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BEN-GURION WARNS OF "BLOODY" EVENTS IN PALESTINE; SAYS JEWS WILL NOT TOLERATE "GHETTO"

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) — Reiterating his warnings of bloody events in Palestine if the White Paper is not abolished by the British Government, David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, told a press conference here today that only American public opinion can prevent "a big tragedy" by convincing Britain that Palestine must be open to Jewish immigration.

"I speak in the name of all the 600,000 Jews of Palestine when I say that we are not ready to tolerate any longer the White Paper restrictions," Ben Gurion said. "If not for our strong desire to help the Allies in winning the war, we would have ceased tolerating these restrictions long ago. But the war in Europe is over, and we will not agree any longer to a ghetto regime imposed upon us by a power which we consider an alien in Palestine."

The leader of the Jewish Agency emphasized that during his stay in the United States he will make an effort to bring about unity among all Jews in this country for the purpose of winning the support of the United States for Jewish claims on Palestine.

"We are on the eve of historic decisions with regard to Palestine," Ben-Gurion declared. "These decisions may be in favor of our demand for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State, or they may be against us. Both are possible. But one thing is certain, should Britain decide to maintain its White Paper restrictions, she will be able to do it only through a regime of bloody terror." He added that there are no less than 250,000 able-bodied men and women among the 600,000 Jews in Palestine.

Charges Britain With Responsibility for Jews Massacred by Nazis

Reviewing the difficulties created by the White Paper for the Jewish development of Palestine, Ben-Gurion charged the British Government with responsibility for the mass-murder of many thousands of Jews in Europe during the Nazi regime, pointing out that these Jews could have been absorbed in Palestine had Britain not introduced immigration restrictions. He said that Palestine can easily absorb a million more Jews if the country were open to Jewish immigration.

During the last few years the Jews of Palestine raised among themselves about twelve million dollars, primarily for the work of rescuing Jews from Nazi Europe, Ben-Gurion reported. He revealed that many Jewish young men and women from Palestine volunteered for dangerous rescue missions which took them behind the German lines. They operated in Rumania, Hungary and other countries which were under German domination. He also disclosed that one-third of the Palestine Arabs who joined the British forces deserted after a few months of service.

The Zionist leader also reported that in France, which he recently visited, many Jews are adopting Catholicism, but on the other hand many Jews who were never nationalist-minded are now staunch supporters of Zionism and are ready to fight for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State.

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NEWS IN SWEDEN ASK EASING OF REGULATIONS FOR STATELESS REFUGEES, SPEEDY NATURALIZATION

STOCKHOLM, June 21. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations here, and in Goteborg and Almo, have submitted a memorandum to the Minister of Justice drawing his attention to the status of stateless refugees now in Sweden, it was reported today.

The memorandum asked that the stateless persons should be placed in the same category as Baltic refugees, who are permitted to seek employment here and urged that legislation be drafted to accord them legal rights and to allow them to become naturalized without waiting for the ten-year period required under present laws.

POLE JEWS LEAVE PALESTINE FOR UNITED STATES; SEVERELY CRITICISED BY HEBREW PRESS

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- The Spanish steamer Plus Ultra, which brought over 500 Jewish refugees to Palestine this week, left here today carrying 40 Palestine residents bound for the United States.

The Hebrew press has been railing recently against persons who came here under the White Paper quota, using precious immigration certificates, and are now leaving for other countries.

Eliahu Dobkin, immigration chief of the Jewish Agency, is flying to France tomorrow to arrange the emigration of Jews planning to come to Palestine, it was announced today.

A meeting of the Maccabi Organization today voted to send a delegation to the United Kingdom and the United States to revive the Maccabi movement in these countries.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUTURE OF GERMAN COLONY IN PALESTINE SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- A memorandum containing recommendations concerning the future of the German colony in Palestine has been submitted to the Palestine Government by the Jewish Agency, it was revealed today by Moshe Shertok, political chief of the Agency, addressing a meeting of the Small Zionist Actions Committee.

Mr. Shertok disclosed that, in addition to the memorandum submitted last month to the British Government, demanding the establishment of a Jewish state, the Agency sent a memorandum to the Palestine Government urging mass immigration of surviving Jews from Europe.

The meeting of the Large Zionist Actions Committee, which was scheduled to convene in London the end of next month, will not be held because of technical difficulties, it was announced at the meeting. In its place, a conference of members of the Smaller Actions Committee, chosen on the basis of party representation, will be held in London, and other Zionist leaders will be invited.

