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JEWISH RED CROSS CAN NO LONGER CARRY ON RELIEF ACTIVITIES FOR JEWS IN HUNGARY

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 25. (JTA) — The Swedish Red Cross, which played an important role in furnishing relief to Jews in Hungary, is no longer in a position to operate in the part of Hungary still held by the pro-Nazi Hungarian Government, or in the Hungarian territory liberated by the Russian Army, it was indicated here today by Prince Carl, chairman of the Red Cross.

In a statement to the Swedish press, Prince Carl said, "Our relief activities in Hungary, which were carried out with the help of the Swedish legation in Budapest, served primarily the Jewish population, since the Jews in Hungary were in need of most urgent relief as victims of the worst persecution."

Emphasizing that the Swedish Red Cross did the maximum it could for Jews in Hungary and for Jewish children's institutions there, Prince Carl continued, "In the latter part of this past autumn our representatives in Hungary met with increasing difficulties in carrying out their relief program. Unrestricted terror was imposed upon the Jews at the end of November. Many thousands of Jews were driven afloot to Germany, while others were deported to unknown destinations. Since the Arrow-Cross leaders took power in one part of Hungary and the Russian Army entered part of Budapest, Swedish relief has grown increasingly difficult. We can only suppose that the Swedish Red Cross has now ceased activity in Hungary."

The Court of Appeals in Stockholm today fined the anti-Semitic publisher Einar Aaberg 100 kroner for provocative behavior in front of the city hall. The Danish Press Service today reports that Carl Robert Fredriksen, who was "liquidated" last week in Denmark was an "expert on anti-Semitism" who joined the Nazi party in Denmark in its early stage of formation and who specialized in supplying material for investigating the racial descent of individuals.

JEWISH SURVIVORS IN TRANSYLVANIA APPEAL FOR EXCHANGE OF INTERNED JEWS FOR GERMANS

BUCHAREST, Jan. 25. (JTA) — Six thousand Jewish survivors in the part of Transylvania regained by Rumania from Hungary today issued "an appeal to the democratic world" asking for intervention through the International Red Cross in behalf of 140,000 Jews who were deported by the Germans into Germany and Poland when Transylvania was held by German-Hungarian troops.

The appeal urges the Allies to take immediate steps to exchange those of the Jewish deportees who may still be alive for Germans interned in Allied countries. An immediate arrangement to this effect may save many of the deported Jews before they are exterminated by the Gestapo in order to prevent their liberation by the advancing Russian troops, the appeal emphasizes.

ANTI-JEWISH LEAFLETS WIDELY DISTRIBUTED IN PARIS; DEMAND JEWS LEAVE FOR PALESTINE

PARIS, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish leaflets strongly similar to the propaganda distributed here formerly by the organizations established to protect the acquirers of Jewish property and the Vichy-appointed administrators of Jewish concerns continue to be widely circulated.

One of these, which declares that the "Jews aren't the only martyrs," complains that the Jews now direct the political parties, the press, the radio, the ministries, the cinemas and the expurgation committees. It urges the French people not to permit unfortunate refugees to be thrown out on the streets to vacate apartments which "the Jewish tenants had bravely deserted during the occupation."

The leaflet uses the same figures in support of its allegations that Jews controlled trade and commerce in Paris before the war as appeared in the publications of the "defense" organizations. It warns that unless they are checked, the Jews will completely evict the French from the political and commercial life of the country. "The French have nothing to choose between the Hitlerian pest and the Jewish cholera," the leaflet declares. It concludes with a demand that the Jews leave France and go to Palestine.

Dispossessed Jews Cannot Regain Their Apartments

Legislation enabling Jews and others who had to flee their homes or were dispossessed during the German occupation of France to regain possession of their apartments is either ineffective or is being sabotaged by the authorities, the newspaper Resistance charged in a demand to "end this scandal."

The ordinance of November 14, 1944, according to the paper, requires the restoration of premises to the original tenant who left Paris to join the French or Allied forces, only if he left Paris after June 16, 1940.

"To have the right to re-enter their homes," the paper ironically comments, "it was necessary that they not leave Paris until three days after the Germans had arrived. In this case, they would without doubt today be dead in some camp in Poland and would not embarrass anybody."

"If this law was badly prepared," the paper concluded, "let it be revised. But if the law does not mean this, then do not permit the courts to sabotage it. And if the law is so equivocal as to permit this sabotage, then let another law state it precisely and interpret it. But let this scandal be ended."

Importance Of Eradicating Racism In France Stressed In Paris Broadcast

LONDON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The necessity of eradicating all traces of racialism in France is stressed in a statement by the National Movement Against Racism broadcast over the Paris radio today.

Pointing out that skillfully used racialism was one of the methods used by the Germans to divide France, the statement recalled that the Movement Against Racism was founded in 1941 to disclose the dangers of such propaganda and to assist its victims. It also reviewed the persecution and deportation of French Jews and the assistance given them by Catholics and Protestants.

"Now that we are liberated," it continued, "we still have an urgent task. The theory of racialism, which has been condemned by our government, has left traces, and we must exterminate them. We must see that Jews deprived of property and businesses get them back and we must help the children of deportees."

