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JEWISH AGENCY PROTESTS CIRCULATION AMONG UNCIO DELEGATES OF ARAB CLAIMS UPON PALESTINE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Palestine today filed a memorandum with the UNCIO secretariat, protesting against the circulation among the UNCIO delegates of the appendix to the charter of the pan-Arab league which claims that Palestine is an Arab state and should be included in the league, and that the league has the authority to designate an Arab representative for Palestine.

The Jewish Agency memorandum points out that Yemen and Transjordan, which are not members of the United Nations, are signatories to the league pact, and says that on this basis along the secretariat should have refused official circulation to the appendix. It also asserts that the inclusion of Palestine in the pan-Arab body is a matter of foreign relations which is within the authority of the mandatory power, and concerning which the Agency is entitled to advise and cooperate. It asks, finally, that its memorandum be circulated as an official UNCIO document to all the delegates.

A big step towards strengthening the provision for safeguarding human rights which is to be included in the charter of the world security organization was taken yesterday by the UNCIO's Committee on Economic and Social Cooperation, which altered the Big Four proposal on the subject so as to impose an obligation on member nations to "observe" as well as "respect" human rights and fundamental freedoms without distinction as to race, language, religion or sex.

A discussion on the human rights safeguards will be broadcast tomorrow night by Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, during the weekly nation-wide State Department program over the network of the National Broadcasting Company. Judge Proskauer is the only civic consultant to be honored with an invitation to participate in the broadcast, in recognition of his services in advancing the human rights concept here. Assistant Secretary of State Archibald Macleish will preside.

ANTI-JEWISH GROUPS IN PARIS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST RETURN OF APARTMENTS TO JEWS

PARIS, May 18. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish disturbances in connection with the return to Jews of apartments which they occupied before the German occupation have occurred here in recent days.

Members of the "Federation of Bonafide Tenants" gathered outside several municipal buildings protesting the eviction of the present occupants of the apartments. The newspaper *France Trier* today demands that the government take action against the demonstrators.

Former premier Leon Blum, yesterday, made his first public appearance since his return to France, when he attended the funeral of the wife of Marc Jarblum, French Zionist leader. M. Blum appeared to be in good health, but has aged greatly.

PALESTINE NEWSPAPERS DEMAND IMMEDIATE LIFTING OF RIGOROUS PRESS CENSORSHIP

JERUSALEM, May 18. (JTA) -- A demand that the rigorous Palestine censorship be abolished in view of the end of the war in Europe was voiced today in two Palestine newspapers.

The English-language Palestine Post and the Hebrew daily Hatzofe carry editorials stating that since most of the emergency defense regulations have been revised, there is no justification for continuance of the censorship, which, they charge, impairs the freedom of the press.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency, however, learns from extremely reliable sources that the Palestine Government has no intention of lifting the censorship at the present time.

SURVIVORS TESTIFY CONCERNING MURDER OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS AT TRIAL OF RUMANIAN FASCIST

BUCHAREST, May 18. (JTA) -- A Rumanian fascist officer who supervised the murder of tens of thousands of Jews deported to Transnistria was confronted in court today with two of his victims who survived. The officer, a Colonel Isopesou, is being tried by a Peoples Tribunal as a war criminal.

Jacob Effemian, 42, said that before having the Jews killed Isopesou compelled them to surrender all their valuables to him, promising that he would give them their value in money. Joseph Braunstein, 20, said that he had been forced to pile up the bodies of Isopesou's victims and prepare them for cremation. His own parents, he added, were among the murdered.

JEW WOMAN AT THERESIENSTADT GETS NEWS OF LONG-LOST HUSBAND FROM JTA PRESS JEEP

THERESIENSTADT, May 18. (JTA) -- A press jeep in which Meyer Levin, a Jewish Telegraphic Agency war correspondent, has travelled throughout thousands of miles of liberated territory, including the concentration camps of Dachau and Buchenwald, was the means of notifying a Jewish woman in the Theresienstadt ghetto that her husband, from whom she had not heard in many years, was still alive.

As hundreds of Jews crowded around the jeep, upon whose hood hundreds of refugees in different parts of Germany had scribbled their names, one young woman who was studying the names suddenly shrieked: "My husband is alive." She pointed to the inscription "Rosenblatt, Dachau," and sobbed: "That's his signature."

Meanwhile, Levin's partner in the jeep, Eric Schwab, a photographer for the Jewish Press Agency, who had come to Theresienstadt in search of his mother, found her working in the ghetto nursery. The frail, white-haired old lady stared in disbelief when Schwab walked into the nursery. Within a short time, she was lifted into the jeep, and is probably the first Jew to be rescued from Theresienstadt.

DAVID FRANKFURTER TO BECOME FARMER IN SOUTH AMERICA; FAMILY MURDERED BY GERMANS

BERN, May 18. (JTA) -- David Frankfurter, who was pardoned yesterday after serving nine years for the assassination of Swiss Nazi leader Wilhelm Gustloff, is planning to go to South America and become a farmer, it was learned today. Frankfurter was a medical student at the time he shot Gustloff.

His family in Yugoslavia, consisting of his father, a rabbi, and his brother, a doctor, are believed to have been murdered by the Germans.

ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL HITS RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE SPONSORED BY BERGSON GROUP

WASHINGTON, May 18. (JTA) -- Describing the introduction in the House of Representatives of a resolution calling for the establishment of a "Hebrew state" in Palestine as "a tragic disservice to the Jewish people," the American Zionist Emergency Council yesterday denounced the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation, which sponsored the resolution, as representing "no one and responsible to no one." The council's statement said:

"It has been announced in the press that a resolution regarding Palestine, sponsored by the self-styled Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, is being introduced in Congress. We do not doubt the friendly motives of the honorable members of Congress who have been persuaded to sponsor that resolution. They undoubtedly have been led to believe that in this they are of assistance to the Jewish people. But we must point out with all the vigor at our command that the so-called Hebrew Committee of National Liberation has been repudiated by every responsible Jewish organization in the United States and abroad, including the highest Jewish authority in Palestine itself, the Jewish National Assembly, which is the democratically elected spokesman for the Jews of Palestine.

"It is a matter of public record that the so-called Hebrew Committee of National Liberation was repudiated by the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the democratically elected spokesman for the Jewish people, Zionist and non-Zionist alike, recognized in this capacity under Article IV of the Mandate for Palestine, confirmed by Great Britain, the United States, and 50 other nations of the world. The 'Committee' has also been publicly denounced by the American Jewish Conference, which represents the overwhelming majority of American Jewry; by the American Zionist Emergency Council, which represents all major Zionist bodies in the United States; by the Palestine Labor Federation, and by a host of other representative Jewish bodies.

"It should again be pointed out that the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, headed by Mr. Peter Bergson, represents neither the Jews of Palestine, nor those of Europe, nor those of the United States. In fact, that "Committee" represents no one and is responsible to no one.

"As is well known, resolutions in support of the Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine were introduced in the Senate and the House by the majority and minority leaders of both houses. Action on these resolutions had to be deferred at the request of the Administration. We wish to stress most earnestly that any attempt to force action at this time by either the Senate or the House on a resolution such as the one sponsored by the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation would, in our considered opinion, constitute a tragic disservice to the Jewish people."

BRITISH GOVERNMENT ASKED TO PERMIT PERMANENT SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES WHO ENTERED DURING WAR

MONTREAL, May 18. (JTA) -- The status of nearly 3,000 refugees, the majority of them Jews, who were allowed to settle in Canada for the duration of the war may be clarified shortly by the government, which has been asked by the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society to permit them to remain in the country on a permanent basis and grant them citizenship rights.

Simultaneously, the authorities are expected to clarify the status of the hundreds of German-Jewish internees who were brought to Canada in 1940 and later released with the privilege of accepting full employment and residence in all parts of the Dominion. The majority of both of these categories of non-legal immigrants have amplified their desire to remain in the country.

INFLUX OF JEWISH REPATRIATES FROM GERMAN CAMPS COMPLICATING BELGIAN RELIEF SITUATION

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- The situation of the needy Jews in Belgium is becoming more critical daily as the result of an influx of repatriates liberated from German concentration camps at Oswiecim, Buchenwald and elsewhere, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, reported today in a cable to the home office of the JDC here.

The JDC, he revealed, has already appropriated this year \$735,000 for assistance to the Jews of Belgium and is cooperating closely with SHAEF and Belgian authorities in conducting its relief program there. He also reported that the JDC committee in Belgium recently rushed an emergency grant of \$10,000 to the 800 persons liberated from the Westerbork camp in Holland. Dr. Schwartz recommended that the JDC increase its monthly \$85,000 appropriation for Belgian Jews by an additional \$25,000.

FILM DEPICTING JEWISH ACHIEVEMENTS IN PALESTINE RELEASED HERE, PRODUCED BY UPA

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- The transformation of Palestine into a homeland for over 500,000 Jews and the steps which are being taken to prepare for the absorption of hundreds of thousands of men, women and children from devastated Europe are depicted in a new technicolor film entitled "A Pass To Tomorrow," produced under the auspices of the United Palestine Appeal.

Written by Marvin Lowenthal, well known author, and narrated by Fredric March, stage and screen star, and Roger de Koven, the film will be presented in communities throughout the country in behalf of the nationwide campaign of the United Palestine Appeal.

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND NAMES 46 RECIPIENTS OF ANNUAL GRANTS TOTALLING \$88,500

CHICAGO, May 18. (JTA) -- Forty-six grants totalling \$88,500 were announced yesterday by the Julius Rosenwald Fund. The grants, which went to both Negroes and whites, were given for research and creative work in the fields of music, literature, social relations, trade unionism and art.

HADASSAH HEALTH SPECIALIST EN ROUTE TO MAURITIUS FROM PALESTINE TO CHECK HEALTH CONDITIONS

JERUSALEM, May 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Menachem Shumert, Hadassah specialist on communicable diseases, is leaving for Mauritius on Sunday to investigate the health conditions of the Jews interned there, it was disclosed today.

The British Government announced some months ago that as soon as transportation was available the internees would be permitted to come to Palestine. A recent outbreak of infantile paralysis on the island, however, had delayed their emigration, and it is believed that Dr. Shumert is going to Mauritius in an attempt to speed transfer of the internees.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS SENDING RELIEF WORKER ABROAD, WILL BE ATTACHED TO JDC STAFF

OTTAWA, May 18. (JTA) -- Philip Stuchen, assistant director of the information branch of the Dominion Labor Department, will leave shortly to assume a relief post with the Canadian Jewish Congress overseas, it was announced today. Mr. Stuchen will be attached to the overseas staff of the Joint Distribution Committee. Two other Canadian Jewish Congress relief workers are already in Europe.