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**HUNGARY'S JEWS SLOWLY RECOVERING POSSESSIONS, MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS REHABILITATION**

GENEVA, July 27. (JTA) — The 200,000 Jews who remain in Hungary are slowly recovering possession of the homes and enterprises taken from them by the German-dominated governments and have taken the first steps toward becoming reintegrated in the economic life of the country, according to a traveller who has just returned from there.

He reveals that the Jewish community in Budapest now numbers about 140,000. There were about 84,000 Jews in the capital when the Red Army liberated the city—55,000 in the ghetto, 25,000 lodged in special houses under the protection of the Swiss and Swedish Governments, and 4,000 who had false identification papers. Since then, 22,000 who were deported to Austria have returned and others have straggled home from concentration and labor camps.

Of the 140,000, about 80,000 are gainfully employed, while the others are still destitute. Soup kitchens and temporary hostels have been established by the Jewish Committee to care for the latter group. The committee is headed by one Ludwig Stoeckler. More than 4,000 Jewish orphans are being cared for in about 30 homes. These children are practically the only Jewish youngsters remaining in all of Hungary.

Under decrees promulgated by the Hungarian Provisional Government, Jews enjoy full political and legal equality. In addition, as a result of the active part played by Jews in the underground struggle against the Germans, they have won the sympathy and support of all democratic groups. Many well known Jewish partisans were captured by the Nazis and either murdered or deported.

**ROMANIA REAFFIRMS LEGALITY OF ZIONISM, BULGARIA APPROVES EMIGRATION OF 1,000 TO PALESTINE**

BUCHAREST, July 27. (JTA) — An announcement by the Rumanian Ministry of the Interior reaffirming the legality of the Zionist movement in this country, and reports reaching here within the past few days from Bulgaria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia seem to indicate that the apprehension felt in some quarters concerning the attitude of the new governments of Eastern Europe towards Zionism was unfounded.

Yesterday, Minister of the Interior Teohari Georgescu sent an order to local administrative authorities informing them that the Zionist organization in Rumania enjoyed the same rights as all other groups, and is recognised as a legally constituted body. At the same time, according to a dispatch from Sofia, the Bulgarian Government announced that it had authorized the emigration to Palestine of 1,000 persons.

A report from Prague says that the first Zionist meeting since the end of the war has been held there, and it was decided to establish an organization to train youths wishing to emigrate to Palestine, while a report from Budapest discloses that the first Zionist group in Hungary has been formed there.

JEWS SLATED FOR POSTS IN LABOR CABINET; SHINWELL MAY BE MINISTER OF WAR TRANSPORT

LONDON, July 27. (JTA) — Informed observers here today predicted that two Jews will be included in the new Labor government being formed by Maj. Clement R. Attlee. They are Emanuel Shinwell, who is said to be slated for the post of Minister of War Transport and Lewis Silkin, present chairman of the London County Council's Housing Committee, who is expected to become Minister of Works and Building.

Maj. Attlee today received a cable from the Egyptian delegation en route to the World Zionist Conference, stating that "we trust you will accomplish to your full ability the decisions to establish a Jewish state in Palestine, and immediately open the gates of our historic Fatherland to free Jewish immigration, thus restoring to the people of Israel the freedom and honor of which they were robbed two thousand years ago."

RUSS PUBLIC AROUSED BY REPORTS OF MISTREATMENT OF BUCHENWALD REFUGEES IN INTERNMENT CAMP

BERN, July 27. (JTA) — A report of the alleged mistreatment of three hundred and fifty Jewish refugees from Buchenwald who were brought to Switzerland to recuperate from the effects of Nazi persecution has aroused public opinion here. The disclosure was made by the newspaper Basler Arbeiter Zeitung.

Although the authorities at the internment camp where the 350 are quartered charged that some of the refugees were so "obstinate" that they had to be confined behind barbed wire, it is now revealed that they were insulted by the guards at the camp and referred to as "a Jewish gang" and filthy rascals. Some of the guards are reported to be notorious anti-Semites.

JEWS COLLECTIVE FARMS OF CRIMEA BEGINNING TO REVIVE; WERE RAZED BY GERMANS

MOSCOW, July 27. (JTA) — The flourishing collective farms of the Crimea, which were levelled to the ground by the Germans and many of the residents murdered, are beginning to revive, according to a report made public here today.

It reveals that already four farms — New Dawn, Syverdlov, Voroshilov and Polotov — have resumed operation. Before the Nazi invasion these four were among the best in the Soviet Union, and garnered many prizes at all-Union agricultural exhibits. Electric power has been restored and cattle and seed have been obtained with credits furnished by the government.

HISTADRUTH INVITED TO ATTEND WORLD TRADE UNION CONGRESS; ARABS MOBILIZE FORCES

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) — The Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Labor, has received an invitation to attend the next meeting of the World Trade Union conference, which is to be held in Paris in September, it was learned today. It is expected that the Histadruth will send two delegates and five observers.

Meanwhile, it is understood that Arab workers' organizations in Palestine are approaching employees' groups in neighboring Arab countries, urging them to send delegations to Paris, in order that an influential "Arab front" may be established at the international labor parley.

## POLISH GOVERNMENT ORGANIZES AID FOR JEWS IN CRACOW DISTRICT; 3,500 SURVIVORS IN CITY

MOSCOW, July 27. (JTA) — A report on measures taken by the Polish Government to aid and rehabilitate the surviving Jewish population in the Cracow district has been received here from Warsaw.

