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UNITED NATIONS POLICY IS TO "PERSUADE" DISPLACED JEWS TO RETURN TO HOMELANDS

LONDON, July 25. (JTA) -- The United Nations governments have decided upon a "softening-up" process designed to make displaced persons who do not wish to return to their homes more amenable to repatriation, it is apparent from information available here.

An exhaustive survey by a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent concerning plans for the future care and disposition of persons still held in camps discloses the following situations:

After the majority of the displaced persons have been repatriated, such as the non-Jewish Poles, Yugoslavs and residents of other Balkan countries, those who remain - and into this category fall tens of thousands of Jews - will be left to cool their heels until it becomes clear to them that there is no alternative but to return to their former homes.

Sir Herbert Emerson, chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees, told this correspondent that "sufficient time has not elapsed since the end of the war to form any opinion as to how large this group of 'dissidents,' - the term used to describe those persons unwilling to return home - is likely to be. The individual who does not want to return really does not have sufficient information on which to pass judgment," Sir Herbert continued. "It is premature to make any assumption that a particular group now unwilling to return to their country will be in fact, permanently non-repatriable. The position will not be clear for months, possibly a year or even longer."

Will Be Held in Camps for Year or Two Until Status Decided

Sir Herbert stressed that until such time as a person is declared to be non-repatriable he will be under the care of UNRRA. UNRRA can give only temporary relief and is not authorized to assist refugees to emigrate to new homes. That is the job of the Intergovernmental Committee. Here is where the "softening-up" comes in. The governments concerned apparently hope that after a refugee has remained in a camp for a year or two under something less than ideal conditions, he will be ready to listen to suggestions that he return to his country of origin. This is borne out by another statement of Sir Herbert's:

"While the original idea was to consider as non-repatriable one who did not want to return to his country," the refugee committee chairman said, "the trend of opinion now is to give time to the person to learn more about conditions in his country and to give the governments more time to satisfy their nationals that they can return to their countries with prospects of leading a healthy normal life, before reaching the definite conclusion that the person must be treated permanently as a non-repatriable."

The Intergovernmental Committee, however, is attempting to secure for German Jews the right to decide whether they want to have restored the German citizenship of

which they were deprived by the Nazi regime. But the Allied governments are believed to be taking the view that as a result of the repeal of the Nuremberg Laws, their German citizenship has automatically been restored. Sir Herbert said that the German and Austrian Jews, in most cases, are unwilling to return to their homes, but, he added, there are indications that many will be willing to do so within a year or two.

The crux of the situation seems to be that, with minor exceptions, there are no governments willing to throw open their territory to refugees, and, therefore, in the opinion of the authorities concerned, the best solution is for the displaced persons to return to the countries from which they were deported.

#### BELGIAN WOMEN FROM RAVENSBRUCK CAMP FORCE AUTHORITIES TO REPATRIATE ALIEN JEWS

BRUSSELS, July 25. (JTA) -- Belgian women in Sweden, en route home from the notorious Ravensbruck concentration camp, threatened to refuse repatriation unless foreign Jews who also had been deported from Belgium by the Germans were taken along. It was revealed here today by Suzanne Gregoire, one of the internees, in an interview with the newspaper *Le Drapeau Rouge*.

When the women discovered on the eve of their departure for Belgium that the Jewish non-citizens were to be left behind, Mrs. Gregoire discloses, she and another deportee were elected to protest to the authorities against the "unjustifiable anti-alien discrimination." Belgian male prisoners joined in the protest, and also threatened that they would refuse to return home. As a result, the Jewish women were included in the transport.

#### YESHIVA ESTABLISHED IN BERGEN-BELSEN CAMP; CONFERENCE OF JEWISH TEACHERS HELD

LONDON, July 25. (JTA) -- A yeshiva has been established at the Bergen-Belsen camp in Germany, where several thousand Jewish deportees are still confined, the Agudat Israel office here disclosed today. Rabbi Baumgarten from London has organized the yeshiva with the assistance of two Lithuanian rabbis, who escaped from the Oswiecim camp.

The Agudah also reports that a conference of former teachers in the Beth Jacob religious schools for girls in Poland was recently held at Celle, in the British zone in Germany. Former instructors from all the camps in the British-held area attended. Transportation was furnished by the military government.

The Munich radio today reports that a hotel in the town of Spandorf near Regensburg has been placed at the disposal of an association formed by Jews who have returned from camps. The municipality and the military government have provided beds and kitchen installations. Inmates of the hostel receive clothes and food. In turn, they are manufacturing small articles, free, for the Allied soldiers.

#### SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF DESTRUCTION OF WARSAW GHETTO MARKED BY YIDDISH BROADCAST

MOSCOW, July 25. (JTA) -- The second anniversary of the destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto was marked today in a special Yiddish broadcast over the Lublin radio. Speakers accused "Jewish ghetto police hired by the Germans, and fascist Ukrainians and Latvians" of murdering Jews who managed to escape from the ghetto to the non-Jewish section of the capital.

