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JEWISH AGENCY SUBMITS FIVE REQUESTS TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT, WANTS IMMEDIATE ACTION

LONDON, May 27. (JTA) -- A five-point memorandum covering Jewish demands with regard to Palestine has been submitted by the Jewish Agency to the British Government, it is reported in the press here today. The memorandum was submitted last week, directly to Prime Minister Winston Churchill, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns.

Described by those who read it as "one of the greatest documents in Zionist history," the memorandum deals with the post-war situation of the Jewish people and presents the following requests for immediate considerations:

1. Palestine be proclaimed a Jewish State.
2. The Jewish Agency be authorized to bring to Palestine as many Jews as possible in order to speed development of the country's resources.
3. The transfer of Jews from Europe to Palestine be assisted by an international loan.
4. Germany should pay reparations in kind to the Jewish people, which should be used for the development of Palestine. The first installment of these reparations should be secured through requisitioning of German property in Palestine.
5. All international facilities should be provided for the exit and the transit from Europe of all Jews who may desire to settle in Palestine.

The Manchester Guardian, supporting these demands, says that the Jewish Agency is apparently not prepared to accept the principle that the final decisions regarding Palestine should await the peace conference. The paper points out that the Jews waited until the end of the war against Germany for definite action on the part of the British Government with regard to their rights in Palestine. It emphasizes that should Britain not act immediately on the memorandum of the Jewish Agency, it may result in "complete deterioration" of the situation in Palestine, the prolongation of the Jewish tragedy in Europe, and, perhaps, bring a crisis within the leadership of the Jewish Agency itself.

LEON BLUM PLEDGES AID TO PALESTINE; WILL VISIT THE COUNTRY AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY

JERUSALEM, May 27, (JTA) -- Leon Blum, Socialist leader and former Premier of France, who was liberated from Nazi imprisonment after the defeat of Germany, today cabled to the Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Labor, that he intends to visit Palestine at the first opportunity.

Expressing thanks for the congratulatory message sent to him by the Histadruth on the occasion of his liberation, Blum emphasized in his cable that he is aware of Jewish labor's achievements in Palestine and that he will, in the future, help in the upbuilding of Palestine as he did in the past.

ROTTERDAM JEWISH COMMUNITY FUNCTIONED UNDERGROUND DURING OCCUPATION; MOST OF JEWS GONE

ROTTERDAM, May 27. (JTA) — The Jewish community council of this city, which functioned underground during the German occupation, has emerged from hiding and resumed its pre-war tasks, under the guidance of the three officers who directed its clandestine activities for more than four years.

The three — David Hausdorff, president; Louis Wyler, treasurer and Arthur Kahn, secretary — distributed relief supplies, including matzo on Passover, negotiated with the Rotterdam municipality for return of confiscated Jewish property after Holland was liberated, and maintained an underground synagogue.

From January of this year until the liberation of Rotterdam a few weeks ago, the council distributed 225 hot meals daily, and it is continuing to do so. It is still in need of shoes, clothing and underwear, but its lack of supplies has not prevented the community leaders from going ahead with plans to establish schools to train Jews for the ceramic industry and poultry farming.

Of the 12,000 Jews who lived in this city, which was almost destroyed by German bombers during the invasion of the Netherlands, there are now 400 registered with the council. Many of these did not reside here before the war. Among the survivors are 60 children, for whom a Hebrew school has already been set up.

JEWS OF SOFIA'S PRE-WAR JEWISH RESIDENTS RETURNED; CITY NOW HAS 25,000 JEWS

SOFIA, May 27. (JTA) — There are now 25,000 Jews in Sofia, almost equalling the pre-war Jewish population of this city. These figures were disclosed at a meeting marking the second anniversary of the expulsion of all Jews from the capital by the former pro-German government.

At meetings in the capital and throughout the country, speakers condemned the persecution of the Jews and paid tribute to the resistance by large sections of the Bulgarian people which prevented the planned deportation of all Jews in the country to Poland.

