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BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT SINCERE IN ITS PROMISES TO JEWS, LEADER OF JEWISH AGENCY REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6 (JTA) — David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who spent six days in Bulgaria studying the Jewish situation there, today gave a detailed report of his findings, emphasizing that "there is no other remedy for the surviving Bulgarian Jews except Palestine."

disclosing that the Bulgarian premier and other members of the cabinet promised him that the wrongs done to the Jews in Bulgaria under the previous pro-Nazi regime would be rectified, Ben-Gurion said that he received the impression that they were sincere.

"It is true," Ben-Gurion added, "that legally there is no discrimination between Jews and non-Jews. But in practice the situation is different. When I was in Bulgaria, the authorities dealt with the problem of returning property to Jews, and a special decree to this effect was in preparation. Objectively, the situation was as follows: Jewish property which was hidden in safety vaults in banks, such as gold, jewelry and other valuables which were confiscated by the pro-Nazi government, was returned to the owners even without promulgation of any law. But houses, shops, work-shops, furniture and personal belongings which were robbed under the pro-Nazi regime were never returned, with the exception of several big buildings.

Jewish Communists Occupy Zionist Headquarters; Dominate Jewish Life

"Among the buildings returned to Jewish ownership was the Theodore Herzl House which was the headquarters of the Zionist Federation of Bulgaria," Ben-Gurion continued. "But the Jewish Communists snatched it. The majority of the Jewish houses have not been returned, because they were taken over by Bulgars and the Bulgarian government does not desire to take this property away from Bulgars and return it to Jews. Even the Jewish Communists in Bulgaria are stressing the danger that can arise from such a forced return of Jewish property, arguing that this may lead to increased anti-Semitism. It is possible that owners of large buildings may get some of their property back, but small shopkeepers and artisans have no chance whatsoever.

"In the midst of the general poverty prevailing in Bulgaria, it is hard to believe that the government could do much to alleviate the inhuman conditions under which the Sofia Jews live," the leader of the Jewish Agency pointed out. "The members of the Bulgarian cabinet informed me that the new constitution provides full rights for every Bulgar and allows Jews to emigrate from the country, but in practice the obstacles to leaving are enormous since seventeen affidavits must be submitted, including a statement by the applicant that he owes no debts to the government nor to private people."

Ben-Gurion concluded by revealing that the Jewish Communists, although a minority in the Jewish community in Bulgaria, are now in control of Jewish communal life. He charged them with "suppressing democracy among Jews" and with prohibiting Jewish education. "While leaders of the Bulgarian Communists expressed sympathy with the Zionist upbuilding of Palestine, the Jewish Communists place the greatest difficulties in the way of Jews wishing to emigrate to Palestine," he reported.

BRITAIN PLANS NEW "SUZ CANAL" VIA PALESTINE; WILL LINK MEDITERRANEAN WITH RED SEA

LONDON, Feb. 6 (JTA) -- With international control of the Suez Canal slated to end in 1968, when it will revert to Egypt, the British Government is planning to dig a similar canal through Palestine, it was reported today in the London Daily Sketch.

The report said that the contemplated canal would link the port of Akka, in Palestine, with the Gulf of Akaba in the Red Sea. It would pass through the Dead Sea in Palestine and would be 200 miles long. The Suez Canal is only 100 miles long.

NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT ASKS MOSCOW TO ESTABLISH FATE OF JEWS DEPORTED FROM NORWAY

LONDON, Feb. 6, (JTA) -- The Norwegian Government-in-exile today asked the government of the Soviet Union to investigate the fate of Norwegian citizens, including 1,000 Jews, who were deported from Norway to Poland by the Germans.

The deportees, especially the Jews, were sent by the Germans to slave labor in the salt mines in the Katwice district which was recently liberated by the Russian Army.

FRANCE WORRIED OVER TREATMENT OF FRENCH-JEWISH OFFICERS IN GERMAN PRISON CAMPS

PARIS, Feb. 6 (JTA) -- The Ministry for Prisoners and Deportees disclosed today that it had requested the International Red Cross to give special attention to observing the treatment accorded prisoners at Lubeck and the "reprisal camp" of Stalag 80, to which French Jewish officers have been sent from other camps over the past three months.

There has been considerable apprehension here over reports that the Nazis have been weeding out Jews from other French war prisoners and segregating them in special camps and barracks.

WORLD LABOR CONFERENCE GIVES MORE SEATS TO ARABS THAN JEWS; HISTADRUTH PROTESTS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6 (JTA) -- Organized Jewish labor today protested against the fact that the Histadruth has been permitted to have only one delegate at the international trade union conference which opened today, while the Arab labor organizations have three delegates. The larger Arab representation was secured as a result of intervention by the Palestine Government's Labor department with the British Trade Union Congress which called the conference, the Palestine Hebrew press charges.

At the same time, the Histadruth sent greeting to the Trade Union Congress coupled with an appeal that the world labor movement, as represented by the London gathering, should not confine itself "to friendly resolutions only" with regard to the Jews in Europe, but should insist on speedy action for the rescue of the remaining Jews and on the opening of Palestine to every surviving Jew who may wish to go there.

(In London it was stated today that the Histadruth was given two seats at the conference.)

The Histadruth today announced that it will abolish the practice of employing hired labor in Histadruth cooperative establishments where 1,200 wage workers are now employed. The decision was taken at the Histadruth conference last week following a debate during which many speakers pointed out that the practice of hired labor tends to convert the Jewish labor cooperatives into "capitalistic enterprises," and that this is contrary to the ideals of the Histadruth.

