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APPEAL FOR RELEASE OF EX-MUFTI; INTERNED GERMANS RELEASED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- The Arab Party in Palestine today intensified its campaign for the release of the ex-Mufti and other pro-Axis Arab leaders and for their return to Palestine by addressing an appeal to King George of England, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

Disclosure of the appeal was made on the Cairo radio, which added that similar requests have also been telegraphed by the Palestine Arab Party to the Archbishop of Canterbury and to members of the House of Lords.

Meanwhile, the release from internment in Palestine of German nationals who were taken into custody after the outbreak of war has resulted in a flood of mail to local newspapers. Indignant readers demand that the Germans be deported to the Reich, while others urge that the "non-fraternization" rule laid down by Allied commanders in Germany be enforced here.

Still others ask whether the Germans are going to be permitted to go home peacefully "as if nothing had ever happened." One letter-writer asks if the Czechs can repatriate several million Sudeten Germans, why can't a few thousand be ousted from Palestine.

GERMAN JEWS REFUSE REPATRIATION FROM SWITZERLAND; BERLIN TO NAME RABBI TO MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

GENEVA, June 18 (JTA) -- German-Jewish refugees in Swiss labor camps do not desire to return to their homes in Germany, it was established here today by a poll taken among the refugees by the Swiss authorities. A similar response was elicited from non-interned refugees.

The Federation of Jewish Communities in Switzerland, as well as the World Jewish Congress, have been conducting a campaign among the Jewish refugees for a long time, persuading them not to return to Germany. The poll taken by the authorities was the subject of lively discussion both among the refugees and in the Swiss press.

A broadcast from Berlin today reported an announcement by Dr. Arthur Werner, the Russian-appointed mayor of the German capital, declaring that a rabbi will shortly be named a member of the municipality's commission dealing with religious affairs. The broadcast said that the repatriation of German Jews from Theresienstadt is being speeded so as to bring the Jews back to their home towns before the end of this month.

"Municipal authorities in various cities of Germany are organizing auto convoys to bring the Jews back home from Theresienstadt," the broadcast reported. "Some Jews have been brought to Jena, Erfurt and Chemnitz. About 4,600 are still awaiting repatriation. Of them, more than 2,000 are listed with the Jewish repatriation committee in Berlin."

SEN. EISENHOWER SAYS WAR CRIMINALS MUST BE PUNISHED; 15,000 ALREADY APPREHENDED

WASHINGTON, June 18. (JTA) -- General Dwight D. Eisenhower, at a press conference today, forcefully insisted that war criminals must be found, that they must not be allowed to escape and must be punished. He said "that is our only hope of showing that crime doesn't pay." To date about 15,000 accused war criminals have already been apprehended, Gen. Eisenhower disclosed.

The supreme Allied commander said he was never so angry in his life as when he saw the "bestiality" displayed in the German concentration camps. He added that he would class any SS trooper as a war criminal, putting the burden of proof on him to establish his innocence. Non-fraternization with the German people must continue till the last element of Nazism is rooted out, the general stressed.

Declaring that we must utterly destroy the German General Staff because the staff used political leaders to implement their plans, Gen. Eisenhower said "it should be made utterly impossible for the German General Staff ever to function again." That could be accomplished, he stated, by destroying the archives of the staff and by segregating all trained German General Staff officers.

BRITAIN WILL BE ASKED TO HEAR PLEA FOR ADMISSION OF EUROPEAN JEWS TO PALESTINE

LONDON, June 18 (JTA) -- The British Government will be asked to receive within the next few days a delegation desiring to present a memorandum outlining the urgent need for the immediate admission into Palestine of tens of thousands of surviving Jews in Europe, it was decided last night at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

A letter from the Jewish terrorist suspects sent from Palestine to a camp in the Sudan was read to the meeting. The deportees, who style themselves the "New Zionist Organization in Exile and Detention," appealed to the Board to intervene to secure their release. It was suggested that the government allow a well known jurist to visit the deportees to hear their complaints and make a report.

A national conference of the British Mizrahi Organization, held yesterday, adopted a resolution reiterating its opposition to any partition scheme for Palestine and asking creation of a Jewish state.

500 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM EUROPE ARRIVE IN PALESTINE, MAJORITY FROM SWITZERLAND

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- A steamer carrying 500 Jewish refugees from Europe, including 360 from Switzerland and a number from Portugal and from Algiers, arrived today in Haifa.

The Hatzofeh, Orthodox daily newspaper, today carries an article complaining that the Palestine Government has refused to allow Jewish youths employed in government-owned railway workshops to take Saturday off. The paper points out that this is contrary to the provisions of the Palestine mandate which stipulate that persons employed by the Palestine Government are to be granted an appropriate rest-day and which prohibit dismissal of state employees for observance of their religious holidays.

BEN GURION EN ROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES; EXPECTED TO ARRIVE HERE TODAY

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, left here by air for the United States. Mr. Ben Gurion has been in England for several months conferring with Zionist leaders and government officials. (The Jewish Agency office in New York said that it expected Ben Gurion to arrive here tomorrow.)

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UNITY IN AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES RESULTS IN UNPRECEDENTED FUND RAISING, SAYS REPORT

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) — The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds today issued an announcement emphasising how "years of intensive local community organization which promoted unity, harmony and singleness of purpose in developing Jewish social welfare programs reaped a rich harvest of success in unprecedented fund raising results."

