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ROMANIA WILL NOT BAR ZIONISM OR EMIGRATION, BUT SEES NO REASON FOR JEWISH STATE

BUCHAREST, July 18. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government will not oppose Zionist activities here nor bar emigration to Palestine, although it believes that there is no need for a Jewish state, Minister of Propaganda Petro Constantinescu-Jassy told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today in an exclusive interview.

"I believe that, today, Zionism with its desire to create a Jewish state is useless," M. Constantinescu said, "but the aims of those Jews who want their own state cannot be considered dangerous to any country, and the Rumanian Zionist organization, and its activities, will be permitted to function."

Discussing emigration, the minister said: "I do not consider that there is any necessity for Jews to emigrate from Rumania, because Rumanian Jews have had all their rights restored. Nevertheless, if Jews decide voluntarily to emigrate to Palestine, the Rumanian government will not make any difficulties for them."

BERLIN REHABILITATION CENTER FOR JEWS FUNCTIONING IN BUILDING USED AS NAZI GIRLS' HOME

BERLIN, July 18. (JTA) -- A former Jewish home for the aged, which the Nazis had converted into a home for "Bund Deutscher Madchen," has been returned to the Jewish community by the Russian military authorities and is now serving as a rehabilitation center for Jews passing through Berlin en route to their home countries from concentration camps.

This correspondent, today, visited the center, which looks hardly inhabitable from the outside, and, in fact, rain was penetrating several of the rooms occupied by haggard, under-nourished looking people whose sufferings of the past few years are deeply engraved upon their faces. They were Jews from France, Hungary, Rumania, Greece, Poland, and from other parts of Europe.

The refugees are given food and lodging in the center for only two days, officially, since the Berlin city welfare office pays for their support only for that length of time, apparently assuming that after two days' rest they can proceed on their journey. Actually, however, they stay as long as they require, usually for periods ranging from two to six weeks.

Jacob Gutfeld, a survivor of Dachau, who is in charge of the center, said that not very much can be done for those stopping there, because the ration scale allotted to the home is very low, under the Russian ruling that only political, and not racial, victims of Nazi oppression are to be given special rations of food and clothing.

The center, Gutfeld said, is not able to provide new clothes for the ragged refugees as none are available, but two repair shops have been set up where torn clothing is mended and worn shoes repaired. The center also lacks supplies of linen and blankets.

Gutfeld appealed to the Jews of the United States and Britain to send food, clothing and other relief supplies as soon as possible.

INVESTIGATION UNCOVERS NO SUBSTANTIATION FOR CHARGE SOVIET CITIZENS HARMED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- An investigation conducted during the past two days by a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent has, so far, uncovered not a single incident to substantiate the charges that reactionary Jewish organizations in Palestine are persecuting Soviet citizens and attempting to induce them not to return to Russia, which was charged in a Tass dispatch from Cairo several days ago.

According to a reliable source, the Soviet repatriation mission, under the leadership of Mout, Cole Karassov, received all possible cooperation and the fullest information concerning the whereabouts of the children concerned. The mission visited them and spoke with them. The children, the JTA informants say, were not coached by anyone and, in fact, were unaware that the Russian officials were going to visit them.

With the exception of one girl, however, all the youngsters signified a desire to remain in Palestine. It is reported, in fact, that up to now only 40 Soviet citizens have registered for repatriation, the majority of them non-Jews.

The Tass story, which was broadcast by the Moscow radio, alleged that as soon as the Soviet mission had left Palestine, Jewish groups launched an anti-Soviet propaganda drive among Soviet citizens, urging them not to return home, and warning that they would be persecuted by the Russians if they did so. The story said that those concerned were mainly children from Bessarabia and Bukovina, and that a letter from some of them appealing for aid had been received by a Soviet youth organization in Moscow.

ANNIVERSARY OF DESTRUCTION OF WARSAW GETTO TO BE OBSERVED AS DAY OF MOURNING

MOSCOW, July 18. (JTA) -- July 22, which will be the second anniversary of the destruction of the Warsaw ghetto by the Germans, will be observed as a day of mourning by Polish Jewry, the Lublin radio said today. The broadcast also reported that another mass grave of persons murdered at the Oswiecim death camp has been discovered at Pszczyna.

The Hakoah club in Lodz, which before the war was one of the most popular Jewish athletic clubs in Poland, has resumed its activities, it was reported here today. The majority of the members of the club are Jewish partisans and Jews who fought in the uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto, the report said. Local authorities have promised to provide the club with an athletic stadium.

CZECH INVESTIGATING COMMISSION DISCOVERS MASS GRAVES OF JEWS IN SAXONY

PRAGUE, July 18. (JTA) -- An investigating commission of the Czech Provisional Committee has discovered in Reichenheim, in Saxony, six mass graves containing the bodies of 545 victims of a "death march" from Buchenwald to Theresienstadt, the Prague radio said today.

Of 2,000 prisoners who started the march, only 900 arrived in Theresienstadt, the commission learned. It says that many more mass graves line the roads from Buchenwald to the Czech fortress ghetto.

The transfer of Jews from Buchenwald and other camps to Theresienstadt began shortly before Germany's capitulation, when Allied troops neared the areas in which the camps were located.

