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JEWISH BRIGADE STATIONED AT AUSTRIAN FRONTIER; ANXIOUS TO JOIN IN OCCUPATION OF GERMANY

WITH THE JEWISH BRIGADE, June 11. (JTA) -- At a point where the boundaries of Italy, Austria and Yugoslavia meet, the Jewish Brigade group, which fought its way up through Italy, is now assigned to duty at the edge of what was once Hitler's Reich.

"If the pledges made some time ago by the British are carried out, these men will eventually have a hand in the actual occupation of German territory. That day cannot come too soon for them. "We're straining at the leash," a Palestinian major remarked to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent at his command post, south of Brisic, near the Italo-Austrian frontier.

"Ever since we volunteered," he continued, "we've been anticipating entering Germany with the victorious Allied armies. It will be an historic occasion. Though victory has arrived we aren't in Germany yet. But when we do get there, it will be a kind of symbolic justice that the world will applaud. For many of us it will also be a chance to return to our original homeland."

Meanwhile, the Brigade is strung along the 100-mile road from Udine, Italy, to the Austrian frontier, helping with other Eighth Army units and the American Tenth to maintain a section of the supply route to the occupation forces in Austria. As you drive along you see them stringing telephone wires, rebuilding blown-up bridges, or filling in bomb craters in the roads. A sizeable group of German prisoners of war are working under their direction.

One Palestinian company has charge of a prisoner-of-war hospital at Tarvisio which houses 245 patients. Among these are tough Nazi paratroopers who were wounded by the Palestinian group at the time of the breakthrough across Senio early in April. In a chastened mood, they cause their Jewish captors and guards no trouble now.

Nor has there been any report of trouble from the Yugoslavs who have shared with the Palestinians in garrisoning such towns as Camposso and Tarvisio in the disputed zone. Most of the Yugoslav soldiers have been withdrawn now and those who remain are friendly. Football matches are being regularly arranged between the Yugoslavs and the Palestinians, though the divisional team which was to have played the Jewish soldiers last week had to send in a substitute team as it was called away to play a command performance for Marshal Tito.

BRITAIN REJECTS JEWISH PLEA FOR ADMISSION OF ORPHANS TO PALESTINE OUTSIDE OF QUOTA

LONDON, June 11. (JTA) -- A plea by Jewish women's organizations in England that the British Government transfer Jewish orphans in concentration camps in Europe to Palestine and admit them outside of the immigration schedule was rejected today by Colonial Secretary Oliver Stanley.

The request was made by a delegation headed by Mrs. Israel Sieff, president of the Women's International Zionist Organization. Col. Stanley replied that no category of Jewish immigrants can be excluded from the regular immigration quota for Palestine, and that the Jewish Agency can, if it wishes, bring in the Jewish orphans under the immigration certificates still outstanding under the White Paper.

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VOIDS "VOLUNTARY" TRANSACTIONS MADE DURING OCCUPATION IF ENEMY BENEFITTED

PARIS, June 11. (JTA) -- The French Government today issued a decree voiding all transactions consummated during the occupation with the consent of the owners if the enemy directly or indirectly acquired property rights belonging to French individuals or corporations in France or abroad.

Many ostensibly legal sales were made during the occupation by Jews and other persons who knew that if they did not dispose of their property it would be taken from them eventually by the authorities. Up to now the government had indicated some reluctance to voiding such transactions.

Today's decree also provides that in the case of such property, the government may take possession if the seller was paid with funds either directly or indirectly obtained from the French treasury during the occupation, or received payment in kind.

This provision could enable the state to seize almost all of the disputed property since the French treasury was compelled to remit 500,000,000 francs daily to the Germans, and any cash payment made by the Germans might be considered to be funds indirectly extorted from the treasury.

DEMONSTRATION IN TEL-AVIV DEMANDS OPENING OF PALESTINE TO JEWS FROM EUROPE

TEL AVIV, June 11. (JTA) -- A demonstration demanding the opening of Palestine to surviving Jews from Europe and the cancellation of the White Paper was held here yesterday, following a mass-meeting of members of youth organizations called to protest against the stoppage of Jewish immigration.

During the demonstration a "leaflet bomb" exploded showering the demonstrators with broadsides signed by the Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish terrorist group, declaring that Irgun members tried several times to blast the Mosul oil pipe-line which terminates in Haifa, in retaliation for British policy with regard to the Jews in Palestine. Similar bombs exploded during the evening in Jerusalem.

Ben-Gurion Warns of "Tribble" in Palestine if White Paper Is Not Revoked

LONDON, June 11. (JTA) -- A warning that "there will be a lot of trouble" if the British Government does not withdraw the White Paper and open the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration was sounded here today by David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, addressing a national conference of the Labor Zionists.