The committee, at today's session, elected Abraham Harsfeld of the Palestine Labor Party, Abraham Kestenberg, of the Poale Mizrahi, Jacob Hazan of the Hashomer Hatzair and Joseph Janower, veteran Zionist leader from South Africa, to the board of directors of the Jewish National Fund.

GREEK JEWS ASK TRIAL IN GREECE OF NAZIS WHO ORGANIZED PERSECUTION OF JEWS

ATHENS, June 21. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the council of Jewish communities has cabled to the Greek representative on the United Nations War Crimes Commission in London listing German war criminals who organized the persecution of Greek Jews and urging that they be extradited to Greece for trial.

SWITZERLAND NOTIFIES BERGEN-BELSEN REFUGEES THEY WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO CAMP IN ITALY

GENEVA, June 21. (JTA) -- Swiss authorities today notified the Jewish refugees transferred from Bergen-Belsen before the capitulation of Germany that they will have to leave Switzerland within a week's time, in accordance with an understanding reached between Switzerland and the United States at the time the Swiss Government agreed to admit them to this country.

It is understood that of the 1,670 Jewish refugees who came here from Bergen-Belsen, about 1,000 are Dutch and Belgian citizens. Their respective legations have taken the responsibility for their repatriation, and they will, therefore, be permitted to remain in Switzerland a little longer. The remaining refugees, including women and children, will be deported next week to an UNRRA camp in Southern Italy, since most of them are stateless or citizens of East European countries.

The deportation of these refugees was scheduled to have taken place recently, but was postponed. However, today the refugees were notified by the Swiss authorities that there will be no further postponement. The refugees insist that they either be sent to Palestine, or permitted to return to their native lands but not via still another camp.

DANGEROUS ANTI-SEMITIC UNDER-CURRENTS PRESENT IN AMERICAN LIFE, FEPC REPORTS

WASHINGTON, June 21. (JTA) -- Dangerous anti-Semitic under-currents are present in American life, and "the margin of our victory over religious intolerance has been narrow," the Fair Employment Practices Committee states in a report to President Truman released last night by the White House.

"In war industries and government service citizens of the Jewish faith have been denied opportunity to serve their country," the report added. "Yet it may still be said that such cases, however symptomatic, have been relatively few in number. The spread of religious intolerance has so far been kept in check by the force of the contrary opinion of the American public."

It discloses that 356 out of a total of 4,081 complaints of employment discrimination to the FEPC during the fiscal year July 1 to June 30, 1944 were on grounds of creed, and of these 258 or 72.7 per-cent concerned Jews. The report quotes the American Jewish Congress as finding that economic discrimination against Jews in the Greater New York area exists in many industries and in many forms.

Of 1,000 discrimination complaints studied, almost half were in financial institutions, professional and related work, machinery and metal trades, chemical and allied industries and employment agencies. The report says "FEPC experience indicates that at the outset of the war there was considerable discrimination against the Jew in the aircraft and instrument industries." Complaints were also received from War and Navy Department establishments, shipbuilding and repair, iron and steel industry and other activities vital to the war effort.

The report notes good results from campaigns to eliminate religious specifications in advertisements, notably in New York and in Cleveland where officials of major newspapers agreed to bar such ads. FEPC seeks to bar discriminatory advertisements when they are submitted to newspapers by industries under FEPC jurisdiction. FEPC also reports employers have rearranged work schedules in some cases to permit orthodox Jews to observe religious customs.

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ONLY ONE PERCENT OF DEPORTED JEWS SURVIVE, SAYS DR. SCHWARTZ; DO NOT WISH TO RETURN HOME

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- Only about one percent of the Jews deported to Poland and Germany have survived to be repatriated and in all of Europe there are probably no more than 1,250,000 Jews, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, told a press conference today. Of these about 200,000 are still in Germany, in and outside of camps.

Dr. Schwartz, who has just returned to the United States after spending eight months visiting Jewish communities in liberated Europe, confirmed previous reports that the majority of the surviving Jews do not wish to return to their homelands, from wherever they are at present, and many of those who were not deported, for one reason or other, also want to emigrate.

The most pressing problem facing Jewish relief groups, the JDC official said, is what to do with the thousands of orphaned Jewish children who are scattered throughout Europe, many in camps and many in non-Jewish institutions and homes. He disclosed that arrangements have been made to bring Jewish children from camps in Germany to England, France, Switzerland and, probably, Sweden, and negotiations are going on to transfer children under non-Jewish custody to the care of Jewish groups. Dr. Schwartz expressed doubt that all of this latter group will be "reclaimed" by the Jews.

