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JEWISH AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE ARRIVES IN ROME; BRINGS 900 PALESTINE IMMIGRATION VISAS

ROME, Feb. 9. (JTA) — An enthusiastic reception was given today by Jews in Rome to Dr. Solomon Umberto Nahon, representative of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who arrived from Jerusalem to distribute about 900 Palestine immigration certificates.

Dr. Nahon, who prior to emigrating to Palestine six years ago, was the secretary of the Zionist Organization in Rome, was welcomed by Jewish leaders here at a special meeting this afternoon, immediately upon his arrival. He is the first civilian to arrive here from Palestine with a message from the Jewish homeland. He is scheduled to remain for several weeks.

Dr. Nahon today conferred with officials of the Zionist organizations in Rome and with the representative of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, discussing the question of transportation of those who will be selected for emigration to Palestine. At present, there are 2,000 applicants for Palestine visas already on the list of the Zionist Organization here. The 900 who will be selected are expected to leave for Palestine by the end of March. They will be the first group of Jews to leave Italy for Palestine since the liberation of Rome by the Allies.

MOSCOW ARRANGES REPATRIATION OF JEWS FROM TRANSNISTRIA TO THEIR HOMES IN RUMANIA

BUCHAREST, Feb. 9. (JTA) — Jewish leaders here were informed today by the Soviet members of the Allied Control Commission that the Moscow authorities have reached a definite decision on the methods of repatriation of Jews who were deported by the former pro-Nazi Rumanian regime from various sections of Rumania to devastated parts of the Ukraine which the Rumanians named Transnistria.

It is understood that the Moscow decision provides for the repatriation of only those Jews who were born in Southern Bukovina and in the part of Rumania known as the Old Kingdom. Jews born in Bessarabia or in the section of Bukovina which is claimed by the Soviet authorities as integral part of the USSR, are considered Soviet citizens and are not to be repatriated.

Jewish organizations here today opened negotiations with the Allied Armistice Commission to permit their representatives to participate in the work of receiving the repatriated Jews and of organizing for them any assistance they may need.

Radu Lecca, Commissar for Jewish Affairs under the pro-Nazi government of Gen. Antonescu, is included in a new list of war criminals made public here today.

Lecca, who accumulated a huge fortune as a result of blackmailing Jews by threatening them with deportation to Transnistria, was arrested soon after the Russian Army liberated Rumania, but succeeded in escaping. The police finally recaptured him and he was handed over to the Allied Control Commission after an interrogation as to his activities under the pro-Nazi regime.

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JEWISH REFUGEES FROM REICH SUFFER IN BELGIUM AS "GERMAN NATIONALS"; MANY ARRESTED

BRUSSELS, Feb. 9. (JTA)-- About 5,000 Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria who managed to escape capture and deportation under German occupation have been classified as "enemy aliens" by the Belgian government and are being subjected to restrictive security measures, a special correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency established here today.

These refugees who were deprived of German nationality by Hitler under the Nazi racial laws, and thus left stateless, were re-classified by the Belgian authorities as "Germans" and are being treated accordingly. Several hundred of them have been arrested and imprisoned on the sole ground that they are German nationals, while strict police supervision was established over the remainder. They are required to report to the police one or more times weekly and cannot leave the district in which they reside.

The property of all these Jews has been sequestered. Their bank and postal accounts have been blocked. None of these Jews can receive insurance benefits, nor collect from debtors. They cannot bring action in courts, and are refused permission to work.

Some of these refugees have organized a "Jewish Committee of Refugees and Victims of Racial Laws" and are seeking to bring their plight to the attention of the Belgian government and Allied military authorities. They protest bitterly against the stigma of being placed in the same category with Nazis and seek restoration of their status as refugees enjoying sanctuary until such a time as the future of all victims of Nazi racial policy will be determined.

AMERICAN JEWS LACK UNITED REPRESENTATION, PROF. BRODETSKY REPORTS IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Prof. Solig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, reporting today on his impressions of Jewish life in the United States, from where he recently returned, said that he had come to the conclusion that the most effective way of combining the Jews of America and England in a common effort would be to establish an unofficial unified body composed of those Jewish communities and any others which would like to join in meeting present and post-war Jewish problems.

There is no single body representing all American Jewry, Prof. Brodetsky declared. The American Jewish Conference represents an overwhelming majority of American Jews, but even this organization is not like the Board of Deputies of British Jews which represents all the Jews of England directly. Reporting on the Wise-Silver rift, Prof. Brodetsky expressed the hope that "means will be found shortly to solve this very important dispute and to put Palestine political work in the United States on the best possible basis."

WAR CRIMES COMMISSION IN YUGOSLAVIA SAYS 1,500 JEWS WERE MESSACRED IN TWO PROVINCES

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- fifteen hundred Serbian Jews were among the 21,000 persons murdered by the Germans in the provinces of Packa and Baranja, according to a report by the Yugoslav State Commission for Investigating War Crimes, released here today by the New Yugoslav Telegraph Service.

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION EXJECTED TO REJECT REPORT URGING "RACIAL QUOTAS"

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) — Dr. Sterling Nead, president-elect of the American Dental Association, today disavowed the reports by Dr. Harlan H. Horner, head of the Dental Education Council of the ADA, advocating "racial quotas" in dental colleges, and declared that Dr. Horner's statements did not reflect the sentiments of the ADA. Dr. Nead predicted that the trustees of the ADA would reject the Horner recommendation.

