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MEASURES TAKEN TO AID JEWS OF BERLIN AND MUNICH; REPATRIATION OF DEPORTEES SPEEDED

BERLIN, July 24. (JTA) — Measures to aid Jews remaining in this city and in Munich, and to speed the repatriation of those still in camps were announced today.

The Berlin Jewish community announced in a radio broadcast that it has set up eleven offices throughout Berlin at which Jews are urged to register in the two-week period beginning tomorrow and ending August 3. It is assumed that the registration is preliminary to organizing relief for those requiring it, which means practically every Jew in this capital.

According to a broadcast on the Munich radio today, the city administration here is organizing the repatriation of all Munich Jews in camps, while the Bavarian State Ministry has promised to help finance the repatriation of Jews to other sections of Bavaria. Two transports have already arrived in Munich from Theresienstadt, the broadcast said.

It revealed that a special department of the municipal welfare office has been established to care for those brought home from camps, while a committee has been set up to safeguard the interests of all those injured by the Nuremberg laws. The broadcast appealed to all those who suffered any damage to file claims.

American Jewish Committee Confers With Grew on Jews in German Camps

WASHINGTON, July 24. (JTA) — A request that permanent liaison officers be attached to the American High Command and the Allied Control Council in Germany to deal with the political, religious and social problems of the Jews liberated from German concentration camps was submitted yesterday to Joseph C. Grew, Acting Secretary of State, by representatives of the American Jewish Committee.

In a conference with the Acting Secretary, Jacob Blaustein and George Z. Medelie, chairman of the American Jewish Committee's executive and overseas committees, respectively, and Marcus Gohn, the Committee's representative in Washington, pointed out that, of the 200,000 Jews found in Germany, many are stateless, either as a result of anti-Jewish measures enacted by the governments of the countries in which they had formerly resided, or of Nazi racial legislation. Others who are not formally stateless, are nevertheless reluctant and should not be forced to return to their former homelands, where they were long the target of attacks and persecution, the committee representatives said.

A third category is composed of German Jews who were deprived of their citizenship by the Nuremberg laws and who do not wish to remain in Germany after the harrowing experiences they have undergone.

The problems of all these groups deserve the immediate and special attention of the occupying authorities and permanent liaison officers especially qualified to handle this situation, should be immediately appointed, said the committee representatives.

VICHY LINKED MANDEL'S REFUSAL TO QUIT WITH FACT HE WAS JEW, SAYS REYNAUD AT PETAIN TRIAL

PARIS, July 24. (JTA) — Testifying today at the trial of Marshal Petain before the High Court of Justice, former Premier Paul Reynaud stressed the important part played by the late Georges Mandel in attempting to combat defeatism and capitulation in 1940, when M. Mandel was Minister of the Interior.

Reynaud charged that Vichy's wrath was directed particularly against Mandel because it "linked his refusal to capitulate with the fact that he was Jewish." Mandel was always "found at the crigin of every act of resistance," Reynaud added.

The former Minister of the Interior was killed in July, 1944, by Vichy militia-men while being transported from one prison to another. He had been held captive since his abortive flight to North Africa immediately after the fall of France.

FIRST POLISH JEWS TO LEAVE FOR PALESTINE, JEWISH COLONIES TO BE SET UP IN GERMAN SILESIA

GENEVA, July 24. (JTA) — The first contingent of Jews to emigrate from Poland to Palestine will leave there shortly, according to a well informed source who arrived here from Warsaw this week. The transport will consist of persons who do not have any surviving relatives in Poland and whose families had previously settled in Palestine, he said today.

At the same time, the JTA informant revealed that Jewish organizations are agitating for the establishment of Jewish colonies in the newly acquired western sections of Poland, which have been taken from Germany. Several Jewish groups have already had land assigned to them, but colonization cannot begin until the acute shortage of agricultural implements and machinery is overcome.

Tools for Jewish artisans are also needed, as well as supplies of food, clothes and medicine, he disclosed. Special assistance is required by the, at least, twenty percent of the Jewish population which is still not able to work.

The new Polish Army, he said, has 16,000 Jewish troops, several of whom hold important positions. Many Jewish orphans were saved by these troops who clothed and fed them. In all of Poland, the JTA source declared, there are about 5,000 Jewish orphans.

BULGARIAN PEOPLE URGED BY JEWISH ANTI-FASCIST GROUP TO JOIN IN FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITES

SOFIA, July 24. (JTA) — An appeal to the Bulgarian people to join in the fight against anti-Semitism was issued here today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee of Bulgaria.

"The question of anti-Jewish activities is far from being purely a Jewish problem, but affects all Bulgarians, because anti-Semitism is but one of the many aspects of fascism," the committee's statement declared.

The Prague correspondent of the Sofia newspaper Isgrev today quotes an official of the Czechoslovak Government as stating that restoration of Jewish property in that country has already begun. However, only small enterprises have been returned so far, he says.

DR. WILLIAM FILDERMAN AND A.L. ZISSU NOT ARRESTED IN BUCAREST; FORMER DEPUTIES HEID

BUCHAREST, July 24. (JTA) -- Contrary to rumors which are reported to be current in the United States and Palestine, Dr. William Filderman and other Rumanian Jewish leaders have not been arrested, and are continuing to perform their various communal functions.

