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GREEK GOVT. REFUSES TO SPEED RETURN OF REPATRIATED JEWISH DEPORTEES TO HOMES

ATHENS, July 20. (JTA) -- Two-thousand Greek Jews repatriated from Polish death camps have been confined in a reception center for more than a month awaiting transportation to their home towns, and the Greek Government has taken no steps to remedy the situation.

The repatriated deportees are living under what an UNRRA representative described as "deplorable conditions," and there is a strong possibility that they may be compelled to remain in the camp for an indefinite period as no ships or vehicles have been provided for their transportation.

Kyriakos Varvaressos, the so-called "strong man" of the present government and its deputy prime minister, told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent that no plans have been made to assist the deportees to return home. "In this country," he said, "the problems of Jews and Christians are similar, so therefore we plan no special treatment for Jews."

"The assimilation of Jews was almost complete before the war, except the Portuguese and Spanish Jews who wished to retain their foreign citizenship," Varvaressos continued. "Defense of Jews is a characteristic of the Greeks. Their future safety is assured."

Salonika Jews Being Terrorized by Anti-Semitic Organization

The facts, however, belie the deputy prime minister's assurances. Reports reaching here daily tell of how the Jews of Salonika, for instance, are being terrorized by the "Epsilon Epsilon," an anti-Semitic group with fascist tendencies. In Salonika there are only 1,000 Jews remaining of the pre-war population of over 45,000.

In all of Greece, according to Rabbi Eli Barzilai, head of the Jewish community in Athens, only 10,000 Jews remain of the 80,000 who lived in the country before the German occupation, including the 2,000 who have returned. These figures are up to date and have been confirmed by official sources. The pre-war Jewish population of the principal cities and provinces of Greece and the present population is given as follows:

Salonika	45,000	600 - 1,000	Crete	1,000	None
Athens	7,000	3,800	Jennina	3,500	40 - 50
Larissa	1,500	850	Thrace	6 - 7,000	None
Volos	2,000	1,000	Castoria)		
Corfu	3,000	80	Florina }	4,000	300-400

In the absence of government assistance for Jews, the Jews of Palestine have come to their aid. A Jewish delegation arrived here recently to request the government to facilitate the emigration to Palestine of those Jews desiring to settle there.

Jewish doctors from Palestine have also come here to render medical aid. English Jews have sent a mobile synagogue which will tour the country since most synagogues were destroyed by the Nazis.

UNRRA is also attempting to help the Greek Jews. It has requested Washington to include a proportion of kosher meat in the relief shipments to be sent here from the United States.

NEWS CONFER WITH POLISH AUTHORITIES ON STEPS TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

MOSCOW, July 20. (JTA) — A Jewish delegation has conferred with Polish Government authorities concerning steps to combat the growing anti-Semitic campaign in Poland, the Lublin radio said today.

It reports that the delegation, consisting of Dr. Emil Sommerstein, president of the Central Committee of the Jews of Poland, his daughter, who is also an official of the committee, and Abraham Berman, a Jewish official of the foreign ministry, met with Minister of Public Information Stefan Matuszewski and urged him to launch an "enlightenment campaign."

25,000 OF 151,000 JEWS IN NORTHERN TRANSYLVANIA HAVE SURVIVED; RETURNING FROM CAMPS

BUCHAREST, July 20. (JTA) — Of the 151,000 Jews who lived in Northern Transylvania before the Germans transferred the area from Hungary to Rumania, about 25,000 may survive, according to an on-the-spot survey by a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent.

Since November, 1944, about 8,000 Jews have returned from the Oswiecim and Birkenau camps to Northern Transylvania, which is once more a part of Rumania. About 6,500 former slave laborers have returned home and another 10,000 are expected to return eventually from concentration camps in Germany and Poland. The government has made special trains available to bring these people home.

