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POLISH PEASANTS BRINGING HIDDEN JEWISH CHILDREN TO LOCAL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

LUBLIN, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The Central Jewish Relief Committee here today reported that hundreds of Jewish children, sheltered in churches and in the homes of Polish peasants during the German occupation, are being turned over to Jewish communities in the liberated part of Poland where homes for Jewish orphans are being established under the supervision of Jewish leaders.

"The most pressing problem before the Central Jewish Relief Committee in Poland is how to provide for the needs of hundreds of these Jewish orphans whose parents were killed by the Germans," the report states. "While the number of surviving adult Jews in the liberated sections of Poland has been ascertained rather accurately, the number of surviving Jewish children is growing constantly."

Information concerning rescued Jewish children reaches the Jewish Relief Committee almost every day. Polish families bring Jewish children to Jewish organizations and report how they sheltered the children all during the Nazi occupation. There are also cases of Catholic priests informing Jewish organizations about groups of Jewish children who had been hidden in monasteries. Among the Jewish orphans is a group from the German extermination camp at Maidanek.

The Polish Provisional Government in Lublin is now considering requests submitted by the Central Jewish Relief Committee for government aid in placing the Jewish waifs in special institutions. The children rescued from Maidanek, together with a number of other Jewish orphans, are now in a children's home in Otwock, near Warsaw. The building belonged to the Jewish community before the war, and the Provisional Government undertook to cover the cost of furnishing and maintaining the orphanage. Other Jewish orphanages, which are now being established in Lublin, Bialystok and Przemysl, will also receive government support, the Jewish Relief Committee hopes.

LUBLIN BROADCAST SAYS LONDON-LED POLES KILLED JEWS; SCHWARZBART, SZERER DENY CHARGES

LONDON, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A charge that underground units attached to the Polish Government-in-Exile in London have persecuted and murdered Jews in Poland and handed many over to the Gestapo was made yesterday in the first Yiddish broadcast over the Lublin radio. The broadcast, which was heard here, quoted a proclamation issued by a meeting of the Association of Jewish Partisans, and said that the London-directed groups are "even now murdering Jews emerging from hiding."

The Lublin charges were disputed today by Emanuel Szerer and Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, Jewish members of the Polish National Council, the parliament of the Government-in-Exile. Szerer said that the anti-Semitic activities of the extreme reactionary groups inside Poland had been revealed previously in underground reports received here, but added that "these activities are directed equally against the vast majority of the underground loyal to London." Dr. Schwarzbart said that while

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"Jews might have been involved in clashes between the Polish forces and Communist guerrillas, it is not true that the Polish forces fought Jews as such. To the contrary," he continued, "Polish officers organized, trained and commanded Jewish units."

The meeting of the Association of Jewish Partisans expressed solidarity with the Provisional Government, the Lublin broadcast said, and its proclamation stated that the "best sons of the Jewish people joined the struggle against the Germans and proved their valor in the battles in the ghettos of Warsaw, Bialystok and elsewhere."

ZOA NATIONAL COUNCIL BACKS ACTION OF ITS EXECUTIVE IN EMERGENCY COUNCIL DISPUTE

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The National Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America voted today to support the action of the ZOA's executive committee in relation to the crisis within the American Zionist Emergency Council. The vote, which followed a heated five-hour debate, backed the ZOA delegates on the Emergency Council, who voted to accept Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's resignation from that body and re-elected Dr. Stephen S. Wise as chairman.

Prior to the debate on the Silver-Wise controversy, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the ZOA, appealed to Great Britain, the United States and Russia to initiate "a new era, that of Palestine's establishment as a Jewish Commonwealth." Dr. Goldstein said that American Jewry looks to President Roosevelt to do what he can in the fulfillment of such a policy. He expressed the hope that "an opportune time in the near future" the State Department will withdraw its objections to the Palestine Resolution.

Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, who has just arrived from London, told the meeting that he is confident that Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin will discuss the status of the Jews at their forthcoming meeting. "In many ways these leaders have shown their understanding of the Jewish problem," Prof. Brodetsky said. "The Jews appreciate deeply the fact that in the armistice terms, the removal of racial discrimination was laid down and enforced. World Jewry now expects further steps, for in the rebuilding of Europe must be included the rebuilding of broken Jewry, and in freedom to the whole of humanity must be included freedom to Jews as citizens, and the reestablishment of a free Jewish life in Palestine."

The four-man delegation of French Jewry now visiting here, consisting of Joseph Fischer, Leon Weiss, Capt. Guy de Rothschild and Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, also addressed the meeting. Mr. Fischer, who is general secretary of the Zionist Organization in France, reported the emergence of strong Zionist sentiment in that country.

Other speakers included Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who demanded that Britain cease treating Palestine as a "colony," Meyer F. Weisgal, who reported on latest developments in Palestine, from which he recently returned after a six-week visit; Daniel Frisch, chairman of the national administrative council, Saul Spiro, ZOA national secretary, Judge Louis E. Levinthal and others.

IBN SAUD REPORTED WILLING TO JOIN IN MOVE FOR PAN-ARAB FEDERATION

CAIRO, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- King Ibn Saud of Arabia has decided to participate in attempts to organize a pan-Arab federation, according to authoritative Egyptian government circles. These quarters say that he has agreed to send delegates to the next pan-Arab conference and has accepted the decisions reached at the meeting in Alexandria in October. Ibn Saud's refusal to participate in a pan-Arab movement, until after the post-war settlements, has been one of the chief stumbling blocks to formation of an Arab union.

