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POLESH GOVERNMENT WILL PERMIT JEWS TO EMIGRATE TO PALESTINE; CERTIFICATES ASKED

JERUSALEM, May 21. (JTA) -- The Polish Provisional Government has consented to allow Jews under its jurisdiction to emigrate to Palestine in small groups, it was learned here today from authoritative sources.

Dr. Emil Sommerstein, leader of the Central Jewish Committee in Poland, has already applied for a number of Palestine immigration certificates, it was revealed. These certificates will be sent to the Polish ambassador in Moscow for delivery to Jewish leaders in Poland.

A meeting of refugees from Poland who have declared themselves in favor of the Lublin Government was to have taken place tonight in Tel Aviv, but was prohibited at the last minute by the police.

JEWISH LIFE IN VIENNA BEGINNING TO REVIVE; NUMBER OF JEWS IN BUDAPEST INCREASES

SOFIA, May 21. (JTA) -- Jewish life in Vienna is beginning to show faint signs of revival, although the Jewish community there has not yet been re-organized, it was reported today by a traveller who just arrived from the Austrian capital.

There are no more than 3,000 Jews in Vienna, he said. In one of Vienna's suburbs there was a German concentration camp for Jews used as slave laborers in the underground airplane factory located nearby. When the Germans retreated, most of the Jews in this camp were killed and several hundred fled to Yugoslavia.

Several thousand Hungarian Jews who were deported by the Germans to Austria for hard labor have returned to Budapest, the traveller reported. The Budapest Jewish community is constantly growing and now numbers about 150,000. Many of the Jews in Budapest wish to emigrate to Palestine, he said. The Joint Distribution Committee is conducting relief activities, especially for children.

It was announced today in Sofia that a nation-wide conference of the Hechalutz organization in Bulgaria will be held here on June 21 to discuss the Jewish situation in Bulgaria and the various plans for training Bulgarian Jewish youths for emigration to Palestine. At a public meeting of the Jewish Organization to Fight Fascism and Anti-Semitism, leaders of the Fatherland Front appealed to the Jews to give full support to the present Bulgarian government emphasizing that the present regime liberated the Jews from the Nazis and has given them full rights.

EL-MUFTI OF JERUSALEM ARRESTED IN FRANCE; WILL BE TURNED OVER TO BRITISH AUTHORITIES

PARIS, May 21. (JTA) -- The Paris Radio today reported that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, who collaborated with Hitler and Mussolini and acted as their agent in the Moslem world, has been arrested in France and will be handed over to British authorities.

DEIVING JEWS OF AMSTERDAM BEGINNING TO REBUILD COMMUNITY, PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE SPARED

AMSTERDAM, May 21. (JTA) -- Reconstruction of the shattered Jewish community of Amsterdam has already begun, although nine-tenths of the city's 100,000 Jews were deported or killed during the occupation.

Attempts are being made to return Jewish children who were placed in non-Jewish homes for safety to their parents or to place them in the custody of Jewish organizations. A Jewish newspaper, the "Nieuw Israelitisch Weekblad," will begin appearing within the next two weeks. The pre-war leader of the community, Abraham Luchter, a prominent diamond merchant, is in a hospital in Maastricht recovering from the effects of confinement at the Bergen-Belsen camp.

The Jewish section of Amsterdam looks "blitzed." Scores of Jewish homes are only piles of bricks. After their owners were deported the houses were literally torn apart by persons seeking wood for fuel. The famous Portuguese Synagogue is intact. The Montezine Library of the Portuguese Jewish Seminary, however, which contained 20,000 rare Jewish books, is a complete loss.

4,000 JEWS STILL IN THERESIENSTADT MENACED BY TYPHUS EPIDEMIC, MEDICAL SUPPLIES NEEDED

PRAGUE, May 21. (JTA) -- About 4,000 Jews remain confined in the Theresienstadt ghetto because of the typhus epidemic raging in the camp, according to internees arriving from there today. They say that there are sufficient doctors among the former prisoners to cope with the disease, but supplies of alcohol and typhus serum are desperately needed. So far, no help has arrived from outside.

It is estimated by these internees that 32,000 persons died in Theresienstadt between the time it was established in 1941 and March of this year. Their names will probably never be known, because the Germans destroyed all lists and files before abandoning the ghetto about a week before the Russians arrived. Even exact lists of survivors are not available, because about 5,000 scattered throughout the countryside after the Nazis departed. The camp is still being administered under the leadership of Dr. Alfred Meissner, former Czechoslovak Minister of Justice, who was one of the internees.

The arrivals from Theresienstadt told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent that although the majority of the parcels sent into the camp by Jewish groups were seized by the Nazis, the little the Germans allowed them was of great help. Cigarettes, for instance, were never given to the ghetto residents, although many arrived in the parcels.

The former internees described to the correspondent how the German camp administrators fooled Swiss Red Cross delegates into believing that Theresienstadt was a "model" camp. On the day before the Red Cross representatives were to arrive, everything in public view had to be scrubbed with hot water so that the camp appeared to be spick and span, even though in most houses all sorts of vermin plagued the residents.

In a "model" dining room, internees were forced to sit at a table loaded with food from 8 a.m. until the Swiss delegates arrived to inspect it, but were not allowed to touch the food. Often, rations of food and clothing were distributed the day before the arrival of the Red Cross workers, with strict orders that they were not to be used, but were to be shown to the delegates. After the Swiss left, the things were taken back. The internees were even drilled in what to say if questioned.

