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### IMMEDIATE AID RUSHED TO JEWS OF LIBERATED BUDAPEST; J.D.C. SENDS RELIEF VIA RUMANIA

BUCHAREST, Feb. 15. (JTA) — With Budapest completely liberated, the Joint Distribution Committee, utilizing the facilities of the International Red Cross, today rushed from here 110 tons of food, clothing and medicine for the Jewish survivors in the Hungarian capital.

The supplies sent are much less than what is urgently needed by the Jews who remained alive in Budapest after the retreat of the Germans from the city, it was emphasized here. A reliable report from Budapest states that the Jews in the ghetto there were deprived of food during the last few weeks while the battle for the city was going on.

"As a result, a large number of Jews in the Budapest ghetto died of hunger," the report says. "The surviving Jews are all undernourished and without warm clothing. It is imperative that food, clothing and medicines reach them urgently," the report appeals. It discloses that Dr. Komoly, president of the Zionist Organization in Hungary, was arrested by the Germans and taken to an unknown destination.

Together with the appeal for urgent relief for the Jews of liberated Budapest, an appeal was issued here today by Dr. William Filderman, president of the Union of Jewish Communities in Rumania, asking for immediate aid from abroad for the impoverished Rumanian Jews. Dr. Filderman emphasized that the supplies made available by the Joint Distribution Committee for the Jews in liberated Rumania are exhausted and that further aid is required.

### U.S. OFFICIALS FACILITATE EMIGRATION OF FIRST GROUP OF JEWS FROM FRANCE TO PALESTINE

PARIS, Feb. 15. (JTA) — American officials here have been most helpful in arranging for the transportation of the first contingent of 200 Jewish children and 50 adults who are emigrating from France to Palestine, it was revealed today by David Sealtiel, representative of the Jewish Agency executive.

The emigrants are expected to leave France before the end of the month. The Joint Distribution Committee is financing the transportation. The 200 children are either orphans or have relatives in Palestine. The Youth Aliyah has arranged for their reception and maintenance upon their arrival in Palestine.

A Palestine Immigration Office was opened here today and also an office for child and youth emigration, Mr. Sealtiel announced. These offices will closely cooperate with the Hias-Ion Emigration Association, which is handling Jewish emigration affairs. Mr. Sealtiel was sent to France by the executive of the Jewish Agency to re-establish contact between the Agency and French Zionists and to assist in the resumption of Jewish emigration to Palestine.

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WORLD TRADE UNION CONFERENCE REJECTS HISTADRUTH PLEA, ADMITS ARAB DELEGATE

LONDON, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- A demand that one of the Arab delegates from Palestine not be recognized by the World Trade Union Conference, now meeting here, was rejected today by the credentials committee of the conference. The suggestion came from the Histadruth delegation.

The Arab delegate against whom the Histadruth representatives protested was sent from Jerusalem, with the support of the Palestine Government, as spokesman for the Arab Labor Federation which is opposed to Jewish labor. The credentials committee also approved the seating of George Nassau, another Arab delegate, but stipulated that he is to participate as an observer only. Nassau represents the Palestine Labor League which has been working in full cooperation with the Histadruth for many years.

Berl Locker, Histadruth delegate, and one of the members of the credentials committee, announced that he would not vote against the report submitted by the credentials committee, but that the Histadruth reserves the right to take steps to insure that only bona-fide trade unions become affiliated with the international trade union movement.

Aaron Rabinowicz, another Histadruth delegate, addressing the plenary session of the conference on post-war labor unity, warned against the danger of feudal and black trade unions which are arising among the Arabs in countries of the Near East under the leadership of "effendis" who are trying to exploit these so-called labor unions for their political aims to create labor bodies which oppose bona-fide trade unions.

"The Histadruth," the speaker said, "instructed its delegates to emphatically urge post-war unity in the ranks of organized labor, because we, Jews, suffered a terrible fate partly on account of disunity among labor. The task of the international trade union movement is to awaken the masses to real labor principles, for international solidarity, and for a genuine control of the workers movement through democratic elections. We, Jewish labor of Palestine, oppose government interference in the affairs of organized labor."

ARAB CONFERENCE IN CAIRO MAY CONSENT TO LIMITED JEWISH IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE

CAIRO, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Although the Palestine question is not officially on the agenda of the conference of Arab statesmen which opened here yesterday to discuss plans for the creation of a federation of Arab countries, it was indicated here today that the question of Arab-Jewish relations may be taken up.

It was stated in Arab circles that a "goodwill gesture" may be made to the Jews by offering them a plan under which the Arabs will consent to continued Jewish immigration into Palestine under a quota guaranteeing that Jews will not exceed one-third of the Palestine population and will remain a permanent minority. This plan, it was hinted, will be discussed by the high government officials of Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Transjordan and Saudi Arabia, participating in the conference. Hussa el Alami, a representative of Palestine Arabs, is attending as an observer.

RUSSIAN ARMY FREES 300 POLISH, LITHUANIAN AND HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM GERMAN CAMP IN SILESIA

LUBLIN, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Three hundred Polish, Lithuanian and Hungarian Jews have been freed from the German death camp at Birkennau, in Upper Silesia, by the Russians, it was reported here today. The Lublin radio reports that three ambulances donated by American Jews to the Red Army are in use on the Silesian front.

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AMERICAN JEWISH SOLDIERS WILL OBSERVE PURIM IN GERMANY, BELGIUM AND FRANCE

PARIS, Feb. 15. (JTA) — American Jewish soldiers will celebrate purim on German soil this year, with eleven Jewish chaplains attached to frontline units holding services on the evening of Feb. 26th and throughout the next day.