Meanwhile, as an aftermath to the controversy aroused by the Horner reports, a group of educational leaders have appealed to President Roosevelt to establish a National Fair Education Practice Committee, whose duty it would be to help eliminate "quotas and other forms of racial and religious discriminations in the nation's colleges."

Sponsoring the request are the Department of Higher Education and the Commission for the Defense of Democracy through Education, divisions of the National Education Association, and the education division of the Independent Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. The National Education Association has a teacher membership in excess of 300,000. Denouncing the action of Dr. Horner, the educators, in a telegram to the President, said that this move demonstrated the need for a national committee to study the entire field of college and university admission practices.

NO ANTI-JEWISH PREJUDICE EXISTS AMONG AMERICAN SERVICEMEN, J.W.C. OFFICIAL REPORTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) — A wholesome prospect for post-war America is the spirit of comradeship which exists among men living together under combat conditions, it was reported at a press conference here today by Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, executive director of the National Jewish Welfare Board's Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities, who returned this week from a 35,000 mile tour of the Pacific war fronts.

The concern of men coming up against the enemy is "not with the antecedents of a gunner but with his character, his ability," Rabbi Bernstein said. "As a result, prejudice is unthinkable. There is a remarkable and healthy spirit of teamwork," particularly gratifying to Rabbi Bernstein was the evidence he saw of "a healthy, vigorous Jewish life among the Jewish military personnel." There was no island however remote, no jungle however inaccessible, in which Jewish men were stationed, where they had not set up their own religious services, he reported. On Guadalcanal, the Jewish men in their spare time erected a synagogue which is truly beautiful, Rabbi Bernstein said, and at Oro Bay, working nights and week-ends, Jewish men have also put up a synagogue of impressive proportions.

HEBREW MORSE CODE DEVELOPED BY PALESTINIANS; PLACED IN USE IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9. (JTA) — For the first time in history Hebrew morse code was sent over telegraph wires today. An invention of Abraham Berman, chief of the telegraph office here, it was put into use today in the Jerusalem office of the government telegraphic service.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY WILL HOLD NO ANNUAL CONVENTION; COMPLIES WITH WAR REGULATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) — The Rabbinical Assembly of America today announced that in deference to the request of the Office of Defense Transportation that no conventions be held, the executive council of the Assembly has voted to forego its annual convention scheduled for June. In its stead, a Metropolitan conference for members residing in the vicinity of New York will be held.

INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RELATIONS URGES CONCERTED ACTION TO STAMP OUT BIGOTRY

ATLANTA, Feb. 9. (JTA) — "The amount of economic prejudice associated in this country with anti-catholicism and anti-semitism is disgracefully great," Dr. James H. Smith, Professor of Economics and Social Institutions at Princeton University, declared here yesterday addressing the Institute of Human Relations sponsored by the national conference of Christians and Jews.

Dr. Sigmund Livingston, chairman of the Anti-defamation League of B'nai B'rith, told the conference that racial and religious prejudice will not be stamped out until there is a unified, concerted campaign by churches, newspapers and leaders of public thought. Other speakers included Dr. L.A. Roback, psychologist and author of "A Dictionary of International Slurs," and Dr. Robert McElroy, a former professor of American history at Oxford University.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATE IN UNRRA CLOTHING CAMPAIGN UNDER J.D.C. LEADERSHIP

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) — All national Jewish organizations in the United States will, under the leadership of the Joint Distribution Committee, participate in the UNRRA campaign to raise 150,000,000 pounds of clothing, shoes and bedding for needy people in war-devastated countries, it was announced here today. The campaign will begin April 1 under the national chairmanship of Henry J. Kaiser.

The Joint Distribution Committee will be the claimant for clothing in behalf of the destitute and needy Jews abroad whom these needs are not met by UNRRA. Under J.D.C.'s leadership a number of national Jewish organizations have organized to stimulate participation of their chapters, cooperating groups and members throughout the country. At a meeting of representatives of these Jewish organizations, Louis S. Schel, assistant secretary of the J.D.C., was elected to the chairmanship of this special committee.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS RECEIVES LISTS OF SURVIVING JEWS IN POLAND AND RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) — partial lists of Jewish survivors in more than forty liberated towns of formerly occupied Russia and Poland, received by the World Jewish Congress here from the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow, indicate the extent to which the Jewish population in those areas has been destroyed, the Congress said today in a statement issued at a press conference.

The lists cover the following towns: of Lublin's 83,000 Jews 635 remain; of 85,000 in Vilna, 506 were found alive; of 40,000 in Bialystok, 113 survived; of 25,000 in Kovno 574 remain. In addition, hundreds of thousands of Jews deported from other parts of Europe were murdered in these cities, the statement pointed out. In many smaller towns only one or two Jews were found, and these, frequently, were not residents of the town, but were shipped there by the Germans.

DANIEL HARRIS, LAST JEWISH CIVIL WAR VETERAN, DIES AT 100; FUNERAL MONDAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) — Daniel Harris, last survivor of 8,000 Jewish war veterans of the Civil War, died here yesterday in his 100th year. He was one of the last living persons to have met President Lincoln. Memorial services for him will be held on Monday by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, of which he was honorary commander.

Harris was born in London, England, in 1846. At the age of seventeen, he enlisted in the Union forces as a sailor, giving his name as George Irving, and his age as twenty-one, he served on the sloop-of-war Saratoga, which was part of the fleet blockading Georgia. He was one of several landing parties landed in Georgia to come to the aid of General William T. Sherman.