COMMUNIST LEADERS, RETURNING FROM SAN FRANCISCO, REGRET JEWS HAD NO SEAT THERE

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- Regret that the Jews were not officially represented at the United Nations conference in San Francisco was expressed by Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Israel Goldstein following their return from the coast.

In reporting last night to the administrative committee of the American Jewish Congress, Dr. Wise, who represented the Jewish Agency at San Francisco, said: "Personally, I believe that the Jewish question in some of its larger aspects should have come before the Conference, even though nominally and technically it limited itself to the creation of a constitution for the coming Peace Conference and the International Security Organization." "The uniqueness and the measure of Jewish suffering, gruesome confirmation of which came to light coincident with the Conference, should have compelled special consideration of the limitless horror suffered by Jews in the concentration camps, of which the world now knows, of which governments knew years ago."

"In view of the fact that improvised Arab States, which were at San Francisco, throughout the global war had been neutral, when some of the Arab leaders were aggressively pro-Fascist and pro-Nazi, the Jewish case should have been presented, in any event, the case for the Open Door to Palestine for the homeless and exiled Jews of European lands, who have survived Nazism. Unless that door to Palestine be opened and kept open, those conditions cannot be fulfilled which will make possible the establishment of the Jewish National Home."

Dr. Goldstein, speaking as co-chairman of the American Jewish Conference, at a luncheon in his honor at the Biltmore Hotel, expressed confidence that the American delegation at the San Francisco Conference will see to it that no trusteeship formula will be adopted which would impair fulfillment of the Balfour Declaration on which the present Palestine Mandate is based.

PROSKAUER LAUDS U.S. ROLE IN DECISION TO ESTABLISH COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21. (JTA) -- Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee and one of the consultants to the American delegation here, emphasized in a nation-wide radio broadcast that the Commission on Human Rights which will be established by the United Nations is one of the finest achievements of the UNCIO. The broadcast was arranged by the State Department.

Praising Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius and his colleagues of the U. S. delegation for their handling of the propositions of the four sponsoring powers with regard to the demand for the establishment of a Commission on Human Rights, Judge Proskauer said that it still remains for this commission to write an international bill of rights and devise machinery for its implementation. "But a great start has been made," he declared.

Emphasizing that the demand of the "Big Four" for the creation of a Commission on Human Rights by the UNCIO constitutes a fundamental change in the whole concept of international law, Judge Proskauer stated: "Hitlerism has demonstrated that bigotry and persecution by a barbarous nation necessarily throws peace-loving nations into the holocaust of war. It has demonstrated it is a matter of international concern to stamp out any infractions of basic, fundamental human rights."

FRENCH JEWS PERTURBED OVER POSSIBLE CONVERSION OF ORPHANED CHILDREN, SAYS BEN GURION

LONDON, May 21. (JTA) -- One of the most urgent questions facing French Jewry at the moment is the status of several hundred orphaned Jewish children who may be converted to Catholicism unless they are permitted to emigrate to Palestine, David Ben Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, said today upon his return from Paris.

He stated that the French Government is still refusing permission for the children to emigrate, but that efforts are being made to bring the matter to the attention of Gen. De Gaulle. Many French Jews also wish to emigrate to Palestine as economic conditions are still bad and about 30,000 Jews are dependent upon relief, the Agency chairman disclosed.

(It is reported from Jerusalem today that the departure of the first transport of Jews to emigrate from France to Palestine has been delayed by the refusal of the Egyptian Government to grant transit visas to the party, which consists of 350 adults and orphans.)

On the positive side, he said, there is an indication that Jewish circles which were completely alienated from Jewry before the war are now very "Jew-conscious," and there are still several hundred Jews actively engaged in continuing the Jewish resistance movement.

JEWISH TANKIST FROM DETROIT POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- The Congressional Medal of Honor, highest U. S. military award for valor, has been granted posthumously to Lieut. Raymond Zussman, 27, of Detroit, the Jewish Welfare Board reported today.

Lieut. Zussman, who was a tank commander, personally killed 17 Nazis, captured 92 and liberated the hamlet of Noroy le Bourg, in the Rhone Valley, during the engagement for which he has been honored. He escaped from the fight uninjured, but was killed three days later.

ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY IN FRANKFURT UNDAMAGED; WILL SOON BE OPENED TO PUBLIC

WASHINGTON, May 21. (JTA) -- The Luxembourg Radio said today that "the famous Rothschild library in Frankfurt-on-the-Main is almost undamaged." The German-language broadcast, reported by the Office of War Information, added that "employees of Frankfurt's public libraries are now engaged in repairing damage and in weeding out Nazi literature." Stating that the library will soon be opened to the public, the broadcast said that "its contents are soon to be increased through the acquisition of a new private library and a student library."

PASTOR NIEMOLLER GETTING FIRST TASTE OF LIBERATION IN COMPANY OF JEWISH CHAPLAIN

NAPLES, May 21. (JTA) -- Pastor Martin Niemoller, who was liberated from a German concentration camp two weeks ago after eight years of imprisonment, is being shown around Naples by Major Samuel Teitelbaum, a Jewish chaplain from East St. Louis, Ill.

"We got acquainted naturally enough, since we were billeted at the same hotel," Major Teitelbaum said. "He's a friendly sort of man, but it's hard for him to realize that he is actually free and can move about and talk with anybody. He is getting a great thrill just going around with me on casual sightseeing tours."