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RUSSIAN ARMY LIBERATES 2,000 JEWISH WOMEN FROM GERMAN CAMP; ALL BROUGHT TO LUBLIN

MOSCOW, Feb. 26. (JTA) — The Russian Army, which is now close to the gates of Danzig, has liberated 2,000 Jewish women from a concentration camp near Torun in its drive to the Baltic port, it was announced today over the Lublin radio.

The women, deported by the Germans from various occupied countries to the camp in the Posen district, had been forced by the German military authorities to work at building fortifications. They are now resting in Lublin, the broadcast said, adding that Jewish organizations and the Polish Red Cross are supplying them with food and shelter.

The retreating Germans in East Prussia injected poison into Jewish prisoners at the Dobroek concentration camp near the city of Albing, Ilya Ehrenbourg, Russia's top war correspondent, reports. The atrocities were disclosed by a few women survivors who apparently had not been given a strong enough dose. Ehrenbourg writes that these few women were the only Jews he encountered in East Prussia, although the roads are filled with liberated Americans, Englishmen, Frenchmen, South Africans, Czechs, Dutchmen and men of other countries who had been taken prisoner by the Germans.

A report on the revival of communal and religious life among the Jews presently in Vilna was given here today by Nison Anelik, a young clerk who survived the massacre of most of Vilna's Jews. Nison, who arrived here this week, said that there are about 4,000 Jews in Vilna and that two synagogues are functioning there, the Bolshoi Synagogue on Nemetski Street and the Choral Synagogue on Zavalna Street. Both buildings were stripped of all valuables, but they are otherwise intact.

FRENCH ASSEMBLY SETS UP COMMISSION TO DEAL WITH FOREIGNERS; CENSUS OF ALIENS ORDERED

PARIS, Feb. 26. (JTA) — A joint commission has been set up in the Provisional Consultative Assembly to consider the question of foreigners resident in France and legislation to settle their status, it was learned here today.

The commission will study measures to regulate the position of foreigners long resident in this country and to fix their rights of domicile, labor and naturalization. France had a foreign population of about 3,300,000 at the outbreak of the war in 1939 and, owing to her declining population and manpower shortage has been giving increasing consideration to a policy of encouraging immigration from other countries of Europe.

Minister of Justice Francois de Menthon has already ordered a review of the applications for naturalization suspended by the Vichy regime in July, 1940, with priority for those cases in which the applicant rendered service to France during the hostilities.

The Minister of the Interior has now ordered the registration next month of all foreigners resident in France. "This census," his order stated, "should make possible exact statistics by nationality and occupation. It should also be the chance

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for those whose situation has not yet been regularized to obtain the necessary residence permits."

pointing out that the immense majority of foreigners have merited by their worthy and often courageous attitude during the occupation the complete goodwill of the French authorities, the order added that every precaution should be taken to limit to the minimum the inconveniences the registration might cause.

JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS DEMAND RECONSTITUTION OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

TRENTON, N.J., Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the Central Atlantic Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, encompassing organized Jewish communities in New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., meeting in Trenton yesterday, with representatives of sixteen cities present, adopted a resolution demanding the immediate reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal.

"In the event that such immediate reconstitution of the UJA is not accomplished," the resolution continued, "we favour the establishment of an allocations committee representing our respective communities to distribute the funds raised in these communities directly to the organizations previously joined in the UJA.

"We unreservedly condemn the action of the agencies formerly constituting the UJA in bombarding the leaders of our communities with partisan literature which creates confusion, irritation and divisiveness and seriously harms our efforts to raise maximum funds for the causes in which we are all vitally interested, and we demand the immediate cessation of such reprehensible practices," the resolution concluded.

Joint Distribution Committee Accepts Proposal for Arbitration

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee, at a special meeting of its executive committee held Sunday agreed to submit to arbitration the unresolved differences between the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. in an effort to reconstitute the National United Jewish Appeal for 1945. This action followed receipt of a telegram from Sidney Hollander, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, requesting the two major organizations in the U. S. A. to submit their differences to arbitration. Notifying Mr. Hollander of the J.D.C.'s action, Paul Baerwald, chairman of the J.D.C. stated,

"In response to your telegram of February 23 urging that the J.D.C. and U.P.A. agree to submit differences to arbitration by mutually acceptable procedure, we refer to our letter of February 8th to you setting forth the unresolved differences which existed prior to the Cincinnati meeting on February 10th. Inasmuch as no agreement was reached as a result of the Cincinnati meeting, the differences remaining between the parties still continue to be the following. The U.P.A. proposed a first division of ten million dollars in the ratio of sixty to forty percent or a first division of twenty-five million dollars in the ratio of fifty-eight to forty-two percent, with the Jewish National Fund traditional collection ceiling at one million one hundred thousand dollars, and that J.D.C. forego the six hundred thousand dollar countervailing amount.

