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CATHOLIC GROUP ASKS FOR INVESTIGATION INTO PREJUDICE IN ARMY-NAVY CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal were today requested to institute immediate investigations into the distribution of anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic statements in a correspondence course conducted by the U.S. Armed Forces Institute, under the auspices of the Army and Navy.

The demand came from the Committee of Catholics for Human Rights, which also urged the removal from any activities connected with the education of the U.S. armed forces of all persons responsible for the inclusion of the objectionable statements in the correspondence course.

The Catholic group also asked that the War Department and the Navy Department investigate all courses conducted by the U.S. Armed Forces Institute "in order to assure us that the victory won upon the field by the blood of our soldiers is not lost by systematic and concerted attempts, no matter how unintentional, to prey upon the intelligence of our youth in the armed services."

"Anti-Catholicism and anti-Semitism are attitudes dangerous to minority relationship within the United States and are tools of anti-democratic forces," the letter of the Catholic organization said. "This subtle blow to the war effort through propagation of un-American attitudes must be repudiated by the War and Navy Departments in order to serve notice that such attitudes will not be tolerated now and in the future."

7,000 LIBERATED JEWS SETTLE IN FORMER GERMAN SILESIA; JEWS FROM POLAND JOIN THEM

MOSCOW, June 28. (JTA) -- The Lublin radio today reported that many Jews from the interior of Poland are going to Lower Silesia where 7,000 Jews liberated from German concentration camps have settled for permanent residence in and around the city of Reichenbach, where they are working on farms and in factories.

Originally about 15,000 Jews were liberated from concentration camps in Lower Silesia, but all Hungarian, Czech, Belgian and Dutch Jews left for their native lands. The remainder -- former residents of Galicia and the Sudeten area -- held a conference in Reichenbach, established a central Jewish committee, and decided to make Silesia their permanent home. The conference hailed the return of Lower Silesia to Poland after 700 years of German rule.

In addition to Jews working on farms and in factories, a number have set themselves up in Reichenbach as tailors, shoemakers, and artisans of all kind. The central Jewish committee is arranging to care for children, the sick and the aged.

1,300 LIBERATED DUTCH JEWS REACH HOLLAND; 1,000 REPATRIATED FROM THERESIENSTADT

BRUSSELS, June 28. (JTA) -- About 1,000 Netherlands Jews liberated from Theresienstadt and 300 freed from the Bergen-Belsen camp arrived this week in Holland, it was reported today from Eindhoven.

UNRRA, SWISS RED CROSS ARRANGE HAVENS IN SWITZERLAND FOR 2,000 REFUGEE CHILDREN

GENEVA, June 28. (JTA) -- American military authorities, UNRRA and the Swiss Red Cross have concluded an agreement under which 2,000 refugee children will be brought to Switzerland from concentration camps in Germany, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

The agreement was disclosed by U.S. Army Chaplain Capt. Herschel Schacter, who arrived here this week with 347 children from Buchenwald, the first contingent of the 2,000 who will eventually come here. The children left Weimar, near which the Buchenwald camp is located, on June 12 and arrived at Basle on June 23. All through Germany their train was bedecked with Jewish flags, Capt. Schacter said, and the children sang Hebrew songs.

The majority of the youngsters come from Poland and Hungary, and had been confined in camps for about five years. Talking to them one gets the impression that he is speaking to adults. They have definite ideas on where they want to go eventually--and few of them want to return to their homelands. Many want to settle in Palestine and others wish to emigrate to America, where they have relatives. The parents of most of the children are dead.

The chaplain revealed that shortly after the liberation of Buchenwald a group of young Zionists founded a "Hachshara" colony to train themselves for settlement in Palestine. U.S. military authorities placed an estate at their disposal which they named "Kibbutz Buchenwald." Since this area has now been assigned to the Russians, the youths, who are remaining under American military jurisdiction, will be transferred to another farm, Capt. Schacter said.

The Jewish survivors found in the Nazi camps he visited were in an indescribable state, Capt. Schacter said, but not all of them were crushed. Many had kept their faith in the future of the Jewish people, but were disappointed at what they considered the passive attitude of world Jewry towards their sufferings. The chief concern is: "Where do we go from here?" The Jewish chaplains, and many Jewish soldiers, are doing everything possible to bring immediate aid to these survivors, but the task is immense and far beyond their potentialities, he stressed.

1,000 JEWISH CHILDREN IN BUDAPEST ARE HOMELESS; ORPHANAGES OBTAINED FOR 3,000

TEL AVIV, June 28. (JTA) -- Of the 10,000 Jewish children remaining in Budapest, 7,000 are wandering the streets, homeless and uncared for, according to a report received here today. Shelter in orphanages has been obtained so far, for only 3,000.

Meanwhile, it was announced today that Jacob Griffel, a representative of the American Agudas Israel and the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, has arrived in Germany to visit Jews still detained in camps. Griffel has already obtained permission to visit camps in the American and British zones, the announcement said.

POLISH JEWS BROUGHT TO SWEDEN FIND ANTI-SEMITISM AMONG POLES IN REFUGEE CAMPS

STOCKHOLM, June 28. (JTA) -- Polish-Jewish refugees from Nazi camps who are being sheltered here in camps for Polish citizens have encountered anti-Semitism among their non-Jewish countrymen, the newspaper Dagens Nyheter reports today.

The paper says that the Jews do not wish to return to Poland, where, they fear, they will meet the same prejudice. It urges action by international Jewish organizations to meet this problem, adding that unless Polish Jews seem reconciled to the idea of returning home when things are more settled, routes to the West and South must be opened for them.

