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MAJOR-GENERAL MAURICE ROSE, SON OF DENVER RABBI, KILLED IN ACTION ON GERMAN FRONT

WASHINGTON, April 2. (JTA) -- The War Department today announced that Major-General Maurice Rose, commander of the Third Armored Division, was killed in action on the German front. He was the son of Rabbi Samuel Rose of Denver.

Gen. Rose, who was a member of a conservative synagogue in Denver, was 51 years old. The announcement issued by the War Department said that he "was killed by enemy action while leading his division in spearheading the advance of the United States troops in Germany." The Third Armored Division, under Gen. Rose, was the first to enter Cologne.

Gen. Rose was born in Middletown, Conn., in 1894. He entered the Army in 1916 after he was graduated from the University of Colorado and went to France as a second lieutenant in the A. E. F. He remained in the Army after World War I and was a colonel at the time he went overseas in 1942 at the head of the Third Armored Division which was also the first unit to break into Metz.

Gen. Rose was awarded the Purple Heart in World War I and held three Silver Stars - one of which he won in the last war - and the Distinguished Service Cross.

JEWS IN SOFIA SPEND CHEERLESS PASSOVER; NO MATZOTH AVAILABLE, FEW HAGGADAS

SOBIA, April 2. (JTA) -- Although this was the first free Passover in Bulgaria in several years, the Jews of Sofia spent a rather cheerless holiday. The war years and the anti-Semitic persecutions ruined the Jews economically and has crushed the spirit of many of them.

There were no matzoth available in Sofia and in most Jewish homes the occupants are eating bread. A few very religious persons baked some home-made matzoth. In many homes the traditional reading of the Haggada was omitted because none were available, having been destroyed during the fascist regime. (The Joint Distribution Committee in New York revealed that it attempted to ship matzoth into Bulgaria, but various difficulties prevented the transport from reaching its destination in time for Passover. About ten tons of matzoth sent by the J. D. C. reached Greece in good time.)

There was a modest public seder in the Beshshara center here. Hebrew songs were sung and Hebrew literature was read. The observances in the homes of the Jewish quarter were held under difficult conditions since an average of four families share each apartment. The newspaper of the Jewish section of the Fatherland Front carried an article on Passover as did the organ of the Poale Zion.

The Sofia radio this week broadcast a half-hour program devoted to the Jewish question. The program was prepared by the Jewish section of the Fatherland Front and consisted of lectures stressing that anti-Semitism could exist in Bulgaria only under a fascist government. Speakers called for an all-out fight on anti-Semitism.

GREEK JEWS IN DESPERATE STRAITS, UNRRA OFFICIAL REPORTS, NEED AID FROM PRIVATE AGENCIES

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA) -- The 8,000 to 9,000 Jews surviving in Greece are in desperate straits and require immediate assistance from private Jewish relief organizations, Harry Greenstein, deputy director of the welfare division of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, reported today. Mr. Greenstein spent five weeks in Greece for UNRRA, helping to plan a welfare program there.

During his stay in Athens, he conferred with members of the Jewish community and helped them set up a committee for distribution of funds made available to them by Jewish groups in Egypt and South Africa. Mr. Greenstein has recommended to Joint Distribution Committee headquarters in Rome that a special JDC representative be sent to Greece to provide such assistance for the Jews which is not available from either UNRRA or the Greek government.

While in Athens, he visited an abandoned synagogue where 170 Jews were sleeping on the floor. They were inadequately clothed and needed medical assistance. Greek Jews, Mr. Greenstein said, receive a very small amount of food. They have been allotted some supplementary assistance for children, the sick and the aged.

The basic requirements of the Greek Jews, he stated, are funds from private Jewish relief organizations, which would help them to re-establish themselves in business and become self-sufficient; assistance in rebuilding Jewish institutions and help in arranging the emigration to Palestine of those desiring to go there. He estimated that there are about 500 Jewish orphans for whom Palestine immigration certificates are needed.

The general economic situation in Greece is very bad, with widespread unemployment, Mr. Greenstein disclosed, and until there is some improvement, the Greek Jews, in common with all other Greeks, will find great difficulty in re-establishing normal life.

The UNRRA representative said that most of Greece's 80,000 Jews have disappeared, having been deported to Poland and other countries by the Germans. In Salonika, for instance, 600 remain of the pre-war Jewish population of about 54,000. In Uvalina 30 remain of 1,800. He said that there is no official anti-Semitism in Greece and confirmed that many Jews were enabled to escape deportation through the aid of non-Jewish friends.

Mr. Greenstein's reason for coming to Palestine now was to arrange for the sending of Palestine relief and medical teams to Greece. While in Athens he secured permission from the appropriate authorities and approximately 28 Palestinians will shortly leave for Greece to join other voluntary groups which are working with UNRRA.

Mr. Greenstein said that his job in the Middle East was finished and that he was leaving for London shortly, where he will confer with officials of UNRRA'S European Regional Office. While here he has conferred with Jewish Agency leaders.

MEDICAL MISSION FROM PALESTINE GOING TO MAURITIUS TO PROVIDE PRE-DEPARTURE CARE

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA) -- A medical mission arranged by Jewish institutions here will shortly leave for the island of Mauritius to treat the Jewish refugees interned there before they leave for Palestine, it was reported here today. The British Government announced recently that the internees, most of whom have been held on Mauritius for several years, will be permitted to enter Palestine.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE ASKS STATE DEPT. FOR HEARING FOR JEWS AT SAN FRANCISCO

WASHINGTON, April 2. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Conference today submitted a memorandum to the State Department requesting that Jews be granted a hearing at the United Nations Security Conference at San Francisco and outlining a post-war "security" program for the Jewish people.