"Many people in this world believe that we can wait, and so do some of the Jews, but we must make it plain that we cannot wait and are not going to," Ben-Gurion said. Citing the fact that nobody at the United Nations Conference in San Francisco even mentioned the fact that 5,000,000 Jews were murdered in Europe, he asked: "How can we believe that the fate of the remaining 12,000,000 Jews matters to a world unshaken by this appalling tragedy?"

Emphasizing that Palestine today is a matter of life and death for Jews, Ben-Gurion declared: "Of course, we know that the British Government has power to impose any policy it wants. But no power will subdue the Jewish soul. We still believe in human conscience, but our main hope is self-reliance. At this stage," he continued, "we would like others to know that we shall not submit to imposition of the White Paper. If its designs are finally carried out, there will be a lot of trouble."

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JEWS IN BERLIN; POLISH AND HUNGARIAN JEWS IN GERMAN CAMPS APPEAL FOR AID

GENEVA, June 11. (JTA) — Swiss newspapers today carry a report from Berlin that about 6,000 Jews are in the Reich capital and more are returning. The report is attributed to the Russian-appointed Berlin mayor, Arthur Werner, a 68-year-old German.

Reports reaching here today from Germany reveal that 1,800 Polish and Hungarian Jews are at present in a camp near Garmisch-Partenkirchen, living under "very difficult conditions," lacking food, clothing and medicine.

Other reports state that 203 Polish Jews from the Dachau concentration camp are living under similar conditions in a camp near Dachberg. Similar reports have reached Jewish organizations here concerning the situation of liberated Jewish internees in various camps in Germany located near the Swiss frontier. All these survivors are in urgent need of food and clothing.

JEWISH LEADERS NEGOTIATING FOR CUSTODY OF CHILDREN DETAINED BY FRENCH OFFICIALS

PARIS, June 11. (JTA) — Jewish leaders were still making efforts today to secure the transfer to the OSE of 92 Jewish children from concentration camps in Germany who were placed in the custody of the Ministry of Prisoners and Deportees when they arrived here on Friday, instead of being allowed to go to OSE homes, as were over 100 other children from Nazi camps.

The 92 children, who, apparently, were destined for emigration to Palestine, were placed on a train arriving in Paris, while the other children were put on trains which took them directly to OSE homes in Ecovye. The night before the train was due in Paris, OSE officials told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today, they were informed by the Ministry of Deportees that the children were to be placed under the Ministry's care and were asked not to meet the train. The OSE officials complied, and the altercation that developed at the station was between representatives of the ministry and R.S. Chaplain Robert S. Marcus.

The OSE officials expressed the hope that the government will eventually turn the children over to them. Meanwhile, the 92 are still at the Hotel Lutetia in Paris. Leaders of the group reveal that 240 others, who also apparently plan to emigrate to Palestine, are at the Hallersleben camp from which the 92 came, as are some of the "parent arrivals" parents who expect to join them.

ROMANIA DRAFTING BILL TO GIVE JEWISH SCHOOLS STATE RECOGNITION

BUCHAREST, June 11. (JTA) — A bill has been drafted by the Ministry of Education which "accords state recognition to Jewish schools which had been unofficially recognized in the 1940-44 period," the Bucharest radio reports. The Ministry has also prepared a bill to restore to Jewish schools the right "to publicize and advertise," of which they had been deprived during the 1940-44 period, the broadcast said.

SARFADIC JEWS SAIL FROM SPAIN FOR PALESTINE AND OTHER MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES

LONDON, JUNE 11. (JTA) — The Valladolid radio, in Spain, reported today that 100 Sfaradic Jews had sailed from that city for Turkey, Palestine, and other countries in the Middle East.

MEXICAN FOREIGN OFFICE DISPLEASED WITH NEW LAW BARRING IMMIGRANTS FROM PROFESSIONS

MEXICO CITY, June 11. (JTA) -- The Mexican Foreign Office attempted to modify the recent decree barring immigrants from many liberal professions before it was promulgated, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. A Foreign Office spokesman said that Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla considered the decree "deplorably nationalistic," and was displeased that Mexico had adopted "this type of chauvinistic legislation."

Prominent professionals and influential sections of the press have voiced opposition to the restrictions on immigrants. Mexican University professors, physicians and grade school teachers were among those who told this correspondent that they opposed the new regulations. The newspaper Excelsior said that barring foreign professionals was completely undemocratic and will damage rather than strengthen the development of the country.

