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PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN ANTI-JEWISH DISTURBANCES IN POLAND WILL BE SEVERELY PUNISHED

LONDON, Aug. 26. (JTA) — Severe penalties will be imposed upon all persons who participated in the anti-Jewish disturbances which have taken place in recent weeks in various Polish towns, it was announced here today in a statement issued by Alfred Fladerkiewicz, Polish Charge d'Affaires.

"We are sorry that such things happened in the new Poland at this moment," the statement continued, "but we believe that the anti-Jewish crimes are against the whole mentality not only of the Polish Government, but of the entire Polish nation.

"These brutal gangster attacks are being carried out by organized bands of reactionary elements in Poland who think that by making pogroms they will not only harm the Jews, but also the democratic regime of Poland," the statement emphasized. "The gangsters usually come out of the woods and kill not only Jews, but also Polish soldiers and militiamen. Jews can be sure that our government will take the necessary measures to bring these bands to justice. Measures have already been taken to ensure order."

20,000 Jews Repatriated to Lodz Despite Anti-Jewish Terror, Warsaw Reports

MOSCOW, Aug. 26. (JTA) — Despite the terroristic activities of anti-Semitic elements in Poland, Polish Jews continue to arrive in Lodz from camps in Germany, it was reported today in a Yiddish broadcast from Warsaw.

The broadcast quoted the Jewish Committee in Lodz as declaring that 20,000 Jews have been repatriated to Lodz from various parts of liberated Europe. Many of them lived in Lodz before the war but the majority are Jews who have no homes to which to return.

"The Jewish Committee in Lodz," the broadcast reported, "has taken steps to care for the repatriated Jews. It conducted a special 'relief week' for their benefit and provided them with food and clothing out of its own funds, in addition to the aid they received from the State Commission To Aid Victims of German Occupation." Many surviving Jews in Lodz offered accommodations to the newcomers until other arrangements could be made, the broadcast said.

British Ship Leaves Canada for Poland With Cargo for Jews in Warsaw

MONTREAL, Aug. 26. (JTA) — The first ship to leave Montreal for Poland, the British cargo vessel Saint Bernard, sailed today carrying in its hold many cases of clothing as well as 25,000 remodelled army uniforms for Polish Jews.

The shipment was sent by the United Refugee Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress which bought the surplus uniforms from the War Assets Corporation at a cost of \$55,000. The "Saint Bernard" will bring the relief cargo direct to the Polish port of Gdynia from where it will be forwarded to the Jewish Relief Committee in Warsaw.

CHIEF JEWISH CHAPLAIN IN EUROPEAN THEATRE NAMED ADVISER TO EISENHOWER ON JEWISH PROBLEMS

FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN, Aug. 26. (JTA) — Major Judah Neiditch, chief Jewish chaplain in the European theatre, has been named special adviser on Jewish problems to General Eisenhower, it was announced here last night by the headquarters of the United States Armed Forces in the European Theatre.

At the same time, Lt. Col. Charles Schottland chief of the processing section of the Combined Displaced Persons Executive of the USFET, announced that displaced Jews in Germany, exclusive of Soviet citizens, who do not wish to return to their home countries will be housed in special assembly centers until "they decide their futures."

(In a report from Frankfurt today, the correspondent of the New York Times quotes Col. Schottland as admitting that conditions in any of the camps where Jews have been held up to now were not satisfactory, and not in accordance with Headquarters policy. Col. Schottland attributed the poor conditions to the speed with which the camps were organized and the rapid movement of displaced persons throughout the United States zones.

(Colonel Schottland's section has begun a central tracing bureau, the first real effort to trace the tens of thousands of Jews who have disappeared in Germany, the Times says. All messages concerning vanished Jews are routed through his office, and, according to Col. Schottland, several families already have been reunited through this service. A special effort will be made to find missing parents and children.

Conflicting Views Still Exist as to Status of Jews' Nationality

(There still are conflicting views on the present status of the Jews' nationality, the Times reports. The Nuremberg laws in the countries of southeastern Europe performed the function for Hungary and Rumania. These laws have been abrogated by the Allies, but up to the present, legal experts have not figured out the status of German Jews under international law. It is the view of the Combined Displaced Persons Executive, it says, that Jews of all nationalities should have the option of choosing between a return to their old homes or assuming the status of stateless persons and migrating elsewhere.