DELEGATION OF RABBIS SEES EGYPTIAN MINISTER TO ASK MERCY FOR MOYNE ASSASSINS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A delegation of rabbis called upon Egyptian minister Mahmoud Hassan today to plead for commutation of the death sentences recently passed on Ephraim Ben Zuri and Eliahu Hakim for the assassination of Lord Moyne.

The delegation, representing "all shades of Jewish religious belief in America," arrived from New York to ask the minister and the King of Egypt to "consider the extenuating circumstances" by which the actions of Ben Zuri and Hakim were motivated. They appealed to the Egyptian Minister to convey their petition for clemency and to add his own voice to the plea.

Declaring that the two youths had been "driven to desperation by the tragic plight of their people" to commit "a deplorable act of assassination," the rabbis said, "This was not a wanton deed; this was not a crime of base motives. The victim of this regrettable act was, in their eyes, one of the authors of the tragic condition of their people."

Following the visit of the rabbis, the Egyptian minister told the Jewish telegraphic Agency that he was given their appeal his "fullest consideration."

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE HITS BUDGETING PLAN URGED BY COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Opposition to the national budgeting plan recommended by the officers of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds was voted by the executive committee of the American Jewish Conference, it was announced today.

"The executive committee recognizes the value of the information which the Council provides to its membership communities to enable them to budget their funds equitably but it strongly opposes the adoption by the Council of the authority to evaluate aims, purposes and validity of program of any of the agencies applying for funds," the executive committee stated.

"The executive committee further urges that the delegates and constituent organizations of the American Jewish Conference consider the proposal on national budgeting, and advise the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds of their opposition to the national budgeting plan," the statement said.

AMBASSADOR OUMANSKY KILLED IN PLANE CRASH IN MEXICO; EXPRESSED PRIDE IN BEING A JEW

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Constantin Oumansky, Soviet ambassador in Mexico, and one-time Russian envoy in the United States, was killed today, together with his wife, when a Mexican air force plane on which they were traveling to Costa Rica, crashed a few minutes after taking off.

"I am proud to be a Jew, and I regret that I never learned Yiddish," Oumansky told a Jewish delegation here which came to see him recently in connection with the interest of Mexican Jewry in the situation of Russian and Polish Jews in the USSR. Born in the city of Nikolayev, Oumansky took an active part in his early youth in the civil war in Russia. He was only 37 years old when he was named ambassador of the USSR in the United States in 1939.

Before entering the diplomatic field, Oumansky was associated with Tass, the official Soviet news agency, and was its managing director for a short time between his leaving Washington and assuming his post here.

## JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE URGES AUSTRALIAN UNIONS TO ADV ADMISION OF JEWS TO KIMBERLEY

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Australasian Council of Trade Unions, central body of the Australian labor movement, was asked today by the Jewish Labor Committee here to call on labor unions in Australia to exert all their influence to convince the Australian Government of the importance of admitting European Jews to Australia.

The cabled message by the Jewish Labor Committee, signed by Adolph Held, its president, was sent in connection with a resolution adopted by the Australasian Trade Union Federation supporting the plan to establish a Jewish settlement in the Kimberley district of Australia despite the fact that this project is meeting with opposition from the Australian Government.

## ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WILL HOLD CONVENTION IN URUGUAY

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The first convention of representatives of Zionist organizations in all Latin-American countries will open here on March 10, with more than 200 delegates in attendance, it was announced here today. The convention will be addressed by Zionist leaders from Palestine and the United States who are expected to arrive here next month.

The convention was called on the initiative of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. The gathering is expected to form a central body to coordinate Zionist efforts throughout Latin America, and to intensify fund-raising for the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund.

## PARIS RADIO BEGINS SPECIAL SERIES OF BROADCASTS TO PALESTINE

PARIS, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Paris radio today began a series of five-minute broadcasts for listeners in Palestine. The first broadcast described what liberation has meant to the Jews of France and their eagerness to hear from relatives in Palestine. It also quoted from several Jewish newspapers published here, urging unity of all Jews and warning of the necessity to continue fighting against the heritage of anti-Semitism left by the Germans.

## CANADA ZIONISTS RAISE \$1,000,000 DURING 1944; MORE THAN HALF GOES TO U.P.A.

MONTREAL, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Zionist and the Hadassah organizations of Canada raised the sum of \$1,035,000 during 1944, it was announced today by Rabbi Jesse Schwartz, executive director of the Zionist Organization of Canada. This sum includes \$560,000 for the United Palestine Appeal, \$244,695 for the Youth Aliyah and \$150,000 for the Jewish National Fund.

## DR. NATHAN STERN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION OF REFORM RABBIS OF NEW YORK, DEAD

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Nathan Stern, former president of the Association of Reform Rabbis of New York and rabbi emeritus of the West End Synagogue here, died last night after a prolonged illness. He was 67 years old.

Born in New York, Dr. Stern was graduated from Columbia University and later studied at Cambridge University in England. He received his theological preparation at the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Hebrew Union College. He was ordained in 1904. He was an executive member of the Interfaith Commission of New York, treasurer of the National Peace Conference, member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and past president of the New York Board of Jewish Ministers.