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LIBERATED JEWS IN GERMANY OBSERVE PASSOVER AS GUESTS OF AMERICAN JEWISH SOLDIERS

WITH UNITED STATES FORCES IN GERMANY, Mar. 28. (JTA) — In all of Germany's oldest Jewish settlements — Frankfurt, Cologne, Trier — American Jewish soldiers this evening began the traditional observance of Passover.

The handful of Jewish civilians who remain in this area will celebrate their first open Passover in more than a decade as guests of the American soldiers as a result of a decision by the military authorities who ruled that this would not constitute fraternization with the enemy since the Jews, having been legally outlawed by the Germans, were, therefore, not enemy nationals. In addition, civilian attendance at religious services of soldiers has been authorized in cases where no local leader of the religion exists.

Seder Held in Godesberg in Room Where Hitler Saw Chamberlain

Of all the Seders being held along this front tonight at various places, the choicest location will be the Breesen Hotel in Bad-Godesberg, where Chaplain Sidney Lefkowitz, of Richmond Va., will preside over the feast and religious ceremonies in the conference room where Hitler conferred with British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, in 1938, a few weeks before the Munich Pact was signed.

What will be probably the largest Seder will be held in Erefeld in the only comparatively intact synagogue found so far in Germany. Here, Chaplain Capt. Marvin Goldfine, of Philadelphia, will hold services for about 1,000 men. All new dishes — and therefore kosher for Passover — have been obtained from a German warehouse. In Cologne another American Jewish chaplain will conduct services for the city's Jewish civilians in the ruins of the once impressive synagogue on Mozart Strasse.

Many of the Seder locations, which were planned several weeks in advance, had to be shifted suddenly due to the forward rush of the armies. Nevertheless, it is estimated that at least two-thirds of the Jewish soldiers will have an opportunity to participate. Men of the 9th Tactical Air Corps of the 9th Air Force will attend services in a former German barracks. Capt. Meyer Goldman is officiating at the services of the 29th TAC of the 9th Air Force, where Lieut.-Gen. William Hood Simpson of the Ninth Army and Brig.-Gen. Richard Nugent of the Air Force will be guests of honor.

Refugees from Reich Celebrate Passover in Germany as U. S. Chaplains

Capt. Lefkowitz, who has been storing his Passover supplies in a room adjoining Hitler's former suite at the Breesen Hotel, said that the matzo's were baked in England for the American Jewish Welfare Board, the wine was obtained from a vintner in France, but German hens are supplying the baked eggs required at the Seder. German gardens are also providing the traditional bitter herbs, symbols of the oppression in Egypt, the escape from which Passover celebrates.

Wherever possible, men in the front lines across the Rhine are receiving time out to attend Seders, which is the customary procedure in the Army for all in-

portant religious observances. These boys will be taken to rear installations by truck and then returned to the lines.

The chaplains have worked terrifically hard to arrange these services and many of them are planning to conduct six or seven Seders and services within the next two days. Two of them, Capt. Wolf Plaut and Capt. Herman Dioker will be celebrating Passover in their own homeland, for they fled from here after the rise of Hitler.

2,000 TRANSYLVANIAN JEWS, LIBERATED FROM OSWIECIM, BROUGHT TO THEIR HOMES FOR PASSOVER

BUCHAREST, Mar. 28. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 Jewish survivors from the notorious Oswiecim concentration camp will celebrate Passover in their home towns in Northern Transylvania from where they were deported when that part of Transylvania was annexed by the pro-Nazi Hungarian regime.

The liberated group reached Transylvania today from Poland, on special trains sent by the Rumanian Government. Another group of 150 Jews from Oswiecim arrived today in Bucharest. Among them are Jews who were deported to Oswiecim from France, Greece and Yugoslavia.

King Michael today signed a decree reinstating Jewish doctors and chemists dismissed from medical and insurance institutions for "racial reasons."

