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RUSSIA NOTIFIES JEWISH REFUGEES TO PREPARE FOR REPATRIATION TO POLAND AND BALTICS

JERUSALEM, Mar. 7. (JTA) -- Jewish refugees from Poland, Lithuania and Latvia who are now in Uzbekistan have been notified by the Soviet authorities to prepare for repatriation to their former homes, it was learned here today from cables received by relatives of the refugees. The cables, sent from Tashkent, disclose that the Soviet order stated that the repatriation of the refugees will take place in the very near future.

It was estimated here today that there are between 150,000 and 200,000 Polish Jews in Uzbekistan who may be repatriated to Poland. The number of Baltic Jews is comparatively small, since few succeeded in escaping into Russia prior to the German occupation of the Baltic countries. It is assumed here that those Polish Jews who are considered Soviet citizens because they were born in Polish territory now claimed by Russia will not be included among the repatriates.

Mishmar, Hebrew daily newspaper, today reports that the Jewish Communist Party in Palestine has sent a letter to the Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Jewish Labor, expressing regret at the attitude taken by members of the party during the Arab disturbances, when they justified Arab terror against Jews. The letter also regrets the party's former opposition to Jewish immigration into Palestine and points out that the Jewish Communists in Palestine are supporting the resolution adopted last month by the World Trade Union Conference in London advocating the development of the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

In connection with the letter, the Hashomer Hatzair, left wing of the Histadruth, today demanded that the Jewish Communist Party be re-admitted to the Histadruth from which it was expelled in 1936 for taking a pro-Arab and anti-Jewish stand during the Arab riots.

WEIZMANN LEAVES PALESTINE; WARNS AGAINST BOTH PESSIMISM AND "EXAGGERATED OPTIMISM"

JERUSALEM, Mar. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, left Palestine today for Cairo. Prior to his departure he addressed a session of the Small Zionist Actions Committee on the political situation warning against pessimism, but at the same time emphasizing that "there is no ground for exaggerated optimism."

Declaring that he presumes that "Britain has begun thinking about our problem, although she has not yet reached any decision," Dr. Weizmann said: "I believe we are going toward better days. I am convinced that you - at least the younger people - will live to see a Jewish State; we deserve it. We have done much for it."

Dr. Weizmann criticized the fact that the Jews were not invited as a people to the United Nations' conference at San Francisco. "I hope that our situation will be clearer before the opening of the San Francisco Conference," he said. "Within another six months we shall be able to make considerable progress." He stated that after spending several days in the Middle East, he will proceed to London and from there to the United States. Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency also left today for Cairo and will remain there for two weeks.

Jews of Liberated Europe Look to U.S. Jewry for Aid, Rumanian Leader Says

BUCHAREST, Mar. 7. (JTA) — The Jews of Rumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Carpatho-Russia look to Jewish groups in the United States for urgently needed assistance, M. Saratianu, president of the Rumanian section of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association and vice-president of the Union of Rumanian Jews, said today in an interview with the correspondent of the Jewish telegraphic Agency.

Pointing out that the Jewish community of Bucharest is now the largest in Europe, Mr. Saratianu said that it has received appeals for aid from many liberated Jewish communities. He declared that 10,000 Jews will shortly be arriving from Transnistria from which they are being repatriated by the Soviet authorities and all of them require help. In addition delegations from Budapest and liberated sections of Yugoslavia have arrived here seeking clothes, medicines and food.

He appealed to the Joint Distribution Committee, and through it to American Jewry, for expansion of relief activities in Rumania and also urged the Union of Rumanian Jews in America to intensify its efforts in behalf of the Jews here.

Mr. Saratianu said that immigration has been hampered by the war, but many Jews are awaiting the end of hostilities to emigrate to Palestine or other overseas countries. "Many of them have American affidavits and certificates," he continued, "and are expecting the Hias-Ica and the Jewish Agency to organize emigration when circumstances permit."

SWEDISH NEWSPAPER WARNS OF POST-WAR MENACE OF ANTI-SEMITISM; ASKS OPEN FIGHT ON IT

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 7. (JTA) — Asserting that the persecution of the Jews is the most terrible of the many crimes committed by the Nazis, the newspaper Morgon Tidningen warned today that legislation against anti-Semitism is not sufficient, but must be supplemented by an active popular fight against race hatred.

It points out that anti-Semitism will not end with the defeat of the Nazis, and that sweeping away the poison of anti-Semitism after the war will take time. Referring to the proposed legislation to outlaw anti-Semitism in Sweden, it says that it is embarrassing that such measures are necessary here, but even so, they will be of small help unless the public gets behind them.

GRIGG LEAVES PALESTINE AFTER WEEK-LONG VISIT; CONFERRED WITH JEWISH, ARAB LEADERS

JERUSALEM, Mar. 7. (JTA) — Sir Edward Grigg, British Minister of State in the Middle East, left Palestine today after a visit of a week's duration during which he conferred with Jewish and Arab leaders.

This was his second visit to Palestine since he arrived in Cairo early in January to assume the post left vacant by the assassination of Lord Moyne. Sir Edward promenade'd through the streets of Jerusalem before leaving, indicating that police feel that the terrorist menace has been checked for the time being.

High Commissioner Lord Gort visited the colony of Kfar Piladi-Tel Hai today where he planted a cedar of Lebanon. The colony's settlers presented a memorandum to the High Commissioner asking for free immigration into Palestine for the remnants of European Jewry and government assistance for the drainage of the Huleh territory.

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PROBLEM OF JEWISH UNEMPLOYED IN FRANCE DISCUSSED AT TRADE UNION CONFERENCE IN PARIS

PARIS, Mar. 4. (JTA) — The difficult situation faced by Jewish labor because of the fact that large numbers of unskilled women and youngsters are unable to find jobs was stressed today by Bernard Weil, secretary of the Jewish Trade Union Commission, addressing 120 delegates representing 3,000 organized Jewish workers in Paris.

