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BERLIN JEWS APPEAL FOR AID TO JEWISH COMMUNITIES ABROAD; MEDICINES URGENTLY NEEDED

BERLIN, July 16. (JTA) — Leaders of the few thousand Jews remaining in Berlin today appealed to Jewish communities abroad to send them assistance, especially medical supplies. The appeal was made by Dr. Erich Zwilsky, head of the Jewish Hospital here, which has become an informal center for Jewish matters.

The greatest problems, aside from the financial ones, which face the hospital in its attempt to care for the Jews returning from concentration camps and others in need of help are the shortage of doctors and nurses and the lack of medicaments. There are now ten doctors in the hospital, but they lack instruments and medicines, which has reduced their usefulness.

During the first days of the Russian occupation, before order was restored, the hospital was not excluded from the general looting, and many beds, linens and drugs were lost. The X-ray apparatus, however, is intact, although no films are available, and there is a small quantity of radium on hand. The building itself requires urgent repairs, because of bomb damages, but the Berlin city council has refused to grant funds for the repairs.

Dr. Zwilsky, who was familiar with all the misery of the Berlin Jews under the Nazis, since the Jewish Hospital was the only institution allowed to treat them, said that about 2,000 committed suicide between 1938 and the time the city was captured, to avoid deportation. On one day, he said, twenty-two suicides were brought to the hospital.

Last Minute Order for Liquidation of Hospital Never Carried Out

In March of this year, just a few weeks before the capital capitulated, Dr. Zwilsky said, an order was given for the complete liquidation of the hospital, and all its staff, but for some reason the order was never carried out. Why the hospital was allowed to operate during the last few years, while millions of Jews were being killed in concentration camps, seems destined to remain a mystery. The only possible explanation that Dr. Zwilsky could offer was that the branch of the Gestapo dealing with Jewish affairs was a far-flung organization with thousands of employees, all of whom wanted to avoid army service. In order to have a reason for their existence, it was necessary to allow some Jewish institutions to keep going.

In the last few years the hospital was not in a position to adequately care for even the pitiful number of Jews left in Berlin. Three of its four buildings were taken over by the Gestapo. One was used as a mobilization center for Jews being sent to concentration camps, one was a Wehrmacht hospital and the surgery was converted into a tailor shop.

Although a strict guard was kept over the Jewish Hospital, its doctors were occasionally able to save Jews from deportation by inducing fever or other symptoms, the hospital head revealed. Sometimes, however, the Gestapo insisted on transporting even stretcher cases to camps.

ROMANIA GRANTS \$6,000,000 TO JEWISH SCHOOLS, STATE DEPT. SAYS FILDERMAN NOT ARRESTED

BUCHAREST, July 16. (JTA) -- A grant of 600,000,000 lei (approximately \$6,000,000) has been made to Jewish community schools for the current year by the Rumanian Government, it was disclosed today. Of this sum, 15,000,000 lei have already been paid out.

The Ministry of Education has granted full autonomy to the Jewish schools in the question of arranging curricula and setting holidays. Nationalist groups within the Jewish community are demanding that the schools observe the Sabbath and introduce the study of Hebrew. A Hebrew school is functioning in Bucharest.

In an interview today with a delegation of the Jewish Democratic Committee, Minister of Justice Lucretiu Patrasescu said that "the government will continue removing the remnants of racial legislation and hopes that the last traces will soon have disappeared."

(In a letter to the American Jewish Conference, released today, Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew said that reports of the arrest in Bucharest of Dr. William Filderman, president of the Union of Rumanian Jewish Communities, are incorrect. Mr. Grew's statement - the second he has issued on the subject - was based on information received from the United States mission in Bucharest. He suggested that the reports might have arisen from "earlier erroneous news items" which were subsequently proven false.)

1,166 FROM FRANCE, ENGLAND, ITALY ARRIVE IN PALESTINE; BIGGEST TRANSPORT SINCE WAR

HAIFA, July 16, (JTA) -- The biggest transport of refugees to arrive since the war disembarked here today from the S.S. Macoura. Among the 1,166 arrivals are adults and children from France, England and Italy. The bulk of the immigrants - 817 - came from France, while 159 were from England and 150 from Italy.

Among the children from France are youngsters who left the Bergen-Belsen and Buchenwald concentration camps only a few weeks ago. A boy who left Warsaw on May 23 reported that life for the remnants of Jews left in Poland is beginning to approach normalcy, but most Polish Jews desire to emigrate to Palestine. The young immigrants from France said that there were many more Jewish children there who desire to come to Palestine, despite assurances that they would receive free education and proper care in France.

The transport, which was organized by the Jewish Agency and financed by the Joint Distribution Committee, was welcomed on its arrival by representatives of the Agency and Dr. James Heller, president of the United Palestine Appeal in the United States. The Youth Aliyah organization has prepared permanent homes for the children, most of whom are orphans.

MEMBERS OF ARAB LEAGUE URGED TO RESIST "ZIONIST IMPERIALISM" IN PALESTINE

CAIRO, July 16. (JTA) -- Member states of the Pan-Arab League were urged today to contribute to a fund to help Palestine Arabs "resist" land purchases by Jews.

Speaking at a meeting of the economic and agricultural sub-committees of the league, Azam Bey, secretary general of the federation and Minister for Arab Affairs in the Egyptian Cabinet, attacked the "Zionist imperialist invasion" in Palestine and urged the Arab states to consider his proposal for financial assistance for the Palestine Arabs.