ARABS THROUGHOUT MIDDLE EAST UNITED AGAINST EASING OF WHITE PAPER, SAYS PARLIAMENTARIAN

LONDON, May 27. (JTA) — The Arabs throughout the Middle East are united in their opposition to any alteration in the Palestine White Paper which would ease restrictions on Jewish immigration and development, according to Capt. Henry Longhurst, Conservative M. P., writing in the Sunday Observer.

Capt. Longhurst, who has just returned from a tour of the Middle East, asserts that "without exception all (Arabs) say that one certain way to ensure Arab unity against Britain is to go back on the White Paper." He emphasises that "no one who recently has travelled among them could doubt the complete unanimity of this attitude or that they mean business."

GERMAN PLAN TO LIVE IN PALESTINE AS REFUGEE SEEN IN POSSESSION OF PALESTINE MONEY

LONDON, May 27. (JTA) — Observers here today voiced the opinion that the 1,000 Palestine pounds found among the effects of Heinrich Himmler indicated that the Gestapo leader had planned, as one of his alternative methods for escaping detection, to live in Palestine disguised as a German-Jewish refugee.

Meanwhile, dissatisfaction was expressed here at the report that correspondents have been barred from directly interviewing Julius Streicher and, have been strictly forbidden to submit questions to him concerning persecution of Jews.

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR POLISH JEWRY DEMANDED AT WORLD CONFERENCE OF POLISH JEWS

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Post-war guarantees against anti-Semitism, Jewish participation in the trial of war criminals, international assistance in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Jewish life in Poland, reparations for property of Jewish individuals and institutions destroyed by the Germans and support of Jewish aspirations in Palestine were among the demands presented today by Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the American Federation of Polish Jews, addressing the opening session of the World Conference of Polish Jewry at the Hotel Commodore. Three hundred representatives from 18 countries are attending the meeting.

Rep. Emanuel Celler told the delegates that the United Nations must guarantee that the anti-Semitic policies of the pre-war Polish Government will never return. Stressing that the Jewish population of Poland was almost completely exterminated by the Germans, Rep. Celler said that "we cannot fail to aid Polish Jewry" both materially and spiritually.

The evening session of the conference was addressed by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, president of the World Jewish Congress and Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. Messages hailing the conference and expressing the hope that it will be successful in marshalling aid for the Jews in Poland were received from President Truman, Gov. Dewey, Secretary of War Stimson, Secretary of Commerce Wallace, Philip Murray, William Green, Senator Wagner and other notables.

COMBATTING ANTISEMITISM, RECONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE'S JEWS CHIEF TASK OF SOUTH AFRICAN JEWRY

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, May 27. (JTA) -- Combatting local anti-Semitism, assisting in the rehabilitation of the Jews of Europe and aiding the development of a Jewish national home in Palestine are the chief tasks facing South African Jewry, S. M. Kupers, chairman of the Board of Deputies of South African Jews, declared, addressing the 15th biennial congress of the organization.

In a message expressing his sympathy with the remnants of the Jewish population of Europe, Acting Premier Jan Hofmeyer said that "humanity must be spared the reproaches and Jewry the suffering of anything of this kind ever again happening." The 350 delegates voted to send a message to Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts, who is at San Francisco, congratulating him on his 75th birthday.

NOEL ARONOVICI, RECONSTRUCTION EXPERT, EN ROUTE OVERSEAS FOR JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Continuing 26 years of uninterrupted service with the Joint Distribution Committee, Noel Aronovici left this week for London, where he will assist in the J. D. C. program of relief and rehabilitation in behalf of more than a million Jews whose economic life has been utterly destroyed by the decade of German domination. Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the J. D. C., announced today.

In announcing Mr. Aronovici's new assignment, Dr. Hyman commented: "Now that the Allies have forced the Germans to their knees, we must turn to the problems of helping their first victims -- those who survived their barbarous persecutions. In each city our overseas representatives entered, they report that the Jews, although starving, naked, suffering from a variety of diseases, ask immediately for jobs and the opportunity to work. Immediate relief is going into Europe in far greater quantities than was possible during the occupation, although we never stopped sending help. Today, however, the greatest problem is the rehabilitation of European Jewry."