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U. S. JEWISH SERVICE MEN TO MARK PASSOVER TONIGHT FROM GERMANY TO IWO JIMA

NEW YORK, Mar. 27. (JTA) -- America's fourth war-time Passover will be observed beginning tomorrow evening in German towns which have not heard the sound of Jewish prayers in over a decade, on volcanic Pacific islands that never saw a Jew until last month and in thousands of homes where an empty chair at the seder table will serve as a proxy for a fighting man or woman engaged in more pressing business in Europe or Asia.

So that American servicemen and women may be assured of participating in traditional Passover observance if they so desire, the National Jewish Welfare Board has sent 550,000 boxes of matzo, 5,000 gallons of sacramental wine and 115,000 Hagaddahs to virtually every corner of the world. Jewish chaplains who landed on Iwo Jima with the Marines carried with them ritual supplies and Passover food. In Germany, Jewish chaplains have already made all arrangements for the seders, as have chaplains in France, Belgium and Holland. Religious soldiers have been sent kosher food packages by the Agudas Israel Youth Council of America. These went to overseas posts and to camps throughout the country.

In Italy, soldiers of the Jewish Brigade, which went into action against the Germans this month, will take part in seders and other ceremonies. In a Passover message to the Jews of the world, on behalf of the officers and men of the Brigade, Brigadier Ernest F. Benjamin declared: "I want the Jews everywhere to know that soldiers of my Brigade are firm and resolved in their struggle against the Germans. I know that they will, through their heroism and sacrifice, be a source of pride to the Jewish people. No soldier can have a better reason for standing firm under German fire than the soldiers of the Jewish Brigade."

Liberated European Jews Provided with Passover Food

Europe's Jews, hundreds of thousands of whom will be observing their first free Passover in more than five years, have been provided with essential supplies by the Joint Distribution Committee. Thousands of pounds of matzo and matzo products were shipped to France, Italy, Belgium, Greece, Poland, Russia and Lithuania. In Rumania and other Balkan countries, where direct shipments from the United States were not possible, funds have been allotted for the purchase and baking of Passover foods. Refugees residing in Latin-American countries have also received supplies.

Seder services for detained immigrants will be held at Ellis Island under the supervision of the HIAS. Special seder services have also been arranged for recently arrived refugees at the HIAS headquarters. These refugees are being provided with food and shelter pending their departure for other cities to join the relatives who sponsored their immigration to this country. For many this will be their first open celebration of Passover since Hitler came to power.

In synagogues throughout the nation, Saturday, March 31, will be observed as United Palestine Appeal Sabbath, and congregations will be urged to contribute to the \$35,500,000 goal which the UPA seeks to raise in the United States during 1945. The Jewish National Fund, in a Passover appeal to its councils throughout the nation,

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urged the cooperation of American Jewry in the JNF's land acquisition program and appealed to the leaders of the United Nations to implement the pledges for a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

A Passover gift of \$300,000 was cabled today by Hadassah to the Jewish Agency for Palestine to provide for the maintenance and education of 1,138 Jewish refugee children who arrived in Palestine within the last four months, and who are being settled there under the auspices of the Youth Aliyah.

In a proclamation dedicating this year's Passover observances to "the liberation of mankind from the yoke of slavery," the Synagogue Council of America declared today that: "The agreement of Yalta is a new declaration of independence and interdependence" and that "the events of the past year bring us the promise that this universal Passover is not far distant. The armies of liberation are on the march. The tyrants of our own time will be humbled as was Pharaoh of old and mankind will be freed from the fear of future aggression."

JES PROPOSE THREE-POINT COMPROMISE PROGRAM TO SOLVE CONTROVERSY OVER JERUSALEM MAYORALTY

JERUSALEM, Apr. 27. (JTA) -- A compromise solution of the controversy over the Jerusalem mayoralty was proposed today by Jewish members of the city's municipal council in an official reply to the proposal by High Commissioner Lord Gort that the position be rotated, with a Jew, Arab and Christian holding it for alternate one-year terms.