9,000 CZECH JEWS SENT FROM LODZ GHETTO TO DEATH CAMP; CHILDREN TORN FROM MOTHERS

LODZ, Feb. 6 (JTA)—Of 9,000 Czech Jews deported to the Lodz ghetto only nine remain, the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told today by one of the survivors, Issa Stern-Hoffman, a Prague journalist, whose father, a prominent Czech Jewish newspaperman, is attached to the Czech section of the British Broadcasting Corporation, who believes.

The Czech Jews were either deported to the Oswiecim death camp or murdered. In order to avoid outbreaks, the Germans told the deportees that they were being returned home. Czech Jews were told the train was going to Karlsbad; German Jews were told it was going to Germany.

The destination of the deportees was discovered by Dr. Albert Mazur who asked some of them to hide slips of paper with the name of the place to which they were taken in between the boards of the cattle cars into which they were packed. When the cars came back for a new load, Mazur found messages bearing the fatal word "Oswiecim."

Nazis Prepare Graves for Jews; Hurried Retreat Prevents Executions

Walking through the Jewish cemetery, which was within the ghetto confines, the JTA correspondent saw fresh graves which were empty because the Germans had not had time to murder the few remaining Jews. But there were also several hundred new graves which contained victims shot in the last few days preceding the evacuation of Lodz by the Wehrmacht.

Although the correspondent was not able to tour the entire city, he was informed by Dr. Mazur that not a single synagogue remains. Jewish homes and business were taken over by the "volkdeutsch," the German settlers who came after 1939 from the Reich.

Baron Hirsch, Jewish Scientists Die in Lodz Ghetto

The ghetto in Lodz was established early in 1940, shortly after the occupation of the city. All able-bodied Jews were rounded up for forced labor in German factories. Doctors, lawyers, and scientists were sent to shoe factories, clothing shops and plants making pre-fabricated houses for shipment to Germany. Dr. Mazur was assigned to sweeping the ghetto streets. Many prominent persons died from overwork, inadequate food and mistreatment. Among them were Prof. Kaspari, an eminent cancer specialist, and Baron Hirsch, Vienna philanthropist, who died from tuberculosis.

The first mass deportation from the ghetto occurred February 19, 1942 when 45,000 people, mainly aged and infirm, were sent to unknown destinations and never heard of again. On March 19, 1943 about 15,000 were deported, mainly children. Dr. Mazur told the correspondent that he personally had seen children torn from their mothers' arms and witnessed the killing of women who fought to keep their youngsters.

FAMILIES OF DEPORTED TERRORISTS DEMONSTRATE IN JERUSALEM; DEMAND THEIR RELEASE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6 (JTA) -- Families of the 279 Jewish terrorist suspects detained in a British internment camp in the Sudan today picketed the meeting place of the Jewish National Council demanding release of the internees. The demonstration was generally peaceful, although a few doors in the Council's premises were kicked in by impatient picketers.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE FIGHTS RECOMMENDATION TO REDUCE NUMBER OF JEWISH DENTAL STUDENTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (JTA) -- Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Region of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, today charged that Dr. Harlan H. Horner, secretary of the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association, submitted a confidential report to chancellor Harry W. Chase, of New York University, urging a reduction in the number of Jewish students to be admitted to the College of Dentistry of that institution.

Justice Steinbrink made public an affidavit by Dr. Harry M. Seldin, president of the Alumni Association of the New York University College of Dentistry, quoting the language of the report. At the same time he called upon Columbia University, New York University and the American Dental Association to repudiate the reports made by Dr. Horner.

It was learned by the League that Dr. Allan T. Newman, for fifteen years Dean of the New York University Dental College, had resigned immediately after the Horner report was submitted. Further, so far as the League was able to ascertain, New York University did not reject the Horner recommendation. A special report issued to Columbia University by the Council on Dental Education urged similar discriminatory policy in regard to admissions at that institution.

Justice Steinbrink further charged that these recommendations, prepared by Dr. Horner, are part of a national policy of discrimination. Recently, in a report submitted by Dr. Horner to the Committee on Education of the United States House of Representatives, the following appeared: "The Council believes that determined effort should be made on a national scale to counteract the trend toward marked racial and geographical imbalance in the entire group of dental students and to elevate the broad common level of the intellectual capacity and fitness of the applicants for admission to dental study."

ORT PERMITTED TO SEND MACHINERY AND TOOLS TO JEWISH ARTISANS IN POLAND AND FRANCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (JTA) -- The Soviet Embassy in Canada has informed Louis Fitch, president of the Canadian ORT, that his organization will be permitted to send and transport, on Russian ships, tools and machinery for Jewish artisans in liberated Poland, addressed to the Jewish Relief Committee in Lublin which is headed by Dr. Emil Sommerstein, it was announced today by the Central Board of the World ORT Union here.

The Board also announced that as a result of an interview that Dr. Aron Syngalowski, vice president of the ORT Union, had with Paul Dautry, the French Minister of Reconstruction in Paris, the Emergency Committee of the ORT Union in New York has received permission from the French authorities to ship tools and machinery to Paris and Algiers for needy artisans. These machines will be bought in Canada and the "United Jewish Refugee and War Relief Agencies" in Canada is participating in financing the project, the announcement said.

CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS FAVOR ENACTMENT OF A PERMANENT FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE BODY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (JTA) -- House majority leader John W. McCormack and House minority leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. today told a delegation of representatives of fifteen national, civic, labor and religious organizations, headed by Sidney Holland, of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, that they favored enactment of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission with enforcement powers. The House bill, a non-partisan measure introduced by six Republicans and six Democrats, is scheduled to be reported out of the House Labor Committee on February 13.