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JEWISH SURVIVORS FROM OSWIECIM CAMP ARRIVE IN BUCHAREST; OTHERS REACH BUDAPEST

BUCHAREST, Mar. 6. (JTA) — A group of 44 Jewish survivors from the Oswiecim "extermination camp" arrived here today, including a number of Jews who were deported by the Germans from Paris and Brussels.

At the same time, it was reported here today from Budapest that several groups of Jewish survivors have reached there from Oswiecim. One of the survivors who reached Bucharest, Martin Steg, a deportee from Paris, told the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that about 100,000 Jews were still alive in the Oswiecim camp before the Russian Army neared the section of Poland where the camp was located. The majority of them, however, were moved into the interior of Germany in a hurry and their fate is unknown, he declared.

The Jewish survivors from Oswiecim who arrived here today all told the same gruesome stories of how hundreds of thousands of Jews were burned alive in the ovens of the camp. They also related how 3,000 Jewish children, brought to the camp from the Polish towns of Sosnowice and Bendin, as well as from Trosienstadt, were killed by the Germans in the Oswiecim gas chambers. The crematories in the extermination camps of Oswiecim and Birkenau were operated under the command of Gestapo leaders Schwarzeiber and Palatish, notorious throughout Germany for their cruelty.

Jewish Women, Liberated From German Camp, Return To Their Homes In Vilna

VILNA, Mar. 6. (JTA) — The government of the Lithuanian Soviet Republic today appointed a commission to receive several hundred Jewish women liberated by the Russian Army from the concentration camp which the Germans established in Torun, Poland, for deported Jewish women. The commission is also to provide the liberated women with clothing, shoes and other necessities.

Several hundred of the liberated women are Vilna residents. Some of the Torun inmates have already returned to Vilna. Others are from Kaunas. They were separated by the Germans from their husbands in the Kaunas ghetto, from where the men were sent to the notorious Dachau camp in Germany and the women were transported to Danzig.

From Danzig about 1,000 of them were sent, together with 200 Jewish women from Hungary, to the Torun camp, where they were confined on a starvation diet and used for forced labor. About two hundred of them died from torture, hunger and cold. After six months in the Torun camp, they were liberated by the advance of the Russian armies which forced the Germans to flee.

FRENCH ORDINANCE ON RESTORATION OF PROPERTY WILL NOT BE READY FOR SEVERAL MONTHS

PARIS, Mar. 6. (JTA) — It will take several months before the drafts on restoration of confiscated property submitted to the French Consultative Assembly will be taken up for discussion, since the editing and the re-drafting of the decrees require some time, it was predicted here today. One of the drafts was submitted by the Government, while the other came from the Socialist Party.

GREEK GOVERNMENT WANTS TO RESTORE CONFISCATED PROPERTY TO JEWS, BUT FEW LEFT TO CLAIM IT

SALONICA, Mar. 6, (JTA) — Although the Greek Government announced this week its readiness to rescind the law under which Jewish property was confiscated during the German occupation, the problem of restoration is not acute at present in Salonica for the simple reason that there are very few Jews left in this city which had a Jewish population of about 60,000 before the outbreak of the war.

The correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told today by Jewish leaders here that before the war the property owned by Jews in Salonica was valued at about twenty-five million dollars. It is nowhere near that sum now. The Nazis drained off all liquid assets, emptied stores and warehouses and damaged all Jewish houses.

The problem of restitution can become difficult, however, if even only a few thousand Jews eventually return to claim their property, it is indicated by the complications encountered in the few cases that have been brought up so far. In an attempt to solve the present problem, the Governor-General of Macedonia has ordered that all Jewish property must be returned immediately to its rightful owner as soon as he appears. If the owner does not return, the property must be handed over to his son, daughter, brother or sister should they return and claim it.

A lengthy editorial in a Salonica newspaper this week urged the government not only to restore all Jewish property to the rightful owners, but to punish those Greeks who accepted and used such property during the German occupation. "This is a question of the nation's honor," the paper said.

SURVIVING JEWS IN BELGRADE REBUILDING CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS LIFE DESTROYED BY NAZIS

BELGRADE, Mar. 6, (JTA) — The Jewish community of this city is slowly rebuilding its cultural and religious life despite the fact that four years of German occupation reduced Belgrade's Jewish population from 12,000 to about 800 a Jewish telegraphic Agency correspondent who arrived here from Rome this week has found.

