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106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT WILL FINANCE SCHOOLS OPERATED BY MINORITY GROUPS

SOPIA, June 17. (JTA) — The Bulgarian Government will provide for the maintenance of schools operated by racial and religious minorities, it was announced here today by the Supreme Education Council.

Representatives of the Jewish community and of other minority groups immediately expressed their thanks to the council and to the executive committee of the Fatherland Front.

GERMAN SCIENTISTS KILLED 21,500 JEWS IN POISON-GAS EXPERIMENTS AT MAUTHAUSEN CAMP

MAUTHAUSEN, Austria, June 17. (JTA) — Records showing that of 24,000 Jews brought by the Nazis from all parts of Europe to the Mauthausen camp — where German scientists used inmates as guinea pigs in poison-gas experiments — only 2,500 survived when the U. S. troop liberated this town were made public here today.

The largest proportion of the Jewish survivors were deportees from Hungary who are now en route to their native country. At present there are only 349 Jewish men and 626 Jewish women left in the camp. About twenty-five per cent of them expressed a desire to go to Palestine, while others said they wanted to emigrate to the United States, or to South America. The most tragic persons among these long-term inmates are those who, accustomed to the horrible camp life, are unable to face freedom and want to remain at Mauthausen.

A Jewish committee, headed by Dr. Maximilian Hornung of Cracow, is completing a list of the surviving Jews, their closest relatives, and where they want to go. The American commandant of the camp is a Jewish captain, Michael Levy, from Houston, Texas.

POLISH ANTI-SEMITIC STUDENTS DELIVERED JEWS TO GESTAPO DURING OCCUPATION OF POLAND

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) — Capt. Leon Peretz, a Jewish captain in the Polish Army who was liberated by American troops from a camp in Bavaria, today charged that Polish anti-Semitic students, members of the Nara Party, cooperated with the Germans during the occupation of Poland and delivered many Jews to the Gestapo.

Arriving in London, Capt. Peretz, who is a relative of the famous Jewish writer J. L. Peretz, told a press conference how he fought with a partisan unit battling the Germans in Poland, after he succeeded in escaping from a transport en route to the Sobibor death camp. He revealed that while working in the underground in Warsaw he forged identity documents for Jews, adding that about 30,000 Jews hid in Warsaw, using false documents, after the Germans liquidated the ghetto there following the Jewish uprising.

"Secret hideouts for Jews were maintained throughout the occupation," he related. "Three Jewish women and two men were kept in a walled-up room in a German factory in Warsaw and were secretly fed every night through a small hole. When one

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man died, her body had to be cut into parts in order to be removed through the hole. The underground movement paid a thousand slotys monthly for the upkeep of hiding Jews."

Capt. Peretz, who was twice wounded, witnessed the gruesome execution of his parents and brothers. He participated in the battle of the Warsaw ghetto in 1944, where he was captured by the Germans and taken to a concentration camp in Upper-Silesia. After long months of internment, he and other prisoners were marched 900 kilometers to a camp near Bad Neustadt, Bavaria. Four days after their arrival at this camp, the American troops occupied Bad Neustadt and liberated the internees.

#### SWEDEN WILL ADMIT 10,000 REFUGEES FOR PERMANENT SETTLEMENT, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) -- Sweden has agreed to admit for permanent settlement 10,000 refugees who cannot return to their countries of origin, the newspaper people reports today from Stockholm.

Lauding Sweden's rescue activities, the paper says that in the last two months it has admitted 20,000 persons liberated from German concentration camps.

#### MUNICIPALITY HELPS SURVIVING JEWS IN POLISH TOWN; OF 12,000 JEWS ONLY 300 SURVIVE

MOSCOW, June 17. (JTA) -- The Lublin radio reported in a Yiddish broadcast that only 300 of 12,000 Jews in the township of Chorzow, Poland survive.

A local Jewish committee is functioning there and is receiving full cooperation from the mayor in its efforts to improve the situation of the surviving Jews, the broadcast added.

#### EXTENSIVE LABOR LEGISLATION DRAFTED BY PALESTINE GOVERNMENT; AWAITS LONDON APPROVAL

TEL AVIV, June 17. (JTA) -- Measures calling for minimum wages, registration of trade unions, and improved working conditions have been drafted by the Palestine Government, and will be enacted as soon as they are approved in London, it was learned here today.

Under the legislation, a Registrar of Trade Unions is established with which unions and employers' associations must register. Conditions of work in industrial enterprises are defined in a so-called factory ordinance. Minimum wages, apprenticeships and other employment conditions in commercial enterprises are covered in a Trade Board Ordinance. A procedure governing compensation for and reports on industrial accidents is also outlined.

The concepts embodied in the above measures are not alien to Palestine, since the Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Labor, has advocated regulatory legislation for many years, but they mark a step forward in that enforcement will be in the hands of governmental authorities.

#### HAYIM GREENBERG SUBMITS RESIGNATION AS CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- Hayim Greenberg, Labor-Zionist leader, has submitted his resignation as chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, it was learned here today. The executive committee of the council is expected to meet within the next few days to act upon the resignation.

Meanwhile, members of the Jewish Agency executive who are now in the United States today issued a statement denying a report carried by all Yiddish dailies to the effect that representatives of the Agency here are preventing a solution of the Silver-Wise controversy.