RESISTANCE ASKS GUARANTEES OF RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS EQUALITY IN NEW FRENCH CONSTITUTION

PARIS, July 18. (JTA) -- Guarantees of equality for all people, irrespective of race, nationality, religion, sex or political opinions, to be incorporated into a new French constitution, are demanded in a resolution adopted by the recent Estates General of the French Renaissance, called by the National Resistance Committee, which has made public here today. The question of whether France is to have a new constitution will be decided by the voters in October.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, speaking to a General Zionist meeting here today, praised the understanding and sympathetic attitude of the French delegation at the San Francisco conference toward problems of Jewish interest.

DISMISSED JEWISH MEMBERS OF JERUSALEM COUNCIL REFUSE TO COOPERATE WITH INQUIRY BODY

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- Jewish members of the dissolved Jerusalem municipal council said today that they would refuse to cooperate with the inquiry commission named to probe the administrative machinery of the city, until they were reinstated in their posts.

In a letter to the Acting High Commissioner, the Jewish councillors also protested the charges by Jerusalem District Commissioner James Follock that they had refused to accept the proposal for rotation of the mayoralty, the dispute over which precipitated the dissolution of the council. At the same time, the Arab councillors issued a statement denying that they had agreed to any part of the rotation plan. Meanwhile, the five-man British commission named to administer the city's affairs began work today.

The Arab chamber of commerce in Jaffa has sent a memorandum to various Arab governments, to Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey, secretary general of the Pan-Arab League, to Musa el Alami, Palestine "representative" in the league, and to the Palestine Arab chamber of commerce, warning against the menace of Jewish industries in Palestine and "the economic and political penetration of Zionism in Palestine and the Middle East," the Cairo radio said today.

SENATOR, CONGRESSMAN URGE TRUMAN TO PRESS BRITISH TO FULFILL PLEDGE TO JEWS ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, July 18. (JTA) -- Insistence on fulfillment of British pledges concerning Palestine was urged today in a joint letter to President Truman by senator Owen Brewster, Republican of Maine and representative Emanuel Celler, Democrat of New York.

Declaring that American sentiment favors unrestricted immigration of Jews into Palestine and establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth there, the legislators pointed to the previous expression of support from four hundred members of the House of Representatives, from thirty-seven governors and thirty state legislatures, as well as the affirmative planks in the Democratic and Republican party platforms.

The letter asks the President "to act summarily and to insist upon Mr. Churchill carrying out his country's pledge." Warning that the situation in Palestine may result in an "explosion" unless the White Paper is abrogated, Brewster and Celler call upon the British Government to "take notice of the intense interest of the American people in a just solution of the problem of Palestine."

FIRST EXCLUSIVELY JEWISH CHAPEL IN PACIFIC THEATRE ERECTED AT MARINE BASE

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) (JTA) — A religious center, providing separate chapels for Catholic, Jewish and Protestant worship, has been completed at a forward area Marine camp here.

The center, believed to be the first of its kind in the Pacific, consists of three quonset hut chapels which stand side by side. The Protestant and Catholic buildings are topped by simple white crosses, while the Jewish synagogue is surmounted with a replica of a stone tablet bearing the Ten Commandments. The interiors have similar seating arrangements, although altars and other furnishings are in keeping with the different faiths.

Unique in itself, the center also provides the first instance of a Pacific chapel set aside for the exclusive use of those of the Jewish faith, according to Navy Lieutenant Philip Lipis. Lipis resigned from Beth-el Synagogue, Camden, N.J., to become a Naval chaplain.

YOUNG JEWISH MARINE MAJOR DECORATED FOR HEROISM IN TANK BATTLE ON SAIPAN

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA) — Major Robert M. Neiman, 25, of the Marine Corps, has been awarded the Navy Cross, Bronze Star and Legion of Merit for heroism in the South Pacific, the Jewish Welfare Board reports today.

While leading his company in an attack against prepared gun positions and fortifications on Saipan, his command tank was crippled by fire from a large caliber gun. Major Neiman left that tank and went on leading the attack from a second one. That tank, too, was put out of action--by a land mine. Neiman evacuated the tank under heavy fire and continued to direct his company from a third tank. He organized his command and penetrated well entrenched enemy positions. During the attack he destroyed several machine gun and mortar positions and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

WORLD UNION OF JEWISH STUDENTS RESUMES FUNCTIONING; HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS

PARIS, July 18. (JTA) — The World Union of Jewish Students, which has not been active since the outbreak of the European war, has begun functioning here, it was announced today by Daniel Teouciann, vice-president of the organization, who has just returned from Geneva where he conferred with members of the union's pre-war executive committee.

The union, which is receiving funds from the World Jewish Congress to facilitate its reorganization, was founded in London in 1920 for the support of Jewish students. It maintained schools, libraries and homes for students until the war.

CONFERENCE OF URUGUAYAN ZIONIST FEDERATION BACKS JEWISH COMMONWEALTH DEMAND

MONTEVIDEO, July 18. (JTA) — The nineteenth annual conference of the Zionist Federation of Uruguay concluded here last night after adopting resolutions expressing its support of the demand for immediate creation of Palestine as a Jewish commonwealth and urging that the Jewish Brigade participate in the occupation of Germany.

The conference, which was opened at a large public meeting on Sunday, was addressed by Rabbi Joseph Lockstein, of New York, who is in South America on a mission for the Joint Distribution Committee, and by Argentine and Uruguayan Jewish leaders.