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U. S. GOVERNMENT ABOLISHES WAR-TIME VISA REGULATIONS; RETURNS TO PRE-WAR PROCEDURE

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) — The United States Government today announced that pre-war immigration regulations are again in effect, and disclosed, at the same time, that the Inter-Departmental Visa Committee — which was composed of representatives of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, F.B.I., Army and Navy Intelligence — will be abolished as of June 30.

The Board of Visa Appeals, set up in conjunction with the Inter-Departmental Visa Committee, will also be dissolved on June 30, the announcement, issued jointly by the Department of Justice and by the State Department, declared. Aliens seeking to enter the United States after that date will be required to apply directly to U. S. diplomatic and consular officials abroad who will have full authority to grant or refuse visas.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL ALLOW 1,000 JEWISH CHILDREN FROM GERMANY TO ENTER ENGLAND

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) — The British Government has granted permission to the Committee for Jewish Refugees here to bring to Britain 1,000 Jewish children from the concentration camps in Germany, it was announced today by Otto Schiff, chairman of the organization.

The children will be placed under the supervision of Jewish organizations and will be maintained by Jewish relief funds collected in Britain.

The controversy concerning the 92 Jewish children from German concentration camps who, after being brought to Paris, were placed by French authorities in a non-Jewish welfare institution against the wishes of Jewish welfare organizations is attracting special attention here.

Authoritative sources pointed out today that the agency which should settle the dispute is the Inter-Governmental Committee for Refugees since, under existing agreements, supreme responsibility with regard to the ultimate destination of displaced persons is vested in the Inter-Governmental Committee. Palestine visas, have been reserved for all the 92 children who are, temporarily, in a non-Jewish children's home near Paris.

Agudas Israel in London Transmits Letters to Surviving Jews in German Camps

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) — The Agudas Israel World Organization today announced that it is in a position to forward letters to Jewish survivors in the Buchenwald and Dachau camps in Germany.

"The letters must be addressed to specified individuals and must be written in English, German or Yiddish," the announcement said. "They should be as short as possible."

## J.D.C. TELLS STORY OF AMERICAN JEWISH RELIEF WORK BETWEEN TWO WORLD WARS

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) — The story of thirty years of American Jewish relief work in all parts of the world through the Joint Distribution Committee is told in a special publication issued here today by the J.D.C., giving facts and figures on the aid it has brought to millions of Jews between the two world wars.

Revealing that the J.D.C. has spent more than \$150,000,000 during the thirty years of its existence, Paul Baerwald, chairman of the organization, points out that the story of the thirty years of J.D.C. activities contains "the barest record of an effort that must still go on - to save, to relieve, to heal, to restore."

In addition to giving information on the sums collected and spent each year by the J.D.C. ever since the organization began functioning in 1914, the publication enumerates the countries where it operated and gives data as to the relief funds spent in each country. It also explains how the J.D.C. functions as "the world's outstanding relief and welfare agency of and for Jews throughout the world."

Its Emergency Administration Committee, the J.D.C. reports, meets formally at least once a week as the functioning arm of the executive committee, dealing with appropriations, cable appeals and decisions, cooperation with government agencies, and relations with other Jewish and non-Jewish bodies. Sustaining the Emergency Administration Committee is an executive committee of 36 who plan the wide program, consider and establish policy, review the decisions of the administrative committee and schedule the work ahead. This executive committee, which meets at least once a month, is the central authority of the Joint Distribution Committee.

The executive committee reports to the board of directors made up of 210 leaders in American Jewish life. The basic corporate body of the J.D.C. is the National Council whose 5,200 members are selected from the Jewish communities throughout the United States, with one-third of the membership up for election every year. In this way there is a constant rotation of old and new forces to sustain the J.D.C.'s vitality and to register the evolving character of Jewish communal life," the report points out.

### Needs of J.D.C. For Immediate Future Outlined in 8-point Program

The needs of the Joint Distribution Committee in the immediate future are outlined in the report by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the organization, in a 8-point program. The J.D.C., Mr. Hyman says, must continue to bear the responsibility for:

1. Extending emergency relief to the several thousand Jews still under enemy control where J.D.C. relief, the only major source of aid, stands between life and death;
2. Continuation of relief for refugees who found temporary havens in neutral countries;
3. Continuation of aid in transporting refugees from temporary neutral havens to Palestine and other countries;
4. Aiding Jewish nationals in enemy and ex-enemy countries who were never

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displaced or who returned to their homes immediately after liberation, e.g., Roumania, Bulgaria.

5. Emergency aid to Jews in liberated countries pending the organization of assistance by UNRRA which operates only by invitation of the respective national governments and approval of the military.

6. Cooperation with UNRRA by lending J.D.C. personnel with experience and knowledge of Jews and by offering forms of supplementary relief to meet special needs of Jews who were everywhere singled out for harsh treatment and suffered more than most people.

7. Immediate assistance in the reviving of Jewish communal, religious and welfare institutions, medical, child care training and economic aid, which were completely destroyed by Axis occupants and which are indispensable to the effective restoration of Jewish communal life, a task which UNRRA can under no circumstances assume.

8. Cooperation with governmental and inter-governmental agencies, to plan for assistance in the long-run economic reconstruction of Jewish life and aid in the resettlement of those who cannot return to their former homes.

"This is the burden for American Jews who have created and sustained the J.D.C. as an all-embracing global agency for rescue, relief and reconstruction," Mr. Ryan points out.

#### RE-TRIAL OF SEDITION DEFENDANTS ORDERED BY JUSTICE DEPT.; SOME ELIMINATED

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- Attorney General Francis Biddle has directed a re-trial of the case against the alleged seditionists, eliminating some of the defendants and shortening the trial time, the Justice Department announced today. The District of Columbia court is expected to set a date for the trial.

The first trial opened April 17, 1944 and was suspended November 30 with the death of presiding Judge Edward Eicher.

#### TRUMAN DISCUSSES ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT B'NAI B'RITH HOSPITAL

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- President Truman yesterday discussed establishment of a National Arthritis Research Institute at the Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital of the B'nei B'rith in Hot Springs, Arkansas, with Louis Kranitz of St. Joseph, Missouri, vice-president of the hospital. The proposed institute would be the first of its kind.

#### NEW ENGLAND JNF CONTRIBUTES \$100,000 FOR MASSACHUSETTS COLONY IN PALESTINE

BOSTON, June 15. (JTA) -- A check for \$100,000, marking the final installment of a total of \$150,000 pledged by the New England Jewish National Fund for the establishment of a colony in Palestine named after Massachusetts, was presented to Mendel Fisher, executive director of the JNF.

The presentation was made at a meeting in the Parker House by Dr. Arthur I. Shain, president of the New England JNF. The colony, "Naaleth Massachusetts," will occupy 6,000 dunams in the south-eastern part of the Jezreel Valley. United States Senator Leverett Saltenstall was honorary chairman of the fund drive.