The memorandum asked the United Nations to incorporate in the charter to be adopted at San Francisco an International Bill of Rights, and urged them to restore civil and political rights to the Jews of Europe, to speed the reconstitution of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth, to undertake measures for the rehabilitation and resettlement of the Jews in liberated European countries and for the restoration of their property confiscated by the Germans and their collaborators, and to punish those responsible for war crimes against Jews.

In requesting the right to present to appropriate committees of the United Nations Conference a program for the restoration of rights and status to the remnants of the surviving Jews in Europe, the American Jewish Conference pointed out in its memorandum that "now, when those who have been so long silenced by the oppressor are to be permitted to speak, it would be gross inequity if this right were to be granted to all, and withheld only from the most oppressed."

Outlawing of Anti-Semitism Demanded; Free Immigration to Palestine Urged

The memorandum emphasized that the International Bill of Rights, which, it suggested, should be incorporated in a universal covenant among the nations participating in the San Francisco Conference, must embody the outlawing of anti-Semitism, equality of rights in law and in fact for all the citizens of every country, and full and complete protection of life and liberty for the inhabitants of all countries irrespective of their race, religion, birth, language and nationality.

With regard to the Palestine question, the American Jewish Conference emphasized that the gates of Palestine must be opened to free Jewish immigration. It also pointed out that "without the constitution of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth, the provisions of the Atlantic Charter remain unfulfilled."

The memorandum also dealt with the problem of displaced persons and with the restoration of citizenship to all Jews who have been deprived of it. It requests that the national and international courts which will decide the punishment of war criminals shall recognize Jewish representatives as "amici curiae" and that "the Commission for the Investigation of War Crimes, or a similar body, shall give 'locus standi' to a representation of the Jewish people." The memorandum was submitted to officials of the State Department by a delegation headed by Louis Lipsky, co-chairman of the Interim Committee of the Conference. The other members of the delegation were Maurice Bisgyer and I. L. Kohnen.

PALESTINE PROBLEM WILL NOT FIGURE AT "BIG FIVE" CONFERENCE ON MANDATED TERRITORIES

WASHINGTON, April 2. (JTA) -- The Palestine question as such will not be considered at the meeting of the "Big Five" which the State Department has suggested should take place two weeks before the opening of the San Francisco Conference for the purpose of working out an agreement on mandates, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned here today.

The location of the meeting of the "Big Five" - the United States, Britain, Russia, France and China - is under discussion at present. The meeting would concern itself with the recommendation of the United States suggesting the establishment of an international trusteeship over mandated territories. Britain and France may oppose this recommendation, it was indicated.

CONFERENCE OF JEWISH WELFARE LEADERS SEEKS RECONSTITUTION OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

CLEVELAND, April 2. (JTA) -- Representatives of twelve of the largest Jewish welfare funds, at a conference held here during the week-end, resolved to make one final effort to reconstitute the United Jewish Appeal. In connection with this effort, a committee of three will be appointed to confer with the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service.

The meeting recommended the creation of a fact-finding committee which would, in collaboration with the JDC, the UFA, and the NRS, conduct a special study of their 1945 budgetary and program needs under the auspices of this provisional Committee for Inter-Welfare Fund Cooperation. The fact-finding committee was instructed to submit its reports and recommendations by May 15th.

Present at the session were representatives from the Jewish welfare funds in Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Baltimore, Boston, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Hartford and Newark. The group requested the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to organize a public relations department to render campaign and year-round publicity and promotion services to the welfare fund communities.

The meeting received a proposal that a fact-finding commission be sent at a later date to Europe and Palestine. It was suggested that the commission's report might serve as a basis for establishing the nature and extent of the responsibility of American Jewish communities for programs abroad requiring aid. Those present agreed in principle to the general proposal. It was decided to name a committee to draw up a proposed outline of organization and study, after conferring with the JDC, the UFA, and NRS, as well as with other appropriate private and governmental agencies. The committee assigned to draw up the details of the proposed plan is to submit its recommendations to the inter-city committee and in due course to the welfare funds represented. Abraham Sroer, of Detroit, was named temporary chairman of the Inter-City Committee; James H. Becker of Chicago, temporary vice-chairman; Jesse Helfert, of St. Louis, treasurer, and George Rabinoff, of Chicago, secretary.

Z.O.A. EXECUTIVE APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO SEEK AGREEMENT BETWEEN SILVER AND WISE

NEW YORK, April 2. (JTA) -- The National Executive of the Zionist Organization of America, by an overwhelming vote, has approved the appointment of a committee to explore the possibilities of bringing about a solution of the controversy in relation to the American Zionist Emergency Council, it was announced today. This Committee, which will endeavor to bring about agreement between the Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise factions was, however, instructed to reject any proposal which might be construed as a reprimand to Dr. Wise, or which would imply his ceasing active leadership in the Emergency Council.

The decision to appoint such a committee was taken after a debate in which Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the meeting, reported on an exchange of letters between Louis Lipsky, Dr. Wise and Dr. Silver. In reply to a communication from Mr. Lipsky Dr. Silver is reported to have stated that he feels that the controversy is no longer centered around the Z.O.A., but around the American Zionist Emergency Council.

PIONEER WOMEN LAUNCH \$150,000 DRIVE FOR RESCUE OF JEWISH CHILDREN FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, April 2. (JTA) -- The Pioneer Women's Organization of America has launched a new drive to raise \$150,000 for its Child Rescue Fund, it was announced today by Miss Dvora Rothbard, national secretary. The first sum on account of this quota, a \$35,000 Passover gift, was cabled to the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem before the holidays.