"The J.D.C. proposed that the first division be twenty-five million dollars in the ratio of sixty to forty percent respectively, the JNF traditional collection ceiling to be nine hundred thousand dollars and the J.D.C. to forego the six hundred thousand dollar countervailing amount. In view of the J.D.C.'s consistent desire to maintain the National U.J.A. and recognizing the keen concern felt by the organized Jewish communities of this country for the continuance of the U.J.A. the J.D.C. at a specially convened meeting of its Executive Committee today, agreed to submit to arbitration by mutually acceptable procedure, the unresolved differences as indicated above.

BRITAIN RELEASES 18 PALESTINE DEPORTEES; DEPORTS OTHERS TO SUDAN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Palestine government today published a statement announcing the release of 18 Jews who were deported from Palestine last October as terrorist suspects. The liberated Jews have already arrived in Palestine and have been permitted to return to their homes, the announcement said. They were released in accordance with the procedure of periodically reviewing cases of persons detained under emergency regulations, the government explained.

At the same time, it was announced that the Government has deported seven more Jews to the Sudan where several hundred Palestine Jews are being held in a camp under circumstances which have provoked severe protests on the part of Jewish groups in Palestine.

A meeting in Tel Aviv to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the defense of the colony of Tel Hai and the death of Joseph Trumpeldor, who was killed defending the settlement against the Arabs, broke up in confusion yesterday when Revisionists and supporters of the Histadruth engaged in a pitched battle in which seven persons were injured. Other memorial meetings were held throughout the country without any incidents.

Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency, was presented during the week-end with a Golden Book certificate declaring that he was "the moulder and founder of the Jewish Brigade." The presentation was made by three officers of the Brigade who are touring the country to spur enlistment.

ROME JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL DECIDES TO HOLD NEW ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH

ROME, Feb. 26 (JTA) -- Faced with the task of appointing a new chief rabbi to succeed Dr. Israel Zolli who embraced Catholicism, the Jewish Community Council of Rome today decided to hold community elections on March 18. The results of the elections will have to be approved by the Allied Military Commission and by the Italian Government.

The elections will be conducted under the direction of three-man board composed of Renzo Levi, Settimo Sorani and Alberto Piperno. The new Council will consist of fifteen persons. Capt. Morris Newfeld of the Allied Military Commission and Jewish chaplains of the American and British armies participated in today's session of the Council at which the date for the elections was set.

UNITED NATIONS WILL BE ASKED TO GRANT JEWS A HEARING AT SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Conference will ask the United Nations to grant a hearing at their San Francisco conference on April 25th to representative bodies of the Jewish people on measures vital to their postwar rehabilitation, it was announced today, following an all-day meeting of the Interim Committee of the Conference at the Hotel Biltmore.

The Conference will request the United Nations to recognize the justice of the Jewish claim for representation on all agencies that may be established to deal with postwar reconstruction and organization. Among the matters that will be brought to the attention of the San Francisco meeting is the proposal for an International Bill of Rights.

If the San Francisco conference takes up the question of mandated territories, the American Jewish Conference -- in cooperation with the Jewish Agency of Palestine -- will ask the United Nations to reaffirm Jewish rights to Palestine which were recognized by the League of Nations, it announced.

JEWISH SERVICEMEN OBSERVE PURIM IN ROME; GIVE PARTY FOR 1,000 JEWISH CHILDREN

ROME, Feb. 27 (JTA) — Jewish officers and soldiers of the United Nations jointly celebrated Purim in one of the largest theatres here. The traditional ceremony of reading the Megillah was followed by a special program of Jewish music in which artists from a number of countries participated.

American Jewish soldiers, acting on their own initiative, are giving a Purim party for 1,000 Jewish children in Rome on Sunday. The idea of arranging such a party was highly commended by Gen. Thoburn Brown, head of the Allied Command in the Rome area. The children, who have seen little joy during the past five years, will receive Purim gifts contributed from soldiers' rations and will see a Purim program put on by the local Hebrew school. They will also be shown an American cartoon movie.