## ISSUES OF AMERICAN TRADE WITH PALESTINE DISCUSSED AT ALL-DAY ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- The progress which has been achieved in the industrial and agricultural development of Palestine and the opportunities for American businessmen to participate in the economic expansion of that country were reviewed at the Palestine Economic Conference held in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel today under the auspices of the Palestine Economic Bureau of the Zionist Organization of America in association with the Keren Hayesod.

"Transformation of Palestine from the dormant agricultural and pastoral country it was before the last war to a progressive industrial country of high technical and cultural attainments is already well advanced," it was pointed out by Robert W. Barr, Chief of the Near East Section, U. S. Department of Commerce, one of the speakers at the evening session. "Palestine should emerge from the war stronger economically than it has ever been before.

"The future of United States trade with Palestine is bright, but serious problems must be solved if the potentialities are to be realized," Mr. Barr emphasized. "The most important problem affecting American economic relations with Palestine is whether the existing trade controls are going to be eliminated. If they are, the potentialities of United States trade may be realized. If not our exports to Palestine will be limited.

"Palestine needs machinery, motor vehicles, lubricating oils and greases, household and building equipment, pipes and fittings, tools and many other commodities, all of which are potential exports from the United States. In spite of its ancient history, Palestine is a new country. It is now in an expanding economic phase. In this phase the United States can be and has been of great assistance. It may be hoped that the problems standing in the way of more intimate and more extensive economic ties between these two countries may be happily solved.

"Palestine is now exporting out and polished diamonds to the United States at the rate of over \$20,000,000 a year, an export which during the war has taken the place of the former principal export, citrus fruit. If these two industries together with the Dead Sea chemical salt industry are maintained after the war, their exports alone are likely to reach \$44,000,000. Palestine's total exports in the the three pre-war years averaged \$31,000,000."

### Employment for 30,000 Palestine Workers in Building Industry Predicted

Revival of the building industry in Palestine, which was almost completely halted during the war years, will provide employment for 30,000 workers during the next four years, declared Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, another speaker at the evening session. Mr. Kaplan arrived here recently from his headquarters in Jerusalem. "The need for additional housing in Palestine has grown acute with the entry of more than 60,000 Jewish refugees since the beginning of the war," Mr. Kaplan said. "Far greater housing facilities will be required to accommodate the tens of thousands of new immigrants who are expected to arrive in the immediate future from the liberated areas in Europe. Housing and public works will absorb many workers who have been engaged in war industry during the transition period from wartime to peacetime economy."

The proposed "Jordan Valley Authority" is a significant indication of how American skills and experience can be of help in expanding the economy of Palestine, said Emanuel Neumann, managing director, Palestine Surveys, who also addressed the

evening session. "If and when these proposed plans of the J. V. A. are carried out, the absorptive capacity of Palestine will be so increased as to make room for an estimated 2,000,000 additional population without displacing a single Arab or Jew now in the country," Mr. Neumann explained.

Development of Palestine along modern industrial and agricultural lines has made that country a "going concern," ripe for investment capital, declared Julius Simon, president of the Palestine Economic Corporation, largest American business enterprise in that country, another speaker at the evening session. "Palestine stands on its own feet economically," said Mr. Simon, "and capital invested with normal prudence may expect a return."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, urged American Jews to invest capital in Palestine during the next few years, in order to accelerate the economic progress of that country.

#### RECONSTITUTED UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CALLS ON 4,600 JEWISH COMMUNITIES FOR PROMPT SUPPORT

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- The first plea directed to the Jews of the United States since the reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal was issued here today by Isidor Coons and Henry Montor, executive vice-chairmen of the UJA, asking 4,600 Jewish communities throughout the country to give prompt support to the U.J.A. campaign.

Pointing out that the estimated needs of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service this year exceed \$30,000,000, the appeal said: "American Jews hold the key to the future of the Jewish people who have been the victims of twelve years of indescribable suffering and horror. It is earnestly hoped that governmental and inter-governmental bodies will extend increasing assistance to all victims of Hitler's war against humanity. Until that day comes, however, the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal must fulfill their solemn responsibility to sustain large numbers of Jews requiring aid in France, Belgium, Holland, Rumania, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria and other lands, who are in immediate need of emergency relief during the transition period, and to lay the foundations for the rehabilitation of great masses of them in the Jewish National Home."

#### U.S. JEWISH LABOR GROUPS CONTRIBUTE \$100,000 FOR "BERL KATZNEISON" COLONY IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- The proclamation of Palestine as a democratic Jewish Commonwealth was demanded by 1500 spokesmen and representatives of labor organizations and Zionist groups today at a dinner tendered to mark the founding of a new agricultural colony in Palestine, named after Berl Katznelson, founder of the Palestine Federation of Labor and editor, until his death a year ago, of "Davar." Contributions of \$100,000 were received at the dinner.

A call to American labor to support Jewish demands regarding Palestine was embodied in a cabled message from Leon Blum, former Premier of France, which was read to the audience. M. Blum declared: "Today, as before, I stand four-square with the aims and aspirations of the Jewish labor movement in its struggle for the preservation of freedom and in opposition to all limitations upon the continuation of its noble work for the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine based upon justice and cooperation with the working classes of the Arab people and in close collaboration with the International Labor movement."