AMERICAN AND OTHER ALLIED SOLDIERS ARRIVE IN PALESTINE TO SPEND PASSOVER FURLOUGHS

JERUSALEM, Mar. 28. (JTA) -- Hundreds of Jewish soldiers of the Allied armies in the Middle East, including many Americans, were pouring into Palestine today on Passover furloughs to spend the holiday in a Jewish atmosphere. Traditional "sedorim" have been arranged for them by Jewish institutions here which are also organizing tours of the Jewish settlements.

The Chief Rabbinate of Palestine today ordered that special prayers be held on the first day of Passover for the Jewish Brigade which is now fighting on the Italian front, as well as for the armies of the Allied nations. A Passover message was also sent by the Chief Rabbinate to the Jewish Brigade invoking "the Almighty's blessings on the brave sons of Israel who are fighting the battle of their people and of humanity."

JEWS IN ENGLAND PROVIDE PASSOVER FOOD FOR TURKISH JEWS LIBERATED FROM GERMANY

LONDON, Mar. 28. (JTA) -- Several hundred pounds of matzoth, as well as Passover wine, hagaddas and cigarettes were provided by the Liverpool Jewish Community for 140 Turkish Jews released from German concentration camps who passed Liverpool aboard the Swedish exchange ship Drottingholm.

A delegation of the British section World Jewish Congress, returning today from Sweden reported that the Swedish Government is willing to accept "considerable numbers" of Jewish refugees. The delegation conferred with members of the Swedish cabinet. The Swedish section of the World Jewish Congress is making arrangements to send to "Jewish" internment camps in Germany kosher food parcels secured with the aid of the War Refugee Board, the delegation stated.

POPE SENDS CORDIAL GREETINGS TO CHIEF RABBI OF PALESTINE THROUGH UNRRA OFFICER

JERUSALEM, Mar. 28. (JTA) -- Cordial greetings sent by Pope Pius to Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine were delivered here today by Harry Greenstein, deputy director of the welfare division of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration who arrived from Italy.

DR. VAIDA-VOEVOD, RUMANIAN EX-PREMIER AND ANTI-SEMITIC LEADER, IS ARRESTED.

BUCHAREST, Mar. 28. (JTA) -- Alexander Vaida-Voevod, 74-year-old former Premier of Rumania and founder of the anti-Semitic Rumanian party known as the "Front of National Rebirth", was arrested yesterday at Sibiu, Transylvania.

One of Rumania's leading anti-Semites, Vaida-Voevod was the first to start a campaign for the introduction of "ghetto benches" for Jews in Rumanian colleges and schools. In 1928, when he was Minister of Interior, he put his party on record as demanding restrictions for Jews. A broadcast over the Bucharest radio today announcing his arrest describes him as "the father of the Anti-Semitic Iron Guard movement."

A broadcast from Moscow today reported that the Hungarian Provisional Government of Col. Gen. Bela Miklos has issued an order emphasizing that the decree repealing all anti-Jewish laws and regulations of the former Hungarian regime must be enforced in all liberated parts of Hungary. The order also declared void all sentences passed under the anti-Jewish laws and decreed that all persons sentenced or arrested under these laws must be freed.

STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE IN DAMASCUS URGING INCLUSION OF PALESTINE IN "GREATER SYRIA"

CAIRO, Mar. 28. (JTA) -- University and high school students in Damascus, Syria, held a "peaceful demonstration" demanding inclusion of Palestine in a "Greater Syria," the Cairo radio reports.

The demonstrators carried placards and banners referring to the rights of the Arab people to Palestine, the broadcast said, adding that shops throughout the city were closed in support of the demonstration and to indicate support of the Arab stand on Palestine.

The Beirut radio today announced that Prof. George Aql, a member of the Chamber of Deputies, presented a memorandum to the Chamber protesting against President Roosevelt's recent statements in support of a Jewish National Home in Palestine. He urged that the Syrian Government lodge an official protest.