"Philadelphia, animated by victories in 1943 and 1944 when it twice broke into the million dollar campaign circle, showed high confidence in its organizational strength by setting \$2,225,000 as its 1945 goal," the announcement says. "That confidence proved well-founded when it hit that mark—a splendid increase of \$400,523 over 1944," the announcement points out.

Cleveland met the test of communal strength by going above a million dollars for the second consecutive year, this time raising \$1,342,000 which is \$235,000 more than it raised in 1944.

Los Angeles, with a goal of \$3,000,000 this year, is aiming at first place in the list of communities, outside of New York City. It has already passed last year's \$2,000,000 figure.

Other outstanding results include Newark, last year \$706,000, total to date \$851,000, with \$900,000 certain on the basis of outstanding gifts; Worcester which achieved \$275,000 as against last year's \$204,000; and Akron which went over its 1945 goal by \$36,000 when it reported \$236,000. Houston raised \$225,000 which is \$74,000 more than it did last year. Omaha, incomplete at \$206,000 is already \$38,000 ahead of 1944. Top results on the west coast were also reported by Seattle, Portland and Oakland.

Canadian Jewish Communities Also Show Increase in Fund-Raising

Canadian Jewish communities showed the same pattern of performance, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds reports. Winnipeg, on the basis of dramatic increases from top givers, is assured of \$256,000, which will be an increase of \$76,000 over last year. Hamilton showed a tidy increase of \$10,300 over 1944 by raising \$59,300 this year, and Windsor reported that it raised \$57,000. Commenting on the high level of success enjoyed by Jewish communities this Spring, Sidney Hollander, president of the Council said:

"The continued upward trend in fund raising reported by our Jewish communities reflects the value of federations, welfare funds, and community councils in developing cooperation among the varied Jewish elements and interest groups in every locality. This type of central organization has been responsible for making every Jewish resident conscious of his share of responsibility in helping to finance common Jewish causes and activities. It successfully introduced and developed the one-time, overall campaign effort for all Jewish needs to the elimination of the wasteful, time-consuming, fragmenting individual drives which prevailed in the past.

"Were it not for this progress, among others, the advantages accruing from a high national income, full employment, and favorable tax deductions for philanthropic purposes might have been lost to the Jewish community campaigns. Our communities, which have attained a high degree of organization, can face the future with confidence on the basis of their superb performances this Spring."

NETWORK OF OSE BRANCHES OPERATING IN RUMANIA; RELIEF TEAM IN YUGOSLAVIA

PARIS, June 18. (JTA) -- Twenty OSE branches are now operating in Rumania, where they are taking care of 11,000 children, 2,500 of whom are in OSE homes, Dr. Isaac Gurevitch, the organization's director, disclosed today.

He predicted that OSE activities in Rumania would be extended since there are 80,000 Jewish children in the country under the age of 15, of whom one-third are in need of some kind of assistance. He said that the situation was particularly acute in Moldavia, where there is a shortage of adequate housing because of war damage. In Jassy, he revealed, two-thirds of the habitable buildings have been destroyed.

An OSE relief team is already working in Yugoslavia, Dr. Gurevitch said, and the OSE and JDC plan to send other units into Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria. Medical supplies have already been sent to those countries. The OSE branch in Casablanca, he said, is aiding 4,000 Jewish children of school age.

The OSE leader said that a conference of the organization's leaders will be held in Geneva next month to decide where to locate the OSE's European center. He predicted that Paris would probably be chosen.

KANSAS CITY JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION LAUNCHES \$750,000 CAMPAIGN FOR MEDICAL CENTER

KANSAS CITY, June 18. (JTA) -- A community-wide campaign to raise upwards of \$750,000 for development of a medical center to include a Home For Jewish Aged and an addition to Menorah Hospital to provide a hospital for chronically ill will be launched tomorrow by the Jewish Welfare Federation of Greater Kansas City.

Pre-campaign solicitation by a special gifts committee already has brought in \$259,000 of the three-quarter million dollar goal. Approximately 5,000 Jewish homes will be solicited in the drive.

CANADIAN ZIONISTS WILL RAISE \$100,000 FOR A "FREIMAN COLONY" IN PALESTINE

MONTREAL, June 18. (JTA) -- Of the \$175,000 which Canadian Jewry has undertaken to raise as a special Jewish National Fund quota for the current year, \$100,000 will go towards the foundation of a "Freiman Colony" in Palestine, it was announced at a conference of J.N.F. workers here today. A pamphlet on the life and work of the late A.J. Freiman, who was president of the Zionist Organization of Canada for a quarter of a century, will shortly be published to further the campaign.

RABBIS URGE OPEN DOOR TO PALESTINE IN CALL FOR NATIONAL "DAY OF REPENTANCE"

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- An appeal to the United Nations to deal justly with the long-suffering Jewish people by opening the gates of Palestine, was made today by the Rabbinical Council of America in a proclamation setting aside Thursday, June 28, as a national "Day of Repentance."

In selecting June 28, the proclamation noted that it was the 17th of Tamuz, traditional Fast Day, which marks the siege of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. and also that this day has always made the Jew "conscious of the loss of his Home Land, of the destruction of his religious center and of the weakness and failure of the people that brought on the catastrophe."