The Jewish communities in the various cities which had substantial Jewish populations have established convalescent homes for sick repatriates and are furnishing relief. These activities are financed by the Joint Distribution Committee, but more funds are needed since, for example, practically all of the deportees return home in rags.

BULGARIA WILL COMPENSATE JEWS FOR CONFISCATED PROPERTY WHICH WAS DESTROYED

SOFIA, July 20. (JTA) — In connection with the abolition of anti-Semitic laws and the return of confiscated Jewish property, the Bulgarian Government announced today that "if confiscated property and valuables cannot be returned to the owner, the State will compensate him on the basis of current prices."

The announcement, which was broadcast by the Sofia radio, specified that all claims must be filed within two months, and that any claims that Jews have against the state must be established before the end of September of this year.

Following the conclusion of a Hechalutz conference in Varna, one hundred Bulgarian Jewish youths, who have been training for eventual settlement in Palestine, left for farms throughout the country, where they will help to relieve the acute shortage of agricultural labor.

OWI IN MIDDLE EAST SUPPORTS ARAB NATIONALISM, BARS ALL MENTION OF ZIONISM

BEIRUT, Syria. July 20. (JTA) -- The Office of War Information in the Middle East, acting on directives from Washington, aggressively supports Arab nationalism and completely ignores the Jews of Palestine and the question of Zionism, according to an OWI official here.

He says that Zionism is never mentioned in the OWI reports because it would antagonize Arab politicians, and the OWI political line in this case seems to be to appease Arab nationalists.

It is significant that while the OWI maintains staffs and offices in Cairo, Istanbul, Bagdad, Damascus and Beirut, with field men in the smaller cities, it has no representative in Palestine.

Paris Hears Rumor 100,000 Jews Will Be Admitted to Palestine

PARIS, July 20. (JTA) -- An Arab broadcast on the Paris radio, today, commenting on the forthcoming world Zionist conference in London the end of this month, says that it is rumored that 100,000 Jews, including 25,000 orphaned children, will be allowed to enter Palestine.

The broadcast, which gave no source for the rumor, said that British authorities feel that the admission of these Jews would not injure the Arabs of Palestine.

KOVNO JEWISH LEADER KILLED AS HE DEFIED NAZIS; URGED JEWS TO MEET DEATH BRAVELY

JERUSALEM, July 20. (JTA) -- The story of the heroic death at the hands of the Germans of Isaac Bloch, a leader of the Lithuanian Betar, a Revisionist organization, was disclosed this week when troops of the Jewish Brigade, now stationed in Austria, encountered Lithuanian Jews who had been freed from a concentration camp.

According to a letter from one of the Brigaders received today, Bloch was among several hundred Jews whom the Gestapo collected in a Kovno synagogue prior to deporting them. When he was brought into the synagogue, he strode to the platform in front of the Holy Ark and before the Nazis realized what he was doing, he shouted:

"You Germans are stronger now. I am defenseless and you can kill me at your whim. But you won't destroy our people. We will outlive you. Brother Jews," he continued, turning toward the terror-stricken prisoners, "be prepared to die for the glory of God. Do not flinch."

That was as far as he got. Before he could go on, a Gestapo man fired at him and, as he fell, his blood gushed onto the curtain hanging before the Ark.

FIRST SHIPMENT OF KOSHER MEAT IS RECEIVED ON MAURITIUS; REFUGEES SEND THANKS TO JDC

NEW YORK, July 20. (JTA) -- Fifty-two hundred pounds of kosher meat supplied by the Joint Distribution Committee, the first shipment of its kind to reach 1,500 Jewish refugees detained on the island of Mauritius, has been received by the adults and children there with "great delight" according to L. Gradmann, a representative of the refugee group.

A letter acknowledging the receipt of the meat was made public today by Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, Executive Vice-Chairman of the JDC. The request for kosher meat came to JDC from the orthodox Jews on Mauritius. The Mauritius refugees have been given permission to enter Palestine and they are expected to embark soon.

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