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POLAND HAS ONLY 80,000 JEWS, DR. SOMMERSTEIN REPORTS AT WORLD ZIONIST CONFERENCE

LONDON, Aug. 5. (JTA)—Led by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the World Zionist Conference today tendered on enthusiastic reception to a delegation of eight Zionist leaders from liberated Poland who arrived yesterday from Warsaw, headed by Dr. Emil Sommerstein, Zionist veteran and chairman of the Central Jewish Committee in Lublin. This is the first Jewish delegation from Poland since the outbreak of the war.

The delegation brought a letter from Premier Osobka-Morawski of Poland assuring the Zionist Conference that all Jews wishing to emigrate from Poland to Palestine will be allowed to do so and that organizations engaged in facilitating Jewish emigration to Palestine will be permitted to function freely throughout Poland. The letter also offered assurances that the Warsaw Government will energetically combat anti-Semitism and insure equal rights for all citizens. Measures to finance Jewish rehabilitation in Poland were also promised and steps will be taken to facilitate Jewish relief from organizations abroad.

"The attitude of the Warsaw Government towards Zionism," Dr. Sommerstein said addressing today's session of the World Zionist Conference, "is best illustrated by the fact that I was granted a diplomatic passport to make the trip to London." He emphasized that there are today no more than 80,000 Jews in Poland, "that they are economically ruined and psychologically torn, but that they are all faithful to the Jewish people of which they consider themselves an integral part."

Many of these surviving Jews are eager for a Jewish State in Palestine, Dr. Sommerstein said. "The 5,000 Jewish children rescued from Nazi hands must find their way from Poland to Palestine," he emphasized. He added that the reactionary elements in Poland, "having hundreds of thousands of Jewish lives on their conscience, want to destroy the remnants of Polish Jewry, but are being vigorously combatted by the government."

Seventeen Zionist Training Centers Exist in Poland; One Maritime

Isaac Zukerman, one of the commanders of the anti-German resistance in the Warsaw ghetto, addressing the conference on behalf of the Zionist laborites in Poland reported that there are at present seventeen Zionist training centers and Kibutzim in Poland where surviving Jewish youths are being prepared for emigration to Palestine. They include one maritime training center near Danzig.

Other members of the delegation from Poland who addressed today's session of the conference included Abraham Berman, Chaiah Grossman, Mendel Kossover and David Meller—all active participants in partisan units which combatted the Germans during the occupation. Emphasizing that the surviving Jews in Poland have confidence in the future of Polish Jewry, the speakers joined in expressing the hope that Palestine would be opened for the immigration of those Jews from Poland who may wish to go there. They emphasized that it is expected that many thousands of Polish Jews will shortly return from the USSR to Poland.

NEW BRITISH CABINET HAS FOUR JEWISH MEMBERS; ZIONISTS PIRASED WITH COLONIAL SECRETARY

LONDON, Aug. 5 (JTA)--The new British Cabinet, completed yesterday, includes four Jewish members. They are: Emanuel Shinwell, Minister of Fuel and Power; Lewis Silkin, Minister for Town and Country Planning; Lord Nathan, parliamentary under-Secretary of War, and G.R. Strauss, parliamentary secretary of War Transport.

Zionist leaders here today expressed their satisfaction with the fact that in addition to appointing George Henry Hall to the post of Colonial Secretary, the new Labor Cabinet appointed also Creech Jones as under-Secretary for Colonies. Both are known to have expressed their opposition to the British White Paper under which the doors of Palestine are now closed to Jewish immigration.

ARABS WILL SPEND TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN AMERICA AND ENGLAND FOR PROPAGANDA WORK

LONDON, Aug. 5 (JTA)--The sum of two million dollars will be expended by the pan-Arab League in propaganda offices which will be opened in Washington and in London to conduct wide-scale pro-Arab and anti-Zionist agitation in the United States and in England, it was reported in the press here today.

Reproducing the full program adopted by the pan-Arab League in connection with the activities of these two offices, the London newspapers reveal that \$600,000 has been earmarked by the Arab League for publicity activities in the United States. For London, the League has allocated not less than \$1,000,000 for the same purpose.

It is stipulated by the League that its activities in Washington shall not be linked with any elements conducting anti-Jewish or anti-British propaganda. At the same time it is not to limit itself to propaganda on Palestine, but present the events in Palestine as part of general life in the Near East from the Arab point of view.

The general objectives of the two propaganda offices will, according to the published program:

1. To "prove" that it is not in the interests of the United States and England that Palestine be established as a Jewish State.
2. To bring to American and British attention the social and economic arguments advanced by the Arabs.
3. To popularize among Americans and Englishmen the religious and ethnical arguments of the Arabs.
4. To reveal the Arab contributions to the Allied war effort.

Four prominent Arab leaders have been designated for the work in London and Washington. The same leaders will also visit the Vatican.

FOUR AUSTRIAN WAR CRIMINALS TO GO ON TRIAL IN VIENNA FOR MURDERING 102 HUNGARIAN JEWS

VIENNA, Aug. 5 (JTA)--The trial of four Austrian war criminals on charges of murdering 102 Hungarian Jews, will begin Aug. 13 in the People's Court in Vienna, it was announced here today. The trial is "awaited with great interest" by the public, declared the Vienna radio.

The four men who were members of the Nazi Storm Troops are accused of murdering the Hungarian Jews while they were being transferred from a concentration camp to another camp at Deutschaltenburg, said the broadcast. Admission to the trials will be by tickets which are available through the secretariats of the democratic parties, the broadcast added.