Purim Services Conducted for Combat Troops at Front

PARIS, Feb. 27. (JTA) — Major Judah Nadich, senior Jewish Chaplain in the European Theatre of Operations, announced today that among the Jewish chaplains who will conduct Purim services for combat troops in the forward areas are:

Captains Herman Dicker of New York, 5th Infantry Division; Herbert Eskin of New York, 100th Infantry Division; Morris Frank of Chattanooga, 4th Infantry Division; Eli A. Bohnen of Buffalo; Ernest Lorge of New York; Jacob Ott of Chicago, 83rd Infantry Division; Herman Poliakoff of Baltimore, 29th Infantry Division; Wolf G. Plaut of Chicago, 104th Infantry Division; Emanuel Schenk of New York, 4th Armored Division; Abraham Zernach of Elgin, Illinois, 76th Infantry Division and first Lieutenant Max Wall of New York, 9th Infantry Division.

SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARIAN SCORED FOR ATTACKS ON JEWS; JEWISH HOMELAND BACKED

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Feb. 27. (JTA) — Eric Louw, nationalist M.P. and one of the most vocal anti-Semites in the country, was described as "South Africa's Julius Streicher" during a debate in Parliament in which Louw charged that the Department of Defense was giving a disproportionate amount of orders to Jewish firms. The attack on Louw was made by P. C. Pooch, a member of the Government party. A minor sensation was caused during the debate when Dr. Karl Bremer, a leading nationalist, scored racialism and pleaded for unity of all groups to further South Africa's interests.

A plea for similar unity around the Palestine issue was made by another nationalist member, J. G. Strydom, who declared that his party favored the creation of a Jewish National Home. "We will not play the same role as England in this connection," he said. His statement was made after M. R. Kentridge, a Government member, appealed to Prime Minister Smuts to press for realization of a Jewish Homeland at the post-war peace parleys. Kentridge said that such a homeland was the only solution for the Jewish problem.

SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES HEARINGS ON PERMANENT FEPC LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA) — A special Senate sub-committee has set March 12 to begin hearings on bills to set up a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee, Chairman Dennis Chavez, New Mexico Democrat, said today.

After five days of hearings during the last session of Congress, the Senate Education and Labor committee voted out a bill outlawing discrimination in employment on the basis of race, creed or color. The introduction by Senator Robert Taft, Ohio Republican, of a measure disregarding law enforcement provisions has made it necessary to schedule additional hearings.

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J.D.C. AND U.P.A. WILL NOT CONDUCT INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGNS IN JEWISH WELFARE FUND CITIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service have given pledges not to conduct independent fund-raising campaigns in welfare fund communities, it was revealed here today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. An announcement issued by the Council emphasizes that "welfare fund communities will conduct one joint campaign and their contributors will be asked to make one overall gift for national and overseas causes despite the failure of the J.D.C., U.P.A., and N.R.S. to reconstitute the United Jewish Appeal for 1945."

A letter sent by the Council to its member agencies notifies them of the pledge given by the former participants in the United Jewish Appeal. "They will confine their efforts in such cities to securing general community understanding and will seek maximum allotments for their programs from welfare funds," the letter reads. "Your welfare fund, therefore, will be called upon to allocate specific amounts to these three agencies with the same procedure that you have been accustomed to use for all other beneficiaries." The communication is signed by Sidney Hollander, president and William J. Schroder, chairman of the Council's board of directors.

Stressing the role of the welfare fund in making it possible for all Jews in the community to accept their full responsibility for those who are in need of assistance, the letter urged that this goal be kept constantly in mind. "Competition, conflicting approaches and pressures which may be applied by advocates of one agency or another, may be a disturbing influence, but the great majority of Jews in each community are much more concerned with the totality of Jewish needs and with the values of unified effort, than with partisanship for any single agency," the letter pointed out.

"Our welfare funds and federations," the letter continues "have provided a common meeting ground for all groups in the community; the one agency through which each of us can accept his full responsibility as a Jew for those who are in such desperate need of our help. We believe that all social agencies, local, national and international are the instruments for carrying out our will with our money. We have done many things together, despite fundamental differences in philosophies and objectives. Whatever we can do together we should do together. One of the most obvious and most necessary things to be done cooperatively is to collect and allocate funds for social needs here and overseas. Our Council, through its staff services and the cooperation of federation leaders and executives, plans to give maximum assistance to the communities in meeting this situation and in developing successful campaigns.

"We are confident that our community organizations will meet the present test, just as they did in other years when there was no UJA. Believing in and working for unity of action wherever possible, we will move forward. It is expected that the local budget committees will act on the basis of full information and sound principles, and that the Jewish communities of America will unitedly mobilize all of their resources to reach higher goals and give greater aid this year than ever before. And from that great achievement our Jewish communities, too, will emerge stronger and healthier."