The Commission is endeavouring to rehabilitate Jewish labor, to reduce the number on relief and also to increase their contribution to the war effort and strengthen the solidarity between Jewish and non-Jewish workers in France. The Commission has also initiated the reopening of labor cooperatives and the workshops of persons who were deported.

Marcel Brunet, secretary of the Union of Paris Trade Unions, assured the meeting that the French Federation of Labor would give the Commission its full support. H. Melamed, representative of the ORT, emphasized the cooperation between the ORT and the Jewish trade unionists.

LEADERS OF ALLIED NATIONS ASKED TO WARN GERMANY AGAINST SEGREGATION OF JEWISH WAR PRISONERS

LONDON, Mar. 6. (JTA) — Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, Jewish member of the Polish National Council, today appealed to leaders of the Allied Nations to take effective measures against Germany's segregation in separate camps of Jews among Polish war prisoners.

Confirmation of such segregation reached Dr. Schwarzbart from the International Red Cross. Emphasizing that the segregated Jewish soldiers face the danger of annihilation, Dr. Schwarzbart asked that the Allied Nations exchange them for German prisoners. The British section of the World Jewish Congress submitted a similar appeal to the Foreign Office here. (In New York, the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe cabled to Gen. Eisenhower asking for a warning of stern retaliation against German prisoners held by the Allies.)

CRIMEA CONFERENCE CRITICIZED BY REP. CELLER FOR IGNORING THE PALESTINE QUESTION

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7. (JTA) — Rep. Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat, today criticized the Crimea Conference for "lightly shunting aside the status of Palestine."

"Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin have announced the proposed solutions of many knotty problems involving frontiers, boundaries, bases and the rehabilitation of the liberated, but they could not find it in their hearts and minds to spend a few of these precious moments in an attempt to ease the age-old problems of the persecuted Jews of Europe," he said.

Celler declared that President Roosevelt's account of his meeting with King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, in which the President said he learned more about the Jewish and Moslem problems than in the exchange of a dozen letters, was "a queer observation and needs explaining."

CLOTHING COLLECTED IN SYNAGOGUES FOR UNRRA EN ROUTE TO NEEDY IN EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7. (JTA) — Almost 2,500,000 pounds of used clothing collected in the churches and synagogues of America have either been shipped or are scheduled for early shipment from this country to the men, women and children of Western Europe, Herbert H. Lehman, Director General of UNRRA announced today. Some nine million pounds of usable clothing are scheduled for shipment to Poland, Italy, Czechoslovakia, the Balkan countries and to UNRRA refugee centers in North Africa, he stated.

BAN ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN AMERICAN REPUBLICS VOTED AT CHAPULTEPEC CONFERENCE

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 7. (JTA) — The abolition of racial discrimination in the American republics was urged in a resolution adopted yesterday by the Inter-American Organization Committee of the Chapultepec Conference.

The resolution, which was introduced by the delegation from Haiti, and modified by the United States, Colombian and Brazilian delegations, recommended reaffirmation of the "principles recognized by all the American Governments of equality of rights and opportunities for all men, regardless of race and religion." It urged that the Governments of the nations represented at the conference "prevent with all the means in their power all that may provoke discrimination among individuals because of racial and religious reasons."

SUPPORT FOR JEWISH PALESTINE VOICED BY LATIN-AMERICAN DELEGATES TO MEXICO CITY PARLEY

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 7. (JTA) — Support for a Jewish national homeland in Palestine was expressed here by prominent Latin-Americans at a dinner tendered delegates to the Inter-American Conference by the Mexican pro-palestine Committee.

Julio Acosta, Foreign Minister of Costa Rica declared "Israel's dream of returning home will be fulfilled." Cuban delegate Senator Chibas assured the gathering that the resolution introduced by the Cuban delegation, urging support of a Jewish Palestine, will be adopted by the conference. Indalecio Prieto, who was minister of war in the Spanish Loyalist Government, paid tribute to Jewish contributions to civilization through the ages.

Other speakers included Alejandro Carrillo, head of the Mexican delegation at the World Trade Union Conference in London; Cuban delegate Gustavo Guitierrez and Mexican delegate Antonio Manero. Delegates from Chile, Colombia, Nicaragua and prominent Jewish leaders were also present.

A. BLOOMENSON GIVES \$100,000 GIFT TO JEWISH NATIONAL FUND FOR NEW PALESTINE COLONY

NEW YORK, Mar. 7. (JTA) — A gift of \$100,000 has been given to the Jewish National Fund by Mr. Abraham Bloomenston of Duluth, Minn., it was announced here today by Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the J.N.F. of America. The money will be spent for the establishment of a new colony where priority will be given to demobilized Jewish soldiers and their families.

NATIONAL JEWISH HOSPITAL OF DENVER ELECTS 101 TRUSTEES; THIRTY-FOUR ARE NEWYORKERS

DENVER, Colo., Mar. 7. (JTA) — Thirty-four New Yorkers are included among the 101 trustees elected by the National Jewish Hospital at Denver, it was announced here today by this non-sectarian medical center for the free care of tuberculous. The institution cares for approximately 1,000 persons annually, and 40 per cent of the patients come from Greater New York.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWRY JOINS DAY OF MOURNING ON MARCH 14 FOR JEWS OF EUROPE

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Mar. 7. (JTA) — The Board of Deputies of South African Jews today joined with the Jews of Palestine, the United States, Britain, Russia and other democratic countries in proclaiming March 14 as a day of mourning for the Jews of Europe. Special services and meeting will be held throughout the country.

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