BRITAIN URGED TO PUT PROBLEMS OF STATELESS JEWS ON AGENDA OF BIG THREE CONFERENCE

LONDON, July 16. (JTA) -- The British Government was urged today to place before the Big Three now meeting at Potsdam the problem of the tens of thousands of stateless and non-repatriatable Jews in Germany and Austria.

Pointing out that the displaced Jews are destitute and in great distress, the Board of Deputies of British Jews said that immediate steps must be taken by the Allied powers to restore their normal physical and mental well-being. It added that their dominating anxiety regarding the future must be relieved by affording them an opportunity to find permanent homes in Palestine.

Addressing the Board last night, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the organization, urged that the several thousand children who have been "removed from the faith of their forefathers through the kindness of non-Jews who often risked their lives," be returned to Jewish groups. "The Jewish people," he said, "after losing five or six million, have a right to demand that the children be given back to us, because they mean more to us than to anybody else."

SHERTOK IN LONDON FOR WORLD ZIONIST CONFERENCE; REVISIONISTS ASK PROVISIONAL JEWISH GOVT.

LONDON, July 16. (JTA) -- Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency, arrived here today to attend the world Zionist conference, which will open on July 31.

It is understood that the conference will last six days. The first three days' sessions will be open, while the last three will be devoted to a closed meeting of the Small Zionist Actions Committee. It is understood that some delegates plan to urge enlargement of the present Zionist executive by the inclusion of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and several others.

A. L. Altman, Revisionist leader, who has just arrived here from Palestine, today urged the Allied powers to issue a proclamation establishing a "Jewish Provisional Government" with authority to take steps leading to creation of a Jewish State and to bring to Palestine all Jews who desire to settle there. Such a provisional government, he told a press conference, should be granted representation in the new world organization so as to facilitate the transportation of immigrants, financing their settlement and related matters.

Altman said that he will negotiate with the British Government on the Palestine issue independently from the Jewish Agency. Replying to queries, he said that the question of Zionist unity will solve itself automatically when the Allied nations show that they are ready to create a Jewish state.

JEWISH GROUPS URGE PROMPT RATIFICATION OF WORLD SECURITY CHARTER BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, July 16, (JTA) -- Prompt Senate ratification of the United Nations Charter was urged by the American Jewish Committee and the Central Conference of American Rabbis in memoranda submitted to the Senate Foreign Relations committee.

The committee stressed the "obvious interest" of Jews in adoption of the charter and anticipation of the early creation under its aegis of a commission for the promotion of human rights. "We believe," its memorandum said, "that the American people today hail that document as a notable step forward in the direction of international peace and security." The rabbinical conference expressed its gratification with the Charter's "promise of peace and international cooperation."

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VIOLENCE IN PALESTINE CAN BE AVOIDED THROUGH ITS INTERNATIONALIZATION, SAYS REPORT

WASHINGTON, July 16. (JTA) — The possibility of violent explosions in Palestine which might lead to open warfare throughout the Arab world is foreseen in a report by the Foreign Policy Association released today.

The report, prepared by Grant S. McClellan, of the association's research staff, suggests that the tense situation might be improved by internationalization of Palestine and by social, agricultural and industrial improvements in the Arab world comparable to those achieved by the Zionists, in order to raise the Arab standard of living. "If conditions of economic and political stabilization in Palestine can be assured by international agreement," the report says, "continued Jewish immigration and further Zionist development is possible."

Declaring that Palestine has emerged as a world problem, Mr. McClellan points out that both the United States and the Soviet Union are now displaying a growing interest in the Middle East, which, he states, "constitutes one of the most significant new developments in the Arab states since their separation from the Ottoman empire." He stresses that the United States, particularly, has vital interests in the Middle East because of the presence of oil and trade possibilities.

NEW SETTLEMENT TO HOUSE DEMOBILIZED JEWISH SOLDIERS ESTABLISHED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, July 16. (JTA) — A new settlement which will provide homes for demobilized Jewish soldiers was formally dedicated here over the week-end on 4,200 dunams of Jewish National Fund land in Galilee. A group of veterans have been working on the land for several weeks, erecting houses, cultivating the soil and performing other preparatory tasks.

It was announced today that in the first nine months of the current Jewish year the JNF's net income was \$6,400,000, of which \$4,000,000 came from the United States. Expenditures, however, were considerably higher than the income. Most of the funds expended went to purchase land, of which 20,000 dunams were bought in the period under review.

ARGENTINE JEWS URGED TO FORM UNITED RELIEF BODY ALONG LINES OF AMERICAN UJA

BUENOS AIRES, July 16. (JTA) — Pointing to the United Jewish Appeal in the United States as an example, Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, who is here on a mission for the Joint Distribution Committee, urged Argentine Jews to unite their various relief activities.

The responsibility of the Argentine Jews to the Jews of Europe is great, because they now constitute one of the largest Jewish communities in the world, Rabbi Lookstein said. He denied charges, which he said had been spread in South America, that the JDC was anti-Zionist.

RABBI IRVING MILLER EN ROUTE TO MEXICO, WILL GO TO ARGENTINA FOR WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA) — Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the executive committee of the American Jewish Congress, is en route to Mexico to participate in the Jewish National Fund campaign there, it was announced today by local JNF headquarters. From Mexico, Rabbi Miller intends to proceed to Argentina in behalf of the World Jewish Congress.