The state of hostilities permitting, Jews in infantry and armored units in combat areas will gather in small groups with the chaplains for the traditional observance. Other purim services will be held throughout Belgium and France for personnel of the air force and communications services. Major Judah Nadich, Chief Jewish Chaplain in this theatre, will officiate at services in Paris.

GERMANS CONVERTED THERESIENSTADT INTO "DEATH CAMP", CZECH ARMY PAPER CHARGES

MOSCOW, Feb. 15. (JTA) — Even Theresienstadt, which the Germans claimed was a "model concentration camp" was transformed into a death camp where thousands of people were cremated in the early part of 1943, a Czech broadcast on the Moscow radio said today, quoting "Ceskoslovenski Listy," the organ of the Czech Army in Russia.

In the Spring of 1942, the paper says, many people were sent from Theresienstadt for "resettlement" in the East. Their fate was revealed by documents and clothing found at the Maidanek camp and at camps in Poland.

In the beginning of 1943, however, a cremation furnace was installed in Theresienstadt. Two to three hundred persons were cremated there daily. About 10,000 Jews who arrived in the camp during May, 1943, were all burnt to death during the year.

AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL PROTESTS TRANSFER OF LIBERATED JEWS TO UNRRA CAMP IN N. AFRICA

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) — The American Zionist Emergency Council today made public a protest against the plan to send to a UNRRA camp in North Africa the 1,670 Jews recently rescued from Germany, instead of admitting them to Palestine.

"For the Jews of Europe liberation will not be liberation unless they are entitled to enter the Jewish National Home," the council said. It emphasized that it cannot accept the explanation by Lord Cranborne, former Colonial Secretary, given in the House of Lords last week, to the effect that exclusion from Palestine is justified because of the housing shortage in that country. "Admittedly there is a shortage of housing today in Palestine, just as there is everywhere else in the world. But the Jews of Palestine eagerly demand the right to receive their stricken brethren," the statement declared.

JEWISH BLACK BOOK ON GERMAN ATROCITIES WILL BE PUBLISHED BY CENTRAL ORGANIZATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) — The inauguration of a Jewish Black Book, a documentation of German atrocities against the Jews, took place here last night at a dinner at the Commodore Hotel addressed by Eugene V. Kisselov, Russian Consul General, Herbert C. Pell, former U.S. representative on the United Nations' War Crime Commission, Ira C. Hirschmann, B. Z. Goldberg and others.

The Black Book is being prepared jointly by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow, the Jewish National Council of Palestine, the World Jewish Congress and the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists. It will be published in June in several languages and will contain all available evidence on the crimes committed by the Germans as part of their deliberate policy of exterminating the Jews of Europe. Russia has already sent over 500 pages of documents here for use in the Black Book, Mr. Kisselov revealed.

CONSIDERABLE PREJUDICE AGAINST JEWS IN AMERICA DISCLOSED BY NATIONAL POLL

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Jews rank second among groups in the United States whom a cross-section of the American public feel might harm the country if they are not curbed, it is revealed in an article by Elmo Roper, well-known authority on public opinion surveys, appearing today in the New York Herald Tribune.

Questioned in 1943 as to whether "there are any groups in the country you feel might be harmful to the future of the country unless they are curbed," fourteen percent of the persons queried replied "the Jews." This percentage was exceeded only by the sixteen percent who answered "the Negroes." After the Jews and Negroes came the Germans (bund), Japanese, Foreigners, Jehovah's Witnesses and labor unions in that order.

In a survey made in 1942, Mr. Roper discloses, six percent of laborers questioned declared that they did not wish to work side by side with Jews, and ten percent of farmers queried replied similarly. In 1944, a cross section was asked, "Are there any groups which you think are sometimes apt to cause trouble when mixed in with other workers?" Seven percent of them replied "Jews;" 34 percent said "Negroes," and three percent said "communists."

AGUDAS ANNOUNCES FIGHT AGAINST "ATHEIST EDUCATION" OF REFUGEE CHILDREN IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- A demand that a commission composed of representatives of all Jewish orthodox organizations in the United States be sent to Palestine "to prevent the education of Jewish refugee children, on funds contributed by American Jews, in atheist colonies and educational institutions," was voiced here at a press conference arranged by the Agudas Israel of America.

Leaders of the Agudas Israel emphasized that their organization will fight to secure a religious education for all Jewish refugee children brought to Palestine. A mass-meeting called by the Agudas Israel for February 19 will demand that the Jewish Agency for Palestine arrange that these children be given a traditional Jewish education, it was announced at the conference. The principal speakers included Jacob Rosenheim, president of the Agudas Israel World Organization and Rabbi Elisha-Meyer Bloch, prominent leader of religious Jewry.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS GROUPS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN FOR CLOTHING FOR JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today announced that various groups affiliated with it in a number of countries on the American continent intend to collect fifty million pounds of clothing and medicaments to be sent to needy Jews in Europe.

The campaign has already been started in the United States, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Peru, the announcement said, adding that "clothing in the value of over a million dollars has been collected so far in these five countries."

JUDGE ROTHENBERG RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Judge Morris Rothenberg, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, was re-elected today president of the Jewish National Fund of America for a second term. A unanimous vote for Judge Rothenberg was cast at the annual meeting of the national board of directors of the fund by the representatives of all branches of the Zionist movement in America.