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GASTAO AGREES TO RELEASE JEWS FROM CAMPS; 1,200 REACH SWITZERLAND; MORE DUE TODAY

GENEVA, Feb. 8. (JTA) — One of the most fantastic feats of rescue of Jewish internees from German concentration camps has been accomplished by a group of twenty orthodox Swiss Jews who sent Jean M. Husy, a former member of the Swiss Federal Council, to Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler in order to negotiate with him concerning the fate of Jews remaining in Germany.

As a result of the negotiations, a group of 1,200 Jews released from the concentration camp in Theresienstadt arrived in Switzerland last night from Germany, and 540 more are expected to arrive here tomorrow. The release of these internees is considered a very important achievement.

Addressing a press conference today, Swiss Minister of Justice, Edward von Steiger, said that it is hoped that henceforth regular transports of Jews from Germany will arrive in Switzerland. All the arrivals, he declared, will be placed in refugee camps in Switzerland and will be obliged to leave the country at the earliest possible date.

About one-half of the 1,200 Jews from Theresienstadt are natives of Holland who were deported by the Germans from Amsterdam and other Dutch cities. There are also 58 children under the age of 12 in the group. The remainder are Jews from Germany and Czechoslovakia. The 540 Jews who are expected to reach Switzerland tomorrow are deportees from France. The refugees from Theresienstadt were given food to last for the three-day trip from the camp to the Swiss frontier.

MILITARY CURFEW CLAMPED DOWN ON TEL AVIV; HOUSES RAIDED, ARRESTS MADE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8. (JTA) — Military police clamped down a rigid curfew on the southern section of Tel Aviv at 5 a.m. today. Raiding parties searched houses and apartments and took their occupants to police stations for investigation.

In Jerusalem it was announced that all police cars in the country will be equipped with radio apparatus enabling them to be in direct contact with headquarters at all times. The system was set up in order to cope more efficiently with terrorist outbreaks and robberies. The Jerusalem police have already installed such equipment and other police posts will be equipped within two weeks.

Addressing a press conference here today, John V. M. Shaw, Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government, disclosed that 899 terrorist suspects have been seized since the current outbreaks began. Of these, 279 were sent to Britton, and later transferred to the Sudan; 266 are still confined in the Latrun Detention Camp here and about 400 have been released.

EGYPTIAN DELEGATION INJECTS ARAB-JEWISH ISSUE INTO WORLD TRADE UNION CONFERENCE

LONDON, Feb. 8. (JTA) — The first effort to inject the Arab-Jewish issue into the World Trade Union Conference here was made by the Egyptian delegation which demanded that an Arab delegate from Palestine be appointed a member of the credentials committee because Berl Locker, who represents Palestine Jewish labor, is on the body.

JOINT POLICY ON REFUGEES BY BRITAIN, U.S. AND RUSSIA DEMANDED IN PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A joint statement by Britain, the United States and Russia outlining a common policy on the refugee problem was demanded yesterday in the House of Lords by Lord Templewood. He charged that present methods of dealing with displaced persons were totally inadequate.

Lord Strabolgi, discussing the plight of the Jewish refugees in liberated territory, said that eighty percent of them, about 700,000 persons, were willing to emigrate to Palestine if visas were available. An influx of these people, he added, would provide more recruits for the Jewish Brigade.

Replying for the Government, Viscount Cranborne, former Colonial Minister, said that the failure to admit more people to Palestine was not because the immigration quota was exhausted, but because of the housing shortage there. Admitting that the majority of the liberated Jews wish to go to Palestine, Lord Cranborne said that the choice of immigrants has been left to the Jewish Agency to whom the immigration certificates are allocated.

He advised against "raising false hopes" of an easy way out of the refugee problem, adding that "however we tackle it, it will be with us for many years to come; it is likely to occupy the whole of our lives and, perhaps, the lives of our children. He urged that the question be dealt with on an international basis.

GERMANS PREVENTED RESCUE OF JEWS FROM BULGARIA; KING INSISTED ON FIRM ANTI-JEWISH POLICY

SOFIA, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Failure of the negotiations to secure the release of 4,000 Jewish children and 500 adults from Bulgaria two years ago resulted from pressure brought upon the Bulgarian Government by the German Minister in Sofia, it is revealed in the diary of Bogdan Filov, ex-premier and regent who was executed last week for treason.

An entry in Filov's diary dated February 17, 1943 states: "Reminded King two days ago that Beckerle (the German envoy) told me that his government would not approve us allowing the emigration to Palestine of 4,000 Jewish children and 500 adults as agreed with the British Government through the Swiss legation. The Germans do not wish to interfere in our internal affairs, but would support a government able to liquidate the communists and the Jews."

Many other passages in the diary deal with Filov's conferences with the King and members of the government on measures for further persecuting the Jews. One records his decision to utilize the assassination of General Lukoff, leader of the Bulgarian troops, by an unknown assailant for a drive on "the Jews and Communists." Another, dated March 15, 1943, says, "Received by King for two hours. Discussed the Jewish question. King insists on firm behavior."

JEWISH SERVICEMEN'S CLUB OPENED IN FORMER NAZI ACADEMY IN BRUSSELS

LONDON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A club for Jewish servicemen has been opened in Brussels in a building which formerly housed a Nazi culture academy, it was disclosed here today at a meeting of the Jewish Hospitality Committee which has established more than 200 servicemen's centers in Britain and five in Italy.