The problem of re-establishing Jews in homes and vocations where they can become self-supporting is complicated, he said, by the increased anti-Semitism which can be found in most European countries. But, Dr. Schwartz added, the picture is not all black since left-wing groups, such as Socialists, Communists and resistance organizations, have displayed a great deal of sympathy for Jews and in countries where they are or will become influential the situation will improve.

At present the JDC is operating with American personnel in 14 countries in Europe, the JDC director disclosed, and is working through local committees in several other countries. Through Rumanian Jewish groups, for instance, the JDC is aiding Jews in Rumania, Hungary and Slovakia. In addition, as a result of ruling by SHAEF, the JDC teams will leave shortly for former concentration camps in Germany to assist the inmates and attempt to reunite them with their surviving relatives and arrange their eventual resettlement.

JEWS COMMUNAL LIFE VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT IN MUCH OF EUROPE, SAYS JTA CORRESPONDENT

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- Declaring that in all the countries of liberated Europe which he had visited in the past nine months he did not find one deported Jew who wished to return to his homeland, Meyer Levin, Jewish Telegraphic Agency war correspondent, who has just returned home after covering the Allied armies in Europe since D-Day, said yesterday that Jewish communal life in much of Europe is virtually non-existent.

At a press conference here, Levin revealed that even among Jews, the Nazis practiced their theories of "superior" and "inferior" groups. Jews from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia, for instance, were sent to Theresienstadt, where conditions, although bad, were much better than those found by the Jews from other countries sent to Buchenwald, Bergen-Belsen, Maidanek, or other camps in Poland and Germany. He said that the problem of recovering Jewish children placed in non-Jewish custody is acute and that strong efforts must be made if these children are not to be reared in non-Jewish religions.

GREENBERG QUILTS AS CHAIRMAN OF EMERGENCY COUNCIL ALTHOUGH RESIGNATION REJECTED

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) — The executive committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council, at a meeting this week, unanimously decided not to accept the resignation of Hayim Greenberg, its chairman, it was announced today.

Despite this decision, Mr. Greenberg declared that he stands by his resignation and does not intend to withdraw it. He thanked the meeting for the confidence they expressed in him. His letter of resignation, as made public today, emphasizes that the present difficulties within the Zionist movement in America undermine the prestige and reputation of Zionist leadership and weaken the Zionist position vis-a-vis government circles here and abroad.

The American Zionist Policy Committee, which is campaigning for the return of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to Zionist leadership, today reported that 75,000 members of the Zionist Organization of America have urged Dr. Silver's return to active leadership in the American Zionist movement, expressing their sentiments in resolutions adopted at Zionist meetings throughout the country.

BRIG. GENERAL ISADORE RAVDIN RECEIVES LEGION OF MERIT FOR SERVICE IN INDIA

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) — Brig. Gen. Isadore Ravdin, 49, of the Army Medical Corps, has received the Legion of Merit for meritorious service in India it was reported today by the National Jewish Welfare Board. His work resulted in a reduction of the mortality rate from typhoid fever among the troops in the China-Burma-India theater.

Lt. Leonard Moriber, 28, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who is an infantryman wounded in action four times in France, and whose outfit made more amphibious landings (six) than any other outfit in Europe, holds the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star and Oakleaf Cluster, a Presidential Citation and two Oakleaf Clusters, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and three Oakleaf Clusters, and the French awards Fourragere and Croix de Guerre, the J. W. B. report said.

Moriber served in Italy and France. He received the Silver Star for capturing a machine gun nest. For leading his company to the capture of sixty Germans in a quarry, somewhere in Italy, he received the Bronze Star. The following day he and three others were on reconnaissance duty when he decided that there might be more Germans where the sixty had come from. They set out to find them.

"I was leading the patrol," Moriber reported, "when we came across four Germans. We had a skirmish and killed the four. But my pistol was hit by gunfire and rendered useless. Others in the patrol had little or no ammunition. We continued on to the stone quarry and I ordered the Germans to come out, telling them they were surrounded by U. S. troops. Eight came out with their hands up and dropped their guns. The others inside opened fire. When the going got tough I was able to get my hands on a gun that would shoot. We killed eight Germans in the skirmish. After that the Germans remaining in the quarry obeyed and surrendered. They were marched back to camp. There were 100 in all."

For his part in capturing those 100 Germans, Moriber was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

ZIONISTS SELL \$75,000,000 WORTH OF WAR BONDS IN SIX WEEKS OF 7TH WAR LOAN DRIVE

WASHINGTON, June 21. (JTA) — The Zionist Organization of America announced today that in six weeks of the 7th war loan it has sold 75 million dollars in war bonds, of which 39 million were sold by its New York district.

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