The compromise suggests: 1 - The first mayor under the rotation plan be a Jew. (The present Acting Mayor is Daniel Auster, a Jew.); 2 - The Christian mayor should be English, since allowing a Christian Arab to hold the post "would be giving the Arab minority twice as much representation as the Jewish majority"; and 3 - The tenure of office should be two years instead of the one year proposed.

The councillors stressed that the above arrangement was an extraordinary departure from normal procedure and could apply only to Jerusalem in view of its special religious character for all three religions. They also emphasized that it was a temporary arrangement until "a further stage in the development of local self-government is reached."

HOUSE AUTHORIZES IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE TO STUDY POST-WAR MIGRATION PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 27. (JTA) -- The House of Representatives, by a vote of 182 to 113, today endorsed Rep. Samuel Dickstein's resolution authorizing the House Immigration committee to study postwar immigration problems.

Rep. John Rankin opposed the resolution declaring that Dickstein, who is chairman of the Immigration Committee, should not be empowered to conduct the survey. Rep. Noah Mason of Illinois supported the resolution on grounds of what he termed necessary revision of post-war immigration quotas.

CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN ASK ROOSEVELT TO DISAPPROVE ANTI-JEWISH STATEMENTS OF ARAB LEADERS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 27. (JTA) -- A delegation representing 5,000 Christian clergymen who, on March 14, petitioned President Roosevelt to open the gates of Palestine to Jewish immigration today visited the White House, asking the President to voice disapproval of the Anti-Jewish statements recently made by Sheik Youssef Yusin, advisor to Ibn Saud, and other Arab leaders. The Christian delegation said: "In our view these Arab leaders are carrying over their wartime pro-Naziism into a post-war pro-Naziism."

SMUTS VOICES HOPE JEWISH PROBLEM WILL BE SETTLED AT SAN FRANCISCO; BACKS NATIONAL HOME

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Mar. 27. (JTA) -- Declaring that the "Jewish question is the most serious minority question," Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts told Parliament yesterday that he was confident that provisions covering the treatment of minorities would be included in the world charter to be drafted at the United Nations' San Francisco conference.

"I am what may be called a Palestinian," Smuts said. "I would like to see the Jewish people have their own national home, to where those of their people who are unwelcome in other countries can go. This seems a natural solution. Here is the old historic home of the Jewish people. Why shouldn't they have it back, have a country to where they can go?"

"In many countries," the Prime Minister continued, "they are unwelcome. They are welcome in South Africa, welcome by peoples possessing a large human outlook. But with many people who are intolerant, the Jewish question becomes urgent, with agony resulting on both sides. I have, therefore, for many years been an advocate of a Jewish national home in order that some solution may be found for this most terrible of all minority questions. We are pledged to certain things. Whether they will be carried out, time alone can tell."

Replying to a query by nationalist deputy Eric Louw as to whether he was speaking for the British Government, Smuts replied, "I am not speaking for the British Government. The British Government is in a difficult position and is sweating blood over this question." He said that what is needed is, "a new universal declaration affirming the fundamentals of western civilization. Thus," he said, "we would know if we did not observe them, we were falling below our own standard."

Smuts Touched on Weakest Spot of Allied Planning, Says British Paper

LONDON, Mar. 27. (JTA) -- Commenting today on the statement concerning the Jewish problem made yesterday in the South African Parliament by Prime Minister Jan Smuts, the diplomatic correspondent of the Manchester Guardian says that Smuts touched on one of the weakest spots of Allied planning.

"That Smuts should point to it (the Jewish question) as he prepares for San Francisco suggests that it is plain to him that the time for silence is long past," the correspondent says. "The attitude of the great powers to the settlement in the post-war world of those Jewish people who are without countries they can call their own is still to be made known," he points out, adding "that this problem has not been lessened, but rather aggravated, by neglect."