JEWISH WAR PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM GERMANY, REACH PALESTINE; REPORT ON 8,000 SURVIVORS

JERUSALEM, Mar. 28. (JTA) -- A group of 48 Jewish soldiers attached to British units who were captured by the Germans during the battle in the western desert, and who were recently released by the Red Army after escaping from the prison camp in Germany where they were held, arrived here today.

The liberated prisoners disclosed that they had met in the Polish city of Bydgoszcz thousands of Jewish women who were saved by the advancing Russian troops from German "death camps". They estimated that there are at present about 8,000 Jewish survivors in Bydgoszcz.

The Mishmar, a daily newspaper published by the Hashomer Hatzair, today reports that the authorities in liberated Budapest returned to the Hachalutz organization there its building, which was confiscated by the pro-Nazi Hungarian regime. The building has been converted into a Jewish orphanage for more than 1,000 Jewish children whose parents were killed by the Germans and by the Hungarian anti-Semitic Arrow-Crossers.

JEWISH LEADERS IN CUBA RESENT ACTION OF INDUSTRIALISTS IN DISPUTE OVER WAGES

HAVANA, Mar. 28. (JTA) -- Jewish community leaders in Cuba are irate at the fact that the Association of Diamond Industries, composed of Jewish refugees from Belgium, has inserted a full-page advertisement in local newspapers giving the names and the salaries of Jewish technicians and experts employed in the diamond industry in this country.

The advertisement is aimed at convincing the public that the salaries of the Jewish technicians, who are highly skilled, must be reduced in order to comply with the government's order that Cubans who recently entered the industry, mostly as diamond polishers, are to receive higher wages.

Higher wages for the native workers in the industry were fixed last week under a Presidential decree which resulted in settlement of the strike called by the Cuban employees in an effort to secure the same wages as the Jewish workers. Before the strike was proclaimed the native workers received from \$60 to \$80 a week, which is more than they receive in any other occupation.

Many of the Jewish technicians have stopped work in a demonstration against the efforts of the Association of Diamond Industries to have their wages reduced. On the other hand, the Association is now seeking an audience with the President in order to present its arguments to him. Members of the Association threaten to cease operations when their present supply of raw materials is exhausted.

AMERICAN RED CROSS LAUDS JEWISH CONGREGATIONS FOR OBSERVANCE OF "RED CROSS SABBATH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28. (JTA) -- The American Red Cross today lauded Jewish congregations in many parts of the country for their "widespread observance of Red Cross sabbath" which took place on March 16 - 17, in support of the 1945 War fund campaign.

"Not only did rabbis devote their sermons in part or in entirety to the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission, but in a number of instances they devoted a part of the radio time allotted them to the same purpose," the statement issued by the Red Cross said.

MICHIGAN JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST GIVES \$75,000 FOR A HILLEL HOME AT A CHICAGO UNIVERSITY

CHICAGO, Mar. 28. (JTA) -- A gift of \$75,000 for the erection of a Hillel Foundation Home at Northwestern University has been presented by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baumgarten of Hillsdale, Michigan, to Dr. A. L. Sachar, director of the Fund Brith Hillel Foundations, it was announced here today. A similar gift was made by Mr. and Mrs. Baumgarten last October, the announcement revealed. The Hillel Home will be fully furnished and equipped through the generosity of the donors whose name it will bear.

CHIEF RABBI AMIEL OF TEL AVIV DEAD; WAS PROMINENT MISRACHI LEADER

TEL AVIV, Mar. 28. (JTA) -- Rabbi Moshe Avigdor Amiel, Chief Rabbi of the city of Tel-Aviv for the last nine years, and world Misraehi leader, died here last night, at the age of 67. He was the author of nine volumes of ecclesiastical works. Prior to coming to Palestine, he was Rabbi of Antwerp, Belgium from 1920. He was born in Porozowo, a small town near Vilna.

BECAUSE OF PASSOVER THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON SUNDAY