Key Leaders Participate in Parley to Plan U.P.A. Campaign

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The repatriation of Jews in Europe by compulsion of any form of pressure must be resisted by the Jews of the United States, Rabbi James G. Heller, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, said yesterday.

by addressing a conference of Jewish leaders from various sections of the country assembled at the Biltmore Hotel for the purpose of planning the \$35,000,000 campaign of the United Palestine Appeal for 1945.

"Thousands and hundreds of thousands do not want to go back," Rabbi Heller said. "For them the road back to their former homes is the road to continued anxiety, hatred and insecurity. They must be gotten out of the ruin of a blood-soaked continent. It is an emergent problem fraught with many dangers for the survival of Judaism as well as individual Jews. Alarming reports have come out of Italy, the Balkans and France. There have been many examples of the use of the 'back door' to safety. Many Jews who lived as Christians to escape the Nazis have refused to return to the fold after liberation. They have gone into permanent hiding to shield their children from the upheavals of the future. That is why the Jewish National Home in Palestine, which saved more Jews than the rest of the world combined during the years of the Hitler scourge, now stands as the only rock of hope for the vast majority of the surviving Jews of Europe."

Rabbi Heller expressed confidence that the White Paper restrictions of the past five years would very soon be replaced by a constructive plan for the future status of the Jewish homeland.

HENRY MONSKY HONORED AT DINNER MARKING CONCLUSION OF BROTHERHOOD WEEK

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Pointing out that the greatest source of strength of America arises from the fact that its many and varied groups of people of different races, cultures and creeds are continuously fusing their social and cultural heritage, Henry Monsky, president of the B'nai B'rith, declared tonight that he was confident that the American people would reject the philosophy of racial superiority spread by groups seeking to create disunity in this country.

Addressing a dinner in his honor at the Hotel Commodore, which climaxed the observance of Brotherhood Week, Mr. Monsky said: "I have too much faith in the soundness of the heart of America, too much respect for the deep-rooted concept of equality, liberty and justice which is part and parcel of the whole pattern of the American way to have any anxiety that the American people can be deceived, duped, misled or misguided by any such false philosophies, and functions of this character, symbolizing the mutual respect and friendly collaboration among representatives of all faiths, give assurance against any such developments in America."

"It is appropriate," Mr. Monsky declared, "that this program should be presented by B'nai B'rith which for more than a century has been consecrated to a program of good will and valiant service to the nation and to the Jewish community. This program is symbolic of the spirit of America. Catholic, Protestant and Jew meet to express their mutual resolve that the basic principles of our democracy should be preserved and perpetuated."

Other speakers at the dinner, which was arranged by the Metropolitan Council of B'nai B'rith in behalf of the Joint Defense Appeal of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, included Father Flanagan, founder of Boys Town, who scored racial and religious prejudice as a danger to the American way of life, and Captain M.M. Witherspoon, Chief of Chaplains of the Third Naval District, who paid tribute to the war activities of B'nai B'rith.

At the conclusion of the dinner, which was attended by 1,400 persons, the Joint Defense Appeal announced that it hopes to raise \$4,000,000 in 1945 to support the educational programs of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League.

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PARISIANS PAY TRIBUTE TO IMMIGRANT HEROES FALLEN IN RESISTANCE AGAINST GERMANS

PARIS, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Five thousand Parisians paid tribute to the role that foreigners played in the French resistance during the occupation at impressive ceremonies here on the first anniversary of the execution by the Germans of 25 immigrant leaders, ten of whom were Jews.

The memorial was arranged by the Committee to Aid the Defense of Immigrants, which is sponsored by the Paris Committee of Liberation. Representatives of the Government, the Army, the Council of National Resistance, political parties and immigrant resistance groups, including Jewish, Polish, Rumanian, Armenian, Greek and Yugoslav, participated.

The procession started at the Porte de Choisy and marched to the Ivry Cemetery, where the 23 victims are buried in a section reserved for martyrs of the resistance. Their graves were covered by mountains of flowers. A "roll call" was held, and as each man's name was read out, the answer, "died for France" was given.

Pierre Villon, of the Council of National Resistance, recalled how the Germans had attempted to discredit the resistance movement by flooding the country with posters giving the names and photographs of the 23 victims, to show that the resistance was composed only of aliens and Jews. "But these foreigners," Villon said, "set an example which many Frenchmen followed."