The broadcast paid tribute to the Jewish "scientists, artists and literary figures" who perished in the battle which preceded the liquidation of the ghetto.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT URGED TO FIND HAVENS FOR LIBERATED BUT HOMELESS JEWS OF EUROPE

LONDON, July 25. (JTA) -- The British Government was urged today to take steps to find homes for the Jewish victims of the Nazis who are unable or unwilling to return to their former places of residence, in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Anglo-Jewish Association. The resolution also asked that "every endeavor be made to facilitate the early settlement in Palestine of those survivors desiring to make their homes there."

Leonard Stein, president of the Association, charged that relief arrangements for the liberated but homeless Jews of Europe were unsatisfactory, and that even elementary requirements have not been met. The authorities in charge, he added, apparently have failed to grasp the immensity of the problem. "It is now evident," he continued, that large numbers of these homeless people cannot go back. If not all, most of them desire to settle in Palestine. We hope that the British Government will not remain deaf to their prayers."

Referring to negotiations with the Board of Deputies of British Jews in connection with the suggestion by Sir Robert Waley-Cohen, British Jewish communal leader, that a round-table of American and British Jewish organizations be held in London, Mr. Stein said that the Board has decided that there is no basis existing as yet for such a conference, and, therefore, it has arranged discussions with the American Jewish Conference and the World Jewish Congress.

The Association, consequently, is continuing its own consultations with the American Jewish Committee, Mr. Stein said, although it does not wish an Anglo-American line-up restricted to the Association and the Committee.

ARABS ADMIT JERUSALEM JEWS HAVE MAJORITY; BUT REITERATE DEMAND FOR ARAB MAYOR

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- Testifying today before Chief Justice Sir William Fitzgerald, who has been named a one-man commission to investigate the administrative machinery of Jerusalem, Arab leaders admitted that at present, and as far back as 1906, Jews constituted a majority of the city's residents, but reiterated their demands for appointment of an Arab mayor.

Dr. Hussein Khalidi, who was mayor of this city in 1934, and who subsequently spent several years in exile for his participation in the anti-British and anti-Jewish riots of 1936, alleged that half the Jewish residents of Jerusalem are not Palestine citizens and are, therefore, not entitled to vote for the mayor. When Sir William cited the fact that foreign residents of Egypt are entitled to vote, Khalidi replied by pointing to the disenfranchised Arabs of North Africa and the Negroes of South Africa.

Former vice-mayor Anton Atallah said that he would not oppose Jews becoming a majority in Palestine if "they were willing to accept the country's culture." But since they have proclaimed their desire for a Jewish state, he added, it would be a dangerous precedent to allow a Jew to become mayor of Jerusalem. Other Arab leaders testified similarly.

The commission's hearings are being boycotted by the Jews of Jerusalem, who have announced that they will not participate in the inquiry until representative government is restored in the city.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND CABLES \$1,000,000 FOR NEW LAND PURCHASE IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, July 25. (JTA) -- The sum of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of new land tracts in Palestine, to pave the way for accelerated Jewish agricultural development and make possible the absorption of large-scale immigration, was cabled yesterday to the headquarters of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem, it was announced today by Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the JNF.

The remittance, coinciding with the preparations for the opening of the World Zionist conference, which is to meet next Tuesday in London, is "an expression of American Jewry's solidarity with the demand for opening the gates of the country to the Jewish men, women and children, who were liberated by the United Nations and are now awaiting their opportunity to begin life anew on the soil of the ancestral land," Judge Rothenberg said.

600,000 JEWS READY TO DIE TO PREVENT PALESTINE FROM BECOMING ARAB COUNTRY, SAYS GOLDMANN

NEW YORK, July 25. (JTA) -- "Palestine will never become an Arab country and the 600,000 Jews there are ready to sacrifice their lives so that the promise made twenty-five years ago is fulfilled," Dr. Nahum Goldmann said last night before leaving by air for London, where he will attend the forthcoming world Zionist conference.

"This conference has been called at a moment when a definite decision on Palestine must be reached," Dr. Goldmann declared. "Any delay in this decision will increase the explosive character of the Palestine problem."

Mendel Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund, also left for London today to attend the conference. He replaces Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the JNF, who could not attend because of judicial duties.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY BOARD WILL MEET SOON IN U.S.; NAME NEW AMERICAN MEMBERS

LONDON, July 25. (JTA) -- A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University will be held shortly in the United States to widen American support for the institution, it was announced today. The announcement also disclosed that the board, which met here last week for the first time since the war, had elected four Americans to the governing body. They are Mrs. Judith Epstein, Hayim Greenberg, Robert Nathan and Harry Scherman.

The meeting ratified the plan for a joint fund-raising drive with the Hadassah for the projected university medical school and voted salary increases for the majority of the university's staff. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who was re-elected chairman of the board, pointed out in an address closing the meeting that since much of the Jewish intellectual talent of Europe has been destroyed, it is the university's job to make good the loss and "hand over a spiritual heritage to future generations."

PROF. ISRAEL POLLOCK, HEBREW SCHOLAR, DIES IN BOSTON, FOUNDER OF TEACHERS COLLEGE

BOSTON, July 25. (JTA) -- Prof. Israel Pollock, a founder and staff member of the Hebrew Teachers College here, died yesterday in Beth Israel Hospital. He was 60 years old. Born in Russia, Prof. Pollock came here in 1910 and was graduated in 1916 from Tufts College. He was the author of several Hebrew textbooks.