PURGE OF JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS IN VIENNA FOR COLLABORATING WITH NAZIS

VIENNA, Aug. 5. (JTA)—Prof. Benzion Lazar, new head of the Jewish Community in Vienna, today explained to the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the reasons for the arrest by the Russian authorities of Dr. Joseph Lowenherz and Heinrich Beinenfeld, Jewish community leaders. The two, he said, are charged with collaborating with the Gestapo in organizing the deportation of Jews to extermination camps during the Nazi regime.

"Thinking to save themselves," he said, "Dr. Joseph Lowenherz, his assistant, Heinrich Beinenfeld and their associates faithfully carried out the Nazi orders for the selection of those Viennese Jews who were to be exterminated. They frequently shared confiscated property with the Gestapo. That is why the Russians have arrested these two. Some others of lesser guilt are still working in the offices of the Jewish Community but will be eliminated in time. Many who helped the Gestapo were in the end themselves transported to the gas chambers."

This typical Nazi scheme of using one set of victims to persecute another was diabolically successful, the J.T.A. correspondent was told. To some extent, a schism developed within the Jewish community, and a certain amount of bitterness and distrust remains. Nevertheless, with the ending of the Hitler terror, and the imperative necessity of dealing with immediate problems, the survivors of the community in Vienna are finding ways of reestablishing their historic unity.

"Our first task," said Prof. Lazar, "is to bring Jews from the former concentration camps and see that they get good food and shelter. That is a huge responsibility, and it is occupying all our time and our resources. To date, we have established a Jewish hospital with 220 beds, and another with 150 beds. We have regained the Home for Aged Jews, which is now housing 600 of the former concentration camp inmates, we have another home for 100, and we have a beautiful suburban villa for 40. We have just begun to use three hotels but we have been informed that at least one of them will be requisitioned for American troops here.

"As fast as possible, we are moving people into private dwellings. Fortunately, the Jewish Community had a certain amount of money available in this once rich community. But we are getting toward the end of our resources. Above all in importance is the fact that money buys very little and our great need is for food and clothing. Speaking practically, the Jews, like the other Viennese, are getting only bread to eat. Naturally, therefore, we hope every day for help from abroad."

"JEWISH CAMPS" IN MUNICH DIRECTED BY COMMITTEE OF INTERNEES UNDER U.S. ARMY SUPERVISION

GENEVA, Aug. 5. (JTA)—All "Jewish camps" in the Munich area, which is in the American zone, are being directed by the newly-formed "Central Committee for Jewish Liberates in Germany," under the supervision of the military authorities, according to Jacob Griffel, a representative of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States, who has just returned here from a visit to camps in Germany.

Griffel told a JTA correspondent that about 15,000 Jews from practically every country in Europe are in the camps in the Munich region. These have been specially constructed by the U.S. Army to receive Jews liberated from the Nazi camps. The largest of the new camps is Feldefen, which has a population of 5,000, mainly from Hungary and Rumania. Feldefen was a former Hitler Youth home. The commander of the camp is Lieut. Harry Smith, a Jew. Griffel said that Lieut. Smith is doing everything

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in his power to make the internees life as pleasant as possible. A library, motion picture theatre and kindergarten have been established.

Jews liberated from the Dachau camp, Griffel disclosed, are either quartered in the nearby towns or in barracks at the camp, awaiting an opportunity to emigrate. Another few hundred Jews, mostly from Poland, are living at Schleisheim, he said. All these who are ill have been assembled at a hospital at Saint Teillien, a Munich suburb, which is being operated by the new central committee of the internees, which is headed by a Dr. Gruenberg of Lithuania.

The internees in the hospital and in all the camps have, at least, two things in common, said Griffel. They lack clothes and they want to emigrate.

J.D.C. TEAM LEAVES FRANCE FOR GERMANY, TWENTY-SEVEN LIAISON MEN OPERATE UNDER UNRRA

PARIS, Aug. 5. (JTA)--Another team of Joint Distribution Committee workers left Paris today for Germany to operate in the zone of the American Seventh Army as liaison officers between the military authorities and the stateless Jews still held in camps.

At present the J.D.C. has twenty-seven representatives working in this capacity in Germany under the UNRRA. They maintain contact between displaced Jews and U.S. military officials, dispense medical assistance and help in tracing relatives among the surviving Jews in the camps.

NAMES OF 50,000 LIBERATED JEWS IN GERMANY RECEIVED BY WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (JTA)--The lists containing the names of 50,000 Jews now at the liberated camps in Germany have been received by the World Jewish Congress, it was announced here today by Chaim Finkelstein, head of the Congress' division for locating displaced persons.

"A great many of the names are of persons released from Buchenwald, Bergen-Belsen and Dachau," the announcement said. "Few of these are names of German Jews. Nearly all of the Jews registered are deportees from Poland, Hungary and various European countries which were dominated by the Nazis and their satellites."

JEWISH NAVY PILOT SINKS A JAP DESTROYER WITH DIRECT HIT

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (JTA)--Lt. (j.g.) Edward F. Binder, 26, Naval Air Corps, of Jersey City, N.J., holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and a Navy commendation for heroism as pilot of a carrier based plane in the South Pacific, the Jewish Welfare Board reported today.

On one occasion, he scored a hit on a Japanese destroyer escort near French Indo-China which resulted in the sinking of that vessel. He has taken part in numerous raids in the Luzon, Formosa and South China Seas areas. His group struck blows at Japanese shipping near the Philippines and off the South China coast while blasting the enemy's supply lines. Later they hit Okinawa and other Nansei Islands and supported the landings at Iwo Jima.