Mayor Murrance of Ivry, speaking for the Paris Liberation Committee, said that the rights of immigrants in France would be protected. Other speakers included Capt. Stephan, a hero of the battle for the liberation of Paris, who spoke on behalf of the Ministry of the Interior, pledging that France would treat immigrants as brothers.

PALESTINE PUBLISHING HOUSE SENDS STALIN FIRST COPY OF HIS BOOK IN HEBREW TRANSLATION

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27 (JTA) -- The publishing house of the Hashomer Hatzair today cabled to Marshal Joseph Stalin informing him that it has published his volume "Problems of Leninism" in a Hebrew translation and that the first copy was sent to him through the Soviet delegation at the world Trade Union Conference in London.

The same publishing house cabled condolences to the Soviet Writers Association on the death last week of Alexei Tolstoi, disclosing that his works are now being prepared for publication in Palestine in Hebrew.

NEW WORLD LABOR ORGANIZATION WILL SUPPORT JEWISH HOME IN PALESTINE, TOLEDANO SAYS

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Enroute to Mexico from the World Trades Union Conference at London where he represented the Confederation of Latin American Workers, Vicente Lombardo Toledano, the confederation president, told the JTA today that the new world labor organization being formed would actively support the creation of a Jewish National Home in Palestine "with due respect for the rights of all other national groups there."

Lombardo Toledano said that in the plenary sessions on this subject only two of the 200 delegates present voted against the Palestine resolution. They were the representatives of the Palestine Arabs Workers' Society.

PELL WILL ASK ROOSEVELT TO REAPPOINT HIM U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ON WAR CRIME COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. (JTA) — Herbert Claiborne Pell revealed last night that he would appeal to President Roosevelt to restore him to the post of American representative on the United Nations War Crimes Commission as a result of approval yesterday by the House Appropriations Committee of a \$25,000 fund to cover full American participation on the commission.

State department spokesmen declined today to discuss the filling of the job until Congress actually makes the appropriation, but made it clear they believed Mr. Pell was out and Mr. Roosevelt would have to make a new appointment. Mr. Pell's services on the commission were discontinued last month by the State Department with the explanation that the previous refusal of Congress to appropriate funds for this nation's delegation had left it without means of keeping him on the job.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT CHARGED WITH YESPIRING JABOTINSKY'S DEPORTATION FROM TURKEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) — The charge that "diplomatic pressure by the British Government" was responsible for the deportation from Turkey of Eri Jabotinsky, son of the late world leader of the New Zionist Organization, was made in a telegram sent today by the Zionist Revisionist Organization of America to the British Embassy in Washington.

The British Embassy was requested in the telegram to secure from its government detailed information "regarding the cause of the British intervention" with Turkey against Mr. Jabotinsky, as well as the place where Mr. Jabotinsky is now interned. The telegram pointed out that Mr. Jabotinsky was sent from Turkey "to some unknown British territory".

YIDDISH PRESS IN THE UNITED STATES IS 75 YEARS OLD TODAY; CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) — The Yiddish press in the United States will be 75 years old tomorrow, it was announced today by the Jewish Writers Union. The announcement stated that the first Yiddish newspaper in this country, the Yiddische Zeitung, was founded in New York on March 1, 1870.

The 75th anniversary will be observed on Sunday at a special celebration arranged by the Jewish Writers Union at Hunter College. Principal speakers will include the editors of all the Jewish daily newspapers. A special volume giving the history of the Yiddish press in America, and the role it played in the development of Jewish communal life, will appear on the day of the celebration. Funds derived from sale of the book will be used to help in the restoration of the Jewish press in devastated Europe.

B'NAI B'RITH HAS 214,018 MEMBERS; SELLS \$29,000,000 WORTH OF WAR BONDS IN NEW YORK AREA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. (JTA) — Maurice Bisgyer, national secretary of the B'nai B'rith, today announced that the B'nai B'rith membership now numbers 214,018, organized in more than twelve hundred lodges, auxiliaries and youth chapters. The men's lodges had 139,552 members at the beginning of this year, including 15,000 in the armed forces. The women's auxiliaries had about 50,000 members. The gain during 1944 in the men's lodges and women's auxiliaries was 32,000.

The Metropolitan Council of the B'nai B'rith will receive a citation tomorrow from the U.S. Treasury Department for selling over \$29,000,000 worth of bonds in the 6th War Loan Drive. The Council represents sixty B'nai B'rith lodges and auxiliaries in the New York area.