Both of Belgrade's synagogues were destroyed and all of its rabbis have been killed, as, indeed, were all the rabbis of Yugoslavia. Nevertheless, services are being held regularly Friday and Saturday, with two laymen of the community in charge.

Dr. Friedrich Pops, for 35 years president of the local Jewish community and for the past 19 years head of the Yugoslav Union of Jews, is still an active leader. All during the German occupation Dr. Pops hid in the heart of Belgrade in the home of a Serb Christian family. A bearded, white-haired old man, he talks cheerfully of the reconstruction of Jewish life in Yugoslavia where the National Liberation Committee has already restored full citizenship rights to the Jewish population.

Hundreds of Belgrade Jews are in Marshal Tito's army, or are still in Albania, Italy or German territory. In the four months since the city was liberated, many families have struggled back here from hiding places throughout Yugoslavia. The homeless are being cared for in a temporary rest camp established at the headquarters of the Jewish community.

ZIONISTS DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF SECURING HEARING AT SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE

JERUSALEM, Mar. 6, (JTA) — The problem of obtaining a hearing for Zionist representatives at the San Francisco conference of the United Nations was discussed here today at the opening session of the Small Zionist Actions Committee. A general discussion of the problems facing the Zionist movement in the near future was slated for later sessions.

RELEASE OF JEWS FROM MAURITIUS CREDITED TO INTERVENTION OF PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER

JERUSALEM, Mar. 6. (JTA) — The Jewish Agency is taking steps to facilitate the transportation to Palestine of the Jews being released from internment on the island of Mauritius, it was announced here by Moshe Shertok, head of the Agency's political department. He revealed that Palestine High Commissioner Lord Gort had strongly recommended to the Colonial Office the immediate release of the Jews from Mauritius and their re-admission to Palestine from where they were deported as illegal entrants.

According to figures made public by the Palestine Government, there are about 1,400 Jews interned on Mauritius. Approximately 100 Jewish internees died there, some of the internees enlisted in the Czechoslovak Army, others volunteered for British sapper units, while 70 recently joined the Jewish Brigade.

(In Washington, the British Embassy announced that naval security renders it impossible to announce beforehand the transport arrangements for the Mauritius refugees, but the embassy will publish any information on this point which can safely be released. "Applications have been received by the Embassy on behalf of individual refugees whom it is desired to bring to this country," the announcement said. "In view of the great difficulty of finding direct transportation from Mauritius to the United States, it is the Embassy's opinion that it would be more practical for those concerned to travel with the main body to Palestine and on arrival there to start making the necessary arrangements for immigration to the United States. Such immigration, of course, depends entirely upon the consent of the United States authorities.")

MEETING OF EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS SUPPORTS JEWISH DEMAND FOR PALESTINE; SCORES ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, Mar. 6. (JTA) — The civilized world must guarantee to the Jewish people full opportunity to establish a national homeland in Palestine, it was stated today in a resolution adopted at a meeting here of representatives of the Socialist Parties of Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Poland - including representatives of the Jewish Socialist Bund - and Palestine.

The resolution was adopted after speakers representing the Jewish Bund and the Palestine Socialists had discussed the various aspects of the Jewish problem. The meeting also passed a resolution stressing that the international labor movement never countenanced discrimination between persons of different races and creeds and had always supported the principle of equality of rights and opposed anti-Semitism. Full reparations for crimes committed by the Germans was also demanded by the delegates.

12 JEWS SURVIVE IN KISHINEV WHERE 65,000 LIVED BEFORE WAR; 13,000 MURDERED

MOSCOW, Mar. 6. (JTA) — The city of Kishinev, capital of Bessarabia, which had 65,000 Jews on June 21, 1941, the day the Germans launched their attack on the Soviet Union, now has 12, according to a report published here today. Of the remainder, 52,000 were evacuated into the interior before the German-Rumanian troops captured the city and the other 13,000 were murdered within one year after Kishinev's seizure.

The destruction of the Kishinev Jews followed the usual Nazi pattern of crowded ghettos, mass executions, random shootings, deportations and torture. Even the dead were not left in peace. The Germans unearched bodies in the Jewish cemetery in order to secure gold teeth and fillings. All the rabbis in the city were crowded into one house, together with their wives, and shot after having been stripped naked and tortured for 24 hours.