## BOARD OF AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION MEETS TO STUDY PLAN TO LIMIT JEWS IN COLLEGES

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (JTA) -- The board of trustees of the American Dental Association will meet in Chicago tomorrow to consider the confidential reports of Dr. Earlan H. Horner, secretary of the Council on Dental Education of the A.D.A., recommending the limitation of the number of Jewish students admitted to New York dental colleges, it was learned here today.

The trustees plan to make a thorough investigation of the Horner reports and the circumstances of their submission to Columbia and New York Universities and the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives, it was indicated by the Dental Information Bureau here. A bureau executive said that, in the opinion of the trustees, neither Dr. Horner, nor the council had the power or authority to submit these reports without the knowledge or consent of the A.D.A. It was indicated, too, that unless Dr. Horner had some unequivocal explanation for his action, he would be relieved of his post.

A statement issued by the Dental Information Bureau, which speaks for the various A.D.A. affiliates in the New York and New Jersey areas, reads: "The Dental Information Bureau is reliably informed by an American Dental Association trustee that the Council on Education had no power or authority to submit the Dr. Earlan H. Horner reports to any institutions without the consent of the A.D.A. The bureau deplores the acute embarrassment laid on the A.D.A. by what appears to have been an unauthorized and unwarranted action by the Council on Dental Education. This is the first time in the long and meritorious history of the A.D.A. that such a situation has arisen. It may be safely presumed that effective steps toward forestalling similar future situations will be taken by the board of trustees."

## Students Ask Removal of Dr. Horner; Dental Groups Criticize His Report

A petition describing the reports of Dr. Horner as an "affront to the overwhelming majority of the A.D.A. membership" was being circulated today among the students and faculty of the New York Dental College. Removal of Dr. Horner from his position is demanded by the student council, headed by Michael Uris. Among the dental societies associated with the A.D.A. directly or through their membership, which have adopted resolutions attacking the Horner reports are the Dental Society of the State of New York, the first and second district dental societies of the State of New York and several groups of the New Jersey State Dental Society.

Dr. Williard C. Rappelye, dean of the Columbia Medical School, denied any discrimination there. He pointed out that in accordance with the original charter of the King's College, Columbia University has always selected students on the basis of merit alone, without reference to race, color or creed. "We have no quota, never had one and never intend to have one," he declared in a statement to the press, adding that Columbia's policy has not been swayed by Dr. Horner's recommendations concerning racial unbalance. A similar statement was issued yesterday by Chancellor Harry W. Chase of the New York University.

## PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHES BODY TO SECURE JOBS FOR DEMOBILIZED SERVICEMEN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8 (JTA) -- A special advisory council to facilitate the return of demobilized servicemen and women to their pre-war occupations has been established by the High Commissioner, it was announced today. Various government departments and representatives of the Jewish and Arab communities will be represented on the council, which is to be headed by the Deputy Director of the Labor Department.

## PLANS FOR POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT OF PALESTINE ANNOUNCED BY PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORP.

NEW YORK Feb 8 (JTA) — Post-war plans for development of industry and agriculture in Palestine were announced today by the Palestine Economic Corporation, the largest American business enterprise in that country. The Corporation will carry out its program of expansion as soon after the war as possible, in order to accelerate the tempo of absorption of new immigrants by creating more opportunities for employment, according to Robert Szold, chairman of the board of directors.

To provide the increased capital necessary, Mr. Szold said, the Corporation has registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission an issue of \$1,500,000 additional common stock, consisting of 15,000 shares priced at \$100 per share. At the present time, it has capital reserves and surplus in excess of \$3,500,000. There are 1,400 American stockholders.

Included in the post-war plans of the Palestine Economic Corporation is the purchase of machinery and machine tools in the United States on order for the re-equipment and modernization of Palestine's industry and agriculture. Much of the industrial equipment of the 7,000 workshops, small plants and manufacturing establishments in Palestine, costing \$50,000,000, will have to be replaced as soon as possible because most of this machinery is old, worn out and out of date, Mr. Szold pointed out.

Other post-war plans provide for the construction of modern irrigation waterworks on a public utility basis; development of low cost housing projects; direct investment in basic manufacturing undertakings; indirect investment in industry through erection of factory buildings for lease to small manufacturers; and extension of credit for agricultural development.

## DEMAND FOR JEWISH REPRESENTATION ON WAR CRIMES COMMISSION MADE IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (JTA) — A demand for official Jewish representation on the United Nations War Crimes Commission was made yesterday by Rep. Thomas J. Lane, D-Miss., Democrat, speaking on the floor of the House.

Rep. Lane also urged that the United Nations issue a declaration pledging punishment of war crimes against Jews in Axis countries. He criticized the removal of Herbert C. Pell as American representative on the War Crimes Commission.

## SUCCESSOR TO KU KLUX KLAN FOUNDED IN GEORGIA TO COMBAT JEWS AND NEGROES

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (JTA) — A successor to the Ku Klux Klan, calling itself the "Commoner Party," has been established in Georgia, it was learned here today. A pamphlet outlining the organization's aims declares that "the Commoner Party proposes the formation of a Gentile political party bloc to combat the Jew and Negro racial bloc, now active in the political affairs of the nation."

## WEIZMANN HONORED BY JEWISH CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8 (JTA) — The Jewish Chemists Association, at a reception today in Rehovoth, Palestine, home of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, presented the Zionist leader with volumes on chemical research written in Hebrew and a Golden Book certificate.