A special committee has been set up by the government for this purpose, the report says. The Jews have been provided with living quarters, public dining rooms and medical aid has been organized. Special care is being devoted to the children. An orphanage for thirty children has been established in Cracow. In addition, the committee has granted funds for the maintenance of 120 children living with their parents. All children are under constant medical supervision. A school and a kindergarten will be opened shortly.

The committee has its own hospital with 500 beds. Food is being supplied to 40 Jews receiving treatment in municipal hospitals. A children's camp has been organized in Rakhe and a children's home for 300 orphans between the ages of five and fourteen is expected to open in the near future. Over 50 of the orphans were rescued from the Oswiecim camp. The committee is also engaged in organizing "artels," which are industrial co-operatives. In Tarnow, where there are now 340 Jews, a tailors' artel employing 105 people has been established. It produces uniforms and underwear for the Polish Army. Another tailors' artel is being organized in Cracow.

In 1939 the Jewish population of Cracow numbered 54,000. Now there are only 5,500 Jews in the city. Of the about 200,000 Jews who lived in the Cracow district, including the city itself only 5,500 Jews are left. Not a single Jew survives in a number of towns, such as Misslenice Nowotarg, and several rural areas. About two-thirds of the present Jewish population consists of fugitives from Eastern Poland and Warsaw. Most of the survivors are intellectuals, doctors, lawyers and engineers. The only artisans left are shoemakers and tailors. About 800 Jews have come to Cracow from the Wlaczim and Czenstochowa camps. These are mainly young and middle-aged people. They are all in an extremely debilitated state, many suffering from tuberculosis, and are all unfit for work.

## WE WILL FIGHT FOR PALESTINE STATE, SAYS DR. SILVER PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR LONDON BRIEFLY

NEW YORK, July 27. (JTA) — Prior to his departure by plane this morning to attend the World Zionist Conference in London, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, joint chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council and chairman of its executive committee, issued a statement declaring that "it should be clear to all that the Jewish people inside and outside of Palestine is determined to fight for the Jewish state until it is achieved."

"I am leaving for London in the hope that the First World Zionist Conference since the war may define the fixed course which our movement is to follow in order to reach quickly the goal of the Jewish State," Dr. Silver said. "If encouraging words such as from the Berlin meeting of the Big Three, then our conference will devote itself to the practical questions of mass Jewish immigration into Palestine and the very correlated tasks. If not—then we shall have to plan for the maximum mobilization of all of our strength for a protracted struggle in defense of our inalienable rights in Palestine."

The American Zionist Emergency Council will be represented by three delegates at the London conference. The three are Dr. Silver, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, joint chairman of the Council, and Emanuel Neumann, member of the executive committee, who has already arrived in England.

SLICING OF FEPC FUNDS BY CONGRESS FORCES SHARP CURTAILMENT OF AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, July 27. (JTA) — The Committee on Fair Employment Practice will close five of its fifteen field offices late in August, and reduce its present staff of 117 to 51 persons, according to Malcolm Ross, chairman. This action is necessitated, Mr. Ross stated today, by the reduction of the agency's budget from the \$507,600 expended last year to the \$250,000 appropriation for the current fiscal year.

The Committee will continue operation of ten field offices in war production areas where minority groups problems are likely to be most acute during the remainder of the war, Mr. Ross announced. These offices are located in New York City, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., Detroit, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, San Antonio, San Francisco and Los Angeles. The five offices to be closed are located in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Pittsburgh and New Orleans.

JEWISH RELIGIOUS SERVICES BROADCAST WEEKLY BY GUAM RADIO TO ALL UNITS AND SHIPS AT SEA

GUAM, (Delayed) (JTA) — Every Saturday evening at 9 o'clock Jewish religious services are beamed from this island to ships at sea, those tied up in the harbor and every unit and hospital on Guam.

The broadcast, which is known as the "Jewish Hour," is under the direction of Lieutenant Philip Lipis, Chaplain Corps, USNR. Chaplain Lipis, who is a former rabbi of the Bethel Synagogue, Camden, New Jersey, is assisted by Chaplain E. H. Rickel, USNR, of Temple Bethel, Buffalo, N. Y., and by Army Chaplains A.E. Michelson of Charlotte, N.C. and D.I. Cedarbaum of New York City.

The program consists of the traditional Sabbath Night Service of prayer and song, with a sermon of inspiration and instruction. Music is furnished by a sextet with organ accompaniment. The program is planned from the prayer book prepared by the committee on religious activities of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

(The Navy Department announced in Washington today the release of a motion picture depicting the activities of the chaplains of all religions attached to the Navy Marine Corps and Coast Guard. Entitled "Navy Chaplain," it shows the activities of chaplains both here and abroad. It will be made available to all organizations by the Chaplain's Division, Bureau of Navy Personnel, Washington.)

PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY TO MARK 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PALESTINE FUND RAISING ORGANIZATION

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) — Preparations are under way here for celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Keren Haayod, through which millions of dollars have been funneled into Palestine by Jews all over the world for development and reconstruction of a Jewish homeland. The official celebration will be held in October, according to an announcement today by the organization's headquarters.

Statistics released today disclose that at the end of last year approximately 74,000,000 pounds were on deposit in Palestine banks. During the year, Jewish banks extended 11,000,000 pounds in credits, Arab banks 4,000,000 and foreign banks 2,000,000. There are 25 banks and 84 financial cooperatives operating in Palestine at present.