The newspapers Últimas Noticias and Novedades, both of which have, in the past, railed against "foreign infiltration," protested that the decree was too rigid and contrary to Mexican practice. El Universal Grafico, while agreeing that Mexico had a right to establish reasonable restrictions on aliens competing with native professionals, expressed doubts whether the present decree was entirely reasonable.

The section affecting immigrants was only a small part of the law. Most of its provisions are aimed at cleaning up the professions, which are allegedly ridden with persons practicing without proper degrees and licenses. Bodies along the line of the American Medical Association were created to police the various professions.

Professions from which immigrants are barred under the law are: accountant, actuary, architect, bacteriologist, biologist, broker, chemist, dentist, doctor, economist, engineer, lawyer, metallurgist, notary public, nurse, pilot, social worker, teacher and veterinary.

WAR REFUGEE BOARD DIRECTOR WANTS OSWEGO REFUGEES ENTRUSTED TO PRIVATE AGENCIES

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Easing of present restrictions so as to allow residents of the Fort Ontario refugee shelter to leave the camp for designated periods in the custody of private relief agencies was urged yesterday by War Refugee Board Director William O'Dwyer. This recommendation, Mr. O'Dwyer revealed, has already been submitted to the Department of the Interior of which the War Relocation Authority, which operates the shelter, is an agency.

Addressing the annual convention of the United Hungarian Jews of America at the Hotel Pennsylvania, Mr. O'Dwyer said that the refugees must be permitted to do those things which would make them happy, such as visiting friends and relatives on the outside. He also declared that the Fort Ontario residents "must not be sent back until at least decent arrangements are made for their future relocation, at least if that is what they want."

OFFICIAL OF ALLIANCE ISRAELITE IN DAMASCUS KILLED DURING RECENT DISTURBANCES

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- The assistant manager of the Alliance Israelite Française in Damascus was killed during the recent disturbances there, it was learned here today.

Several Jews were wounded during the battle between Syrian and French forces. They have been brought to Beirut for hospitalization.

RABBINICAL ASSOCIATION IN HOUSTON VOTES TO SUPPORT ZIONIST MOVEMENT IN AMERICA

HOUSTON, Texas, June 11. (JTA) -- The Houston Rabbinical Association today made public the text of a resolution adopted last week, assailing Rabbi Hyman J. Lischel for statements on Zionism that misrepresent the purposes and origins of that movement. "The resolution affirmed the association's support "of the Zionist movement, whose central practical purpose is to rebuild Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth."

The new Reform Congregation Emanu-El of Houston, formed by a group which broke away from Congregation Beth Israel last year, today announced that \$192,000 has so far been pledged for the construction of its permanent temple building. The new congregation was formed as an expression of opposition to the "basic principles" adopted by the Beth Israel group, which prohibited new members from voting unless they signed a statement disassociating themselves from Zionism and rejecting Kashruth.

RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein was re-elected president of the Synagogue Council of America at a plenary session of the council it was announced yesterday. This is the second term for Dr. Goldstein and the twentieth year of the council, which represents orthodox, conservative and reform Judaism.

Other officers re-elected were Rabbi Isaac Landman, first vice-president; Rabbi Robert Gerdis, second vice-president; Rabbi Aaron Opher, assistant to the president; Benjamin Koenigsberg, corresponding secretary; Max Fink, treasurer; Charles F. Kraemer, honorary secretary.

MRS. SILVERMAN RETURNS FROM KEREN HAYESOD FUND-RAISING MISSION IN LATIN AMERICA

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Mrs. Archibald Silverman, who left the United States in March on a mission for the Keren Hayesod in Latin America, has returned, after successfully participating in Keren Hayesod campaigns in Argentina and other South American countries. "The income of the Keren Hayesod in Argentina shows, so far, an increase of thirty per cent as against last year's proceeds," she declared in a statement issued today.

BARUCH RIVKIN, JEWISH WRITER, DIES IN NEW YORK, BELIEVED YIDDISH HAD MESSIANIC MISSION

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here yesterday for Baruch Rivkin, noted Jewish writer, who died last Saturday following a prolonged illness. He was 62 years old.

Rivkin, who was born in Russia and came to this country in 1911, was the author of a number of works on religious philosophy. He advanced the theory that Yiddish literature had a Messianic mission, destined to reveal the most hidden forces of the Jewish people and the very essence of Jewish personality. He was a regular contributor to various Jewish newspapers, and during the last few years he was a member of the editorial staff of the Jewish Day. He was buried in the cemetery of the Jewish National Workers Alliance.

ELIAHU GOLOMB, HISTADRUTH LEADER, DIES IN PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, June 11 (JTA) -- Eliahu Golomb, a leader of the Histadruth, who played an active role in the development of Palestine, died here today of heart failure. He was 53 years old.