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ANOTHER REVISIONIST KIDNAPPED IN JERUSALEM; EIGHTH ABDUCTION IN RECENT WEEKS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Police today announced that they are investigating the kidnapping of another Jerusalem resident, the eighth to be abducted in recent weeks. The new victim is Yehoshua Werker, 31, the proprietor of a print shop. Werker, like several of the kidnapped men, is a member of the Revisionist Organization. He was abducted on Tuesday evening, the police reveal.

No trace has been found of Daniel Jakowsky, an employee of the Jerusalem Jewish Community Council, and 17-year-old Mordechai Korngold, who were taken from their homes by armed men last Saturday, but their families have received letters stating that they are safe and well. The letters bore the postmark of the Jerusalem post-office.

POST-WAR REPATRIATION WILL NOT SOLVE PROBLEM OF JEWISH REFUGEES, MC DONALD BELIEVES

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Emphasizing that he does not think that post-war repatriation will solve the problem of a large number of Jewish refugees, James G. McDonald, chairman of the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees, today expressed the opinion that "Palestine offers incontestably the primary hope for the solution of the problems of Jewish refugees."

Mr. McDonald, who spoke at the Annual Order Day Rally of the B'nai Zion at the Hotel Pennsylvania, also pointed out that he has no faith in the efficacy of the several proposals for a universal Bill of Rights. "I urge the leaders of the American Council for Judaism to take account of the terrible realities of the hundreds of thousands of homeless Jews who at the end of the war can only hope to re-establish themselves outside of Europe," he stated.

"The conclusion which emerges inescapably from a realistic resume of twenty-five years of intergovernmental dealings with refugees and from a realistic appraisal of the world situation is that in Palestine, and only there, can the mass of Jewish refugees hope to be welcome and to be assisted to integrate themselves in the life of the community," Mr. McDonald said. "Only in Palestine will most of them feel that they have returned home."

SOUTH AFRICAN-PALESTINE SHIPPING LINE ESTABLISHED TO FOSTER FOREIGN TRADE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Establishment of a South African-Palestine Shipping Company was announced here at a meeting of the Foreign Trade Institute of the Jewish Industrialists Association. P. H. Mannheim, who will head the new line, said that it has been capitalized at \$500,000.

The company's main object, Mr. Mannheim said, will be to assist and finance the export and marketing of Palestine products in South Africa, and supply Palestine industry with cheap raw materials from South Africa, the Belgian Congo and other sections of the continent.

A permanent office of the Foreign Trade Institute will be opened in Teheran, it was disclosed at the meeting, which heard a report of the successful tour of Cyprus made by the Institute's travelling exhibit of Palestine industry. The exhibition is now in Turkey from where it will proceed to Teheran.

AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL CONDEMNS STATEMENT BY BRITISH MINISTER IN MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Emergency Council today criticized the statement of Sir James Grigg, new British Minister of State Resident in the Middle East, to the effect that the Jews of Palestine must eliminate the terrorist group in Palestine or suffer the loss of world-wide Christian support for their hopes of an independent nation, as a "travesty of justice."

"Sir James Grigg, in his first public statement as British Minister of State Resident in the Middle East, has sought to link continued support by the Christian world of Jewish aspirations in Palestine with the problem of the elimination of the small terrorist group there," the Council said in a statement to the press. "Sir James Grigg earned the gratitude of the Jewish people by refusing, together with Winston Churchill and others, to vote in 1939 with the members of his party in the House of Commons in favor of the Chamberlain White Paper which sought to put an end to the Jewish National Home in Palestine. He thereby gave proof of his unwillingness to support a policy which was fundamentally unjust."

"It accords ill with that attitude to suggest that civilized humanity will be deflected by the acts of a few individuals from its purpose to restore the Jews to their rightful place among the nations of the world, and thereby to fulfill an undertaking founded on profound moral and humanitarian considerations. These isolated acts of terror violate the spirit of justice proclaimed and practised by Jewish tradition, and scrupulously observed by the Jews of Palestine in resolute self-discipline through the years. Obviously, the primary duty to eradicate the terrorists rests with the Government, but the Jews of Palestine have through their authorized and representative institutions unequivocally condemned these outrages and pledged themselves to full cooperation with the Government to that end. To permit these acts to affect the basic issue, that of the right of the Jewish people to national restoration in their own land, would be a travesty of justice."

"We believe that the support of the Christian world is based on deeper convictions and on a sense of values which will not lose sight, because of the irresponsible acts of a few individuals, of the great problem of the homelessness of the Jews as a people, the solution of which is so long overdue."

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND NOW OWNS 750,000 DUNAMS OF LAND IN PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund now owns 750,000 dunams (a dunam is approximately one-fourth of an acre) of land in Palestine, it was revealed here at a 43rd anniversary exhibit arranged by the JNF. There are 185 settlements on JNF land. Since its inception, the organization has collected ten million pounds.

Addressing the opening of the exhibition, Dr. Abraham Granovsky, JNF director, said that there is room in Palestine for millions of working Jews who can build homes without injuring in any way the economic interests of the rest of the population. In a message of greetings, Dr. Chaim Weizmann urged maximum effort to secure as much land as possible, despite the present land restrictions.

YIVO VOTES \$200,000 CAMPAIGN FOR 1945 TO FINANCE WORK HERE AND ABROAD

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A \$200,000 drive to finance activities of the Yiddish Scientific Institute during 1945 was voted today at the closing session of the 19th annual conference of the organization. The conference heard reports reviewing YIVO activities in the United States in the past year and mapping out plans for work here and in liberated sections of Europe in the future.