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN SENDS SPECIAL ENVOY TO EUROPE TO STUDY REFUGEE PROBLEMS THERE

WASHINGTON, June 28. (JTA) -- Earl G. Harrison, former U. S. Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, is leaving today for Europe as President Truman's personal representative to study the position of refugees in France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and other countries.

Mr. Harrison will pay special attention to the problem of "stateless" refugees and those who refuse to return to their native lands. He may also visit refugee camps in Germany and Austria in order to personally talk to the refugees and learn of their hopes and intentions.

Mr. Harrison succeeded Myron C. Taylor as U.S. representative on the Inter-governmental Committee on Refugees. He will confer with officials of the committee in London soon after completing his survey of the European continent, and will discuss with them plans to care for the racial, religious and political refugees who cannot return to their homes.

120,000 JEWISH CHILDREN PERISHED IN EUROPE; ONLY 150,000 SURVIVED, GODARD REPORTS

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- Only about 150,000 out of a total of 1,350,000 Jewish children who lived in central and eastern Europe before the war have survived the Nazi terror, declared Senator Justin Godard, prominent French leader and president of the World Union OSE, organization for child care, health and hygiene among Jews, who arrived in New York today on an official French government mission.

Speaking at a reception given in his honor by the American OSE at the Commodore Hotel, Senator Godard, who was a candidate for President of France and a minister in several French cabinets, described the plight of the Jewish children, most of them orphans, who have been saved from various concentration camps. About 8,000 Jewish children have survived the horrors of Buchenwald and Belsen, most notorious German camps, he estimated.

The French leader reported that there are now about ten thousand Jewish children under the care of the OSE in France, over 7,000 of whom are placed with families and about 2,500 of whom are being taken care of in the fourteen institutions and children's homes of the OSE in France. Homes for additional 700 children are now being prepared by the OSE which now maintains 26 medical dispensaries for these children in France, he said.

Recalling the agreement recently reached with the French government according to which the French OSE has been authorized to assume care and hospitalization of the Jewish orphans released from German camps, Senator Godard declared that the French government assured a Jewish delegation this week that the Jewish refugee children from Germany, whom French authorities in Paris recently placed under the care of a non-Jewish welfare organization, will be transferred to Jewish institutions. The guest emphasized the generosity toward the Jewish war refugees shown by the French governmental authorities.

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

ATLANTIC CITY, June 28. (JTA) -- The Central Conference of American Rabbis concluded its 56th annual convention here by electing Dr. Abba Hillel Silver president of the organization. Rabbi Abraham Feldman was elected vice-president. Other officers are: Isaac E. Marouson, administrative secretary; Sidney L. Regner, financial secretary and Harry S. Margolis, treasurer.

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BRUNO WALTER WILL BE ASKED TO CONDUCT SALZBURG FESTIVAL THIS SUMMER

SALZBURG, Austria, June 28. (JTA) -- Bruno Walter, famed Jewish conductor, who went to the United States after the advent of Hitler, will be asked to conduct the annual Salzburg Festival this summer, if permission of American military authorities can be obtained.

Baron Heinrich Puthode, director of the festival since 1923, told a JTA correspondent today that "we have asked the military authorities to allow us to extend an invitation to Walter, and we strongly hope that he can come. He conducted here every summer from 1925 to 1938, when the Nazis forbade him to perform because he is a Jew.

"As the man who best knew the soul of the Salzburg Festivals and as a Jew," Baron Puthode continued, "his return would represent a great triumph both for us and all of Europe. It would illustrate the triumph of the free, democratic spirit over Hitler."

ZIONISM INCREASING IN ALGERIA, SAYS FRENCH ISLAMIC EXPERT; ARABS THERE NOT ANTI-JEWISH

PARIS, June 28. (JTA) -- Zionism is on the increase among Algerian Jews, and previous assimilationist tendencies are on the down-grade, Robert Montage, French specialist in Islamic matters, and former head of the French Institute at Damascus, said today. Speaking at a press conference, Mr. Montage confirmed that the recent disturbances in French North Africa were singularly free of anti-Jewish incidents.

A large General Zionist mass meeting held here last night to mark the 41st anniversary of the death of Theodor Herzl, heard Andre Blumel, Socialist leader, demand that the gates of Palestine be kept open for free Jewish immigration. Mr. Blumel stressed the growing solidarity of French Jews. Guest speakers included U.S. Army chaplains Racowsky and Schubow.

A group of 150 Jews, the first contingent of 1,600 who are expected to leave France for Palestine within the next week, entrained for Marseille today.

DETACHMENT OF JEWISH BRIGADE SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN BERLIN VICTORY PARADE, SAYS STRALBOGI

LONDON, June 28. (JTA) -- A detachment of the Jewish Brigade, which is now stationed in Austria, should be sent to Berlin to participate in the Allied victory parade that is scheduled to be held in the German capital, Lord StralboGI said last night, addressing a meeting called by the Jewish Army Committee.

He urged that Jewish veterans, and especially members of the Brigade, should be given free land in Palestine. Britain, he continued, needs a friendly Palestine as a guarantee against trouble in the Middle East.

BRITISH JEWS SENDING MOBILE SYNAGOGUE AND RELIEF TEAM INTO GERMANY TO AID JEWS

LONDON, June 28. (JTA) -- The seventh mobile synagogue organized by the Chief Rabbi's Emergency Council was consecrated today and will leave for Germany this week-end, together with a convoy of six trucks filled with food, clothing and religious appurtenances. The synagogue was donated by the American Vaad Hatzala organization. Travelling with the synagogue will be a team of twelve relief workers, including four rabbis.