned against the large number of political parties within the Jewish community. "They are a result of Jewish individualism," he said, "but this is no help in advancing in the world of the future." He also warned against "new signs in the yishub," stressing that "one thing must be made clear -- we are engaged in a struggle with outsiders who do not have good will, and who are using every false step to hinder our work."

Expressing his belief in the immense possibilities for immigration and colonization in Palestine, Dr. Weizmann said: "We shall live to see unification of our forces. Let us not quarrel about petty things, let us not press for a speedy end - we have suffered for 2,000 years, let us wait another six months, another year. All of you are younger than me; you will see the results of your work. You began the holy work, you must finish it."

PALESTINE POPULATION HELPING TO COMBAT TERROR, COLONIAL SECRETARY SAYS

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The Palestine police are receiving greater co-operation from the Palestine population in combatting terrorists since the assassination of Lord Moyne in Cairo, but "there is still room for improvement," Colonial Minister Col. Oliver Stanley told Commons today. He said that many arrests have been made.

RUMANIA RESCINDS ANTI-JEWISH LAWS; 30,000 RUMANIAN JEWS READY TO LEAVE FOR PALESTINE

BUCHAREST, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Thirty-thousand Rumanian Jews are ready and eager to emigrate to Palestine because of the difficult economic conditions here, but are unable to do so because of the British White Paper policy, Abraham L. Zissu, Rumanian Jewish leader and representative of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

Revealing that he has filed a protest against the exclusion of Jews from Palestine with the British embassy here, Mr. Zissu said that "150,000 Jews in Rumania are deprived of the means of earning a livelihood. The only solution to their problem is emigration. About 30,000 have already made all preparations to go to Palestine, and their situation is desperate because of the restrictions on Palestine immigration."

In a move to improve the economic position of the Jewish population, the government today promulgated a series of laws formally rescinding the anti-Semitic legislation of the previous regime. They provide for the reinstatement of Jewish public and private employees, for the return of confiscated Jewish property and for the revision of contracts drawn up under pressure of anti-Jewish legislation and agitation.

SOVIET EMBASSY DENIES PALESTINE REPORT; NO JEWS TRANSFERRED FROM LIBERATED AREAS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The Soviet Embassy here has issued a denial of the reports carried by the press in Palestine that Russian authorities in liberated Bessarabia, Bukovina and the eastern section of Poland are transferring sections of the population to Siberia and that several hundred Jews have already been removed from Czernovitz, capital of Bukovina, to the Urals.

The denial says that the facts mentioned in the report "are all wrong and do not correspond with the reality." The denial was addressed to the Federation of Bessarabian Societies of America which asked the embassy to verify the news which was cabled from Jerusalem to this country.

SITUATION OF SOFIA JEWS WORSENING; BEN-GURION PLEDGES AID FOR CHILDREN

SOFIA, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The situation of the inhabitants of Sofia's Jewish quarter is deteriorating daily, and as yet no assistance is in sight. Starved and naked children, with despairing eyes, live with their equally miserable parents in overcrowded, unsanitary quarters.

David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, who is here to consult with Jewish leaders and government officials on the emigration of Jews to Palestine, was so appalled by the sight of these children that he pledged all possible efforts to send the youngsters to Palestine.

Mr. Ben-Gurion is planning to leave here for Rumania shortly. He had been scheduled to depart for Bucharest last week, but has not yet received a Rumanian visa.

JEWISH INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SCHOOLS RE-OPENED IN RUMANIA AND BULGARIA

GENEVA, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Several Ort industrial training schools in Rumania and Bulgaria have reopened, according to information reaching the headquarters of the World Ort Union here today.

Funds have been sent from here to restore two Ort buildings in Jassy which were damaged by the Germans. A report from the Bulgarian Ort acknowledges receipt of funds from headquarters here and states that trade schools and cooperatives are functioning.

THIRD OF ALL JEWS IN FRANCE REQUIRE WINTER RELIEF; MONTHLY BUDGET IS 40,000,000 FRANCS

PARIS, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- One-third of the entire Jewish population in France will require relief to get through the winter months, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, chairman of the European Executive Council of the Joint Distribution Committee, reported today after completing a survey of the situation here.

Reporting that almost 30,000 adults, in addition to about 10,000 children, have already registered with various Jewish committees for some measure of relief, Dr. Schwartz declared that the number is mounting daily and would reach 50,000, in addition to the children and those registered with public agencies.