Dr. Filderman, for instance, is still the representative of the Joint Distribution Committee here, president of the Union of Rumanian Jews, and chairman of the Federation of Rumanian Jewish Communities. A.L. Zissu, another of those reported to have been arrested, remains the leader of the Jewish Party and the Rumanian section of the World Jewish Congress. He is no longer head of the Jewish Agency office here, but that is due to the fact that he has rejected plans from Palestine that he resume the post, because he disagrees with the policies being pursued by Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

M. Manulescu, who is a vice-president of the Union of Rumanian Jews, and Dr. S. Cupper, two others who were rumored to be under arrest, are in some difficulties with the authorities, but have not been arrested. Manulescu was questioned recently in connection with the forthcoming trial of members of the "Jewish Center" established during the Antonescu regime by Commissar for Jewish Affairs Radu Lecca.

Manulescu was forced by Lecca to head a committee of Jews in the professions which was compelled to raise 4,000,000,000 lei towards the huge collective fines imposed upon the Jewish community. Cupper is a well known physician, who headed the department of schools of the Jewish Center. He is reported to be a convert to Christianity.

(A report reaching London today states that Michael Landau, a former deputy in the Rumanian parliament and one-time editor and publisher of the Kishinev Yiddish daily "Unzer Tzeit," has been sentenced to five years imprisonment in Bucharest for alleged collaboration with the Antonescu Government. The same report says that ex-Senator Elie Finkelstein, who was formerly president of the Orthodox Jewish Community of Bucharest, was condemned to death, but his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.)

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN JEWS DEPORTED BY GERMANS GIVEN SAME STATUS AS POLITICAL PRISONERS

PRAGUE, July 24. (JTA) -- All Jews deported from Czechoslovakia by the Germans are to be considered in the same category as political prisoners of the Nazis and are eligible for membership in the influential organization which has been established by the freed Nazi victims, it was announced today.

The Prague Jewish community council, although hampered by shortage of personnel, is conducting large scale relief activities here. It is distributing both funds and supplies received from the Joint Distribution Committee and has set up homes for the aged and for the few Jewish children who survived internment in concentration camps.

Daily religious services have been resumed in the Altneuschul, the oldest synagogue in Prague, which, according to legend, was built by emigrants from Jerusalem in the year 70. The only surviving Czech rabbi, seventy-five-year-old Aladar Deutsch, is officiating. In a sermon yesterday, he pointed out that the lack of rabbis makes reorganization of provincial Jewish communities very difficult. Other of Prague's synagogues, it is hoped, will be reopened by Succoth.

BIG THREE URGED TO CURB ANTI-SEMITISM IN EUROPE; KILLING OF JEWS IN POLAND CITED

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA) — The Big Three were called on today by the World Federation of Polish Jews to take steps to solve the Jewish problem in Europe and in Palestine. In an appeal by Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the federation, the Potsdam Conference was urged to curb anti-Jewish movements in Europe, which, the appeal warned, "must be judged as a worldwide problem fundamental to the peace and future welfare of the United Nations."

The federation, citing the massacres and suffering of the Polish Jew under Hitlerism, warned that elements of the disbanded exiled Polish government were still plotting and conspiring for repressions against Jews in Poland. It pointed to the 450 Jews recently killed in Poland "by armed bands of Polish reactionary forces, inspired directly by intransigent groups from abroad seeking to undermine the present democratically established Provisional Government of Poland."

It urged that the Big Three act concertedly against such provocation and uphold "the Provisional Government's determined effort to stamp out these remnants of Polish reaction and anti-Semitism." Dr. Tenenbaum also urged that the concentration camps in Europe be emptied and that Palestine be opened to the Jews as their homeland.

J. D. C. AND SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH WAR APPEAL SIGN PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENT FOR OVERSEAS WORK

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA) — To increase the effectiveness of relief and rehabilitation operations being carried on in behalf of the surviving 1,250,000 Jews in continental Europe, the Joint Distribution Committee and the South African Jewish War Appeal have worked out an arrangement which unites the two organizations as partners in their humanitarian work, it was announced today by Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the J.D.C.

The program resulting from discussions in Jerusalem by Leo Feit, honorary treasurer of the South African Jewish War Appeal, and Charles Passman, director of the Middle East program for the J.D.C., calls for the Joint Distribution Committee to continue the actual distribution of relief supplies as well as the setting up of long-range rehabilitation and reconstruction programs. "Because of the J.D.C.'s vast experience and extensive activities since the first World War," the S.A.J.W.A. stated, the complex job of seeing the relief program through will be left entirely to the J.D.C.

FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD TODAY FOR HERMAN SHULMAN; ZIONIST LEADER WAS 48

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA) — Funeral services will be held at the Free Synagogue here tomorrow for Herman Shulman, vice-chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, who died in Stamford, Conn., yesterday after a brief illness. He was 48.

Mr. Shulman had been very active in the Zionist movement in recent years, and was chairman of the emergency council's administrative committee until last week, when he was named one of the four vice-chairmen of the executive committee. He represented the Zionists before the platform committee of the last Democratic Party national convention, which adopted a strong pro-Zionist plank. Leaders of the American Zionist movement, including Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Emanuel Neumann and Daniel Frisch issued statements today mourning his passing.