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS SUBMITS DATA TO GOVERNMENT ON POST-WAR JEWISH PROBLEMS

MONTREAL, Mar. 27. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress has decided to send a representative to San Francisco to watch the proceedings of the World Security Conference, it was announced here at the close of a meeting of the Dominion Council of the Congress.

It was reliably learned here today that the Congress has submitted briefs to the Canadian Government regarding Jewish post-war problems and it is anticipated that the Canadian delegation at San Francisco will be favorably inclined to support Jewish demands for a "bill of rights" and a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine, if these questions are placed on the agenda of the international gathering. Premier Mackenzie King, who will head the Canadian delegation to San Francisco, raised the Palestine question at the Conference of Dominion Premiers last year in London.

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN CHALLENGES INCLUSION OF PALESTINE IN NEW ARAB LEAGUE

LONDON, Mar. 27. (JTA) -- The appendix to the recently adopted constitution of the League of Arab Nations which declares that Palestine is an Arab state is sharply attacked today in the Manchester Guardian in an editorial which also challenges the right of Nussa el Alami, "a gentleman who on previous occasions represented the pro-German Mufti," to sit in the League council as a representative of Palestine.

The Guardian calls on the British Government to refute the legality of the appendix, pointing out that Palestine is neither an Arab nor a Jewish state, but a territory mandated to Britain. "Presumably, Nussa el Alami must have gone to Cairo with the approval of the British Administration," the editorial says. "However, as much as the Foreign Office may welcome the Arab League, the Colonial Office will surely find it difficult to swallow the Palestine appendix." The editorial concludes by asserting that "pointed questions may be asked at San Francisco, where the future of mandates will be discussed."

The London Times, in an editorial welcoming creation of the Arab League as a means of facilitating political and economic healing in the Middle East, says that with encouragement from the United Nations, it can help to bring about solution of such knotty problems as Palestine.

SEPHARDIC COMMUNITIES FORM WORLD FEDERATION TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN JEWISH PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Mar. 27. (JTA) -- Formation of a "World Federation of Sephardic Communities" with the aim of intensifying active participation of Sephardic Jews in world Jewish problems, and coordinating their cultural educational and economic efforts, was announced here today by Joseph M. Papo, executive director of the Central Sephardic Jewish Community of America.

This step marks the successful culmination of deliberations initiated in November, 1941, by the late Dr. Nissim J. Ovadin, founder and Chief Rabbi of the Central Sephardic Jewish Community of America. Headquarters of the new organization will be in New York City. The federation will represent Sephardic groups from the following countries: Algeria, Argentina, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Holland, Italy, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela and Yugoslavia. A temporary governing body of fifteen was elected, headed by Simon S. Nessim, Elias Castel and Isaac Shalom.

NEW YORK JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTED TO NEGROES; VALUED AT 250,000 DOLLARS

NEW YORK, Mar. 27. (JTA) -- A Jewish community center, valued at \$250,000 and built in 1929 to serve the needs of Jewish residents, was today presented by the Council of Jewish Women to Negro residents who now surround the center. The event took place at an inter-racial dinner at the Commodore Hotel at which Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was the principal speaker.

Dr. Channing Tobias, senior secretary of the National Young Men's Christian Association, accepted the gift on behalf of the Negro residents. The Center includes a gymnasium, basketball courts, meeting halls, music and art rooms and a nursery school for children of working mothers. All its activities will be continued.

JEWISH AGENCY AND BOARD OF DEPUTIES MOURN PASSING OF LLOYD GEORGE

LONDON, Mar. 27. (JTA) -- The Jewish agency office here and the Board of Deputies of British Jews today issued statements expressing sorrow at the death of Lloyd George. Both pointed out that it was while he was Prime Minister that the Balfour Declaration was issued, and that he, personally, was in favor of a Jewish national home.