The immediate emergency relief program for the winter, he announced, will require a budget of 30,000,000 francs monthly, plus ten to fifteen million francs for children's aid. This program will maintain families not eligible for public relief and will provide supplementary aid for others. The supplementary aid program is being worked out with government agencies which, Dr. Schwartz said, recognize the fact that a large number of families require assistance over and above what the public agencies can supply.

Dr. Schwartz expressed the hope that the assistance now given by public agencies for needy French-Jewish families will be extended to a large category of Jews who, though not French citizens, have resided in France for a long time. The plight of the Jews, he declared, is aggravated by the acute housing shortage and by the fact that Jews have not been able to recover their possessions. He estimated that there are 25,000 apartments in Paris from which Jews were dispossessed by the Germans.

Emigration of Jews from France Will Not Be Possible For Some Time

Emphasizing that the most urgent part of the J.D.C. relief program is caring for the thousands of Jewish children scattered all over the country, Dr. Schwartz reported that homes are gradually being established for these children, and many will remain with private families but under Jewish auspices. The J.D.C. is now underwriting the budget of agencies concerned with child care. Parents of many of these children were killed or deported, but already parents of others have been located, and eventually families will be reunited when able economically to re-establish their homes.

Dr. Schwartz warned that the economic situation rules out large-scale reconstruction work for the present. He emphasized that lack of transportation due to war conditions prevents emigration of non-French Jews who may wish to join their families in other countries, or may wish to proceed to Palestine.

The J.D.C. is re-opening its loan bank in Paris, Dr. Schwartz revealed, to aid cases where rehabilitation is possible immediately. It is also studying possibilities for vocational training and is considering the possibility of helping the Jewish community to reconstruct such communal institutions as schools and synagogues, many of which have been demolished. It is estimated that the work of restoring Jewish religious institutions in France will require fifty million francs.

Condition of Jews in Liberated Italy Described By J.D.C. Representative

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The enormity of the task facing relief organizations in liberated Europe is underscored by the achievements of the Joint Distribution Committee in helping to alleviate the widespread distress in Italy, said Max Perlman,

a J.D.C. overseas worker, at a press conference today. Mr. Perlman, one of the two American social workers who were the first to enter liberated Italy, left that country a week ago after eight months there and six months in North Africa.

"Today there are 22,000 Jews in liberated Italy," Mr. Perlman reported. "Of this group, 5,000 are non-Italian refugees. Although in all of Italy there is utter devastation of homes and communities, hunger, nakedness, lack of protection from heat, cold and rain; children who have been separated from parents, and a frightened population, each area presents individual problems."

Enumerating all the work done by the J.D.C. for the Jews in various sections of Italy, Mr. Perlman stated: "One of the most encouraging things, incidentally, about the entire relief situation in Italy is the amount of cooperation that is extended from all groups. The governmental and intergovernmental agencies now operating in Italy are all doing what they can to alleviate the situation. Despite that, the needs are so great that the work of private agencies such as the J.D.C. is both urgent and essential. The chaplains attached to the American Army, he said, are particularly helpful. "As areas are taken, they have consistently reported back to us in order that we can send funds up for immediate relief."

Mr. Perlman said that the J.D.C., which operated in Italy under the aegis of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, allocated a total of \$390,000 for relief in that country during the current year.

NEW POLISH PREMIER PROMISES EQUALITY AFTER WAR; HAILS JEWISH HEROISM

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Polish Premier Tomasz Arciszewski, addressing the Polish National Council for the first time since he was named to head the government-in-exile, paid tribute today to the sufferings that the Jews of Poland have undergone.

He hailed the heroic uprisings in the ghettos of Warsaw and other cities, and pledged that as soon as Poland is free, he will abolish all discrimination. "Jews will be treated as equals, which is the only natural way to treat citizens," he said.

BILL OUTLAWING ANTI-SEMITISM INTRODUCED IN URUGUAYAN CONGRESS

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Nov. 10. (Airmail) (JTA) -- A bill making anti-Semitic agitation a penal offense has been introduced in the Chamber of Deputies by Antonio Riohero and Julia Arevalo de Roche.

It provides for imprisonment from three to 24 months for violators. The sponsors of the legislation pointed out that anti-Semitism and racialist propaganda menaced the country as a whole.

"SERGE KOUSSEVITSKY MUSIC LIBRARY" BEING ORGANIZED BY PALESTINE ORCHESTRA

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The first shipment of scores which will comprise the "Koussevitsky Musical Library" of the Palestine Orchestra is en route here, Serge Koussevitsky, conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra announced in a cable received today by Prof. Leo Kestenberg, conductor of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra. Additional shipments will be dispatched in the near future.