(The correspondent quotes an officer of the Combined Displaced Persons Executive as stating, "we will move them where they want to go, provided they can obtain entry into the country." The settlement of stateless persons is a function of the International Governmental Committee on Refugees, which already has asked for quotas. Australia and New Zealand have shown the greatest interest in receiving stateless persons up to the present, and delegates have arrived in the United States zone to interview prospective immigrants, he discloses.

(Since the organization of the Displaced Persons branch of the now defunct Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, that body and its successor at USFET, the Combined Displaced Persons Executive, have made every effort to provide adequately for the care and ultimate "resettlement" of "non-repatriables, stateless and victims of Nazi persecution by reason of race, religion or political affiliations," the Times says.

(It quotes an administrative memorandum which sets forth the responsibilities of military commanders for stateless and non-repatriable persons and lays down the policy that such persons "will be accorded the same assistance granted to United Nations displaced persons" and that "enemy and former enemy nationals persecuted because of their race, religion or activities in favor of the United Nations will receive similar assistance.")

ADMISSION OF 500,000 MORE JEWS TO PALESTINE IS URGED; ARAB LEAGUE INTERVENES FOR MUFTI

LONDON, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The London press today devotes much space to the Palestine problem publishing articles for and against the establishment of a Jewish State. At the same time, it also carries a report that the Pan-Arab League has asked the Yugoslav Government to refrain from demanding that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem be placed on the list of war criminals and extradited from France to Yugoslavia for trial.

Evelyn Wrench, a British authoress who just returned from Palestine, suggests in an article in the Times that another 500,000 Jews be permitted to enter Palestine subject to the absorptive capacity of the country." She lauds the Jewish contributions to the welfare of the country and urges the establishment of Palestine as a bi-national state as soon as the Jewish population equals that of the Arab. Arab-Jewish parity, she points out, can then be maintained through a small annual Jewish immigration to balance the difference in the birthrate between Jews and Arabs.

Muhammad Abbas Ali, president of the London section of the All-India Moslem League, emphasizes in an article that the Moslems in India will back the Arabs in the Levant. "Why should Jews be removed from the European continent?" he asks, "If this must be done on account of anti-Semitism, then how can one expect the Arabs to be above this feeling?" The solution of the Jewish problem in Europe must be found by settling Jews in underpopulated countries such as Canada and Australia, he says.

Prof. Rocliffe Nathan Salaman, one of the leaders of the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad, says in a letter to the Times that Jews on the European continent are sustained by the hope that they will be re-united with their relatives in Palestine. The treatment of these Jews is a matter of concern to all who believed that they fought in this war to bring justice to the world, he points out.

Zionist Emergency Council Doubts Roosevelt Made Any Promises to Ibn Saud

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Emergency Council today issued a statement expressing doubts that the assertion by the secretary-general of the Arab League that the late President Roosevelt had promised Ibn Saud not to support Zionist claims was true and declaring that the league's request that the Yugoslav Government withdraw its demand for prosecution of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem is "to say the least, significant."

"In a statement issued by Azzam Bey, secretary general of the new Arab League, a highly dramatic account is given of an alleged pledge by President Roosevelt to King Ibn Saud, according to which the late President placed his hand in the hand of Ibn Saud and swore that he would not support the claims of the Zionists, the Council said.

"President Roosevelt issued a widely-publicized statement on October 15, 1944, in which he referred to the plank in the Democratic Party platform favoring 'the opening of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and colonization'... On March 16, 1945, after his return from Yalta and of course subsequent to his interview with Ibn Saud, President Roosevelt allowed it to be stated on his behalf in an initialed note to Dr. Stephen S. Wise that he had made clear his position on Zionism in the October 15th statement, that this position remained unchanged, and that he would 'continue to seek to bring about its earliest realization.'

"In these circumstances, either the story put out by Azzam Bey is manufactured out of whole cloth or else the late President was guilty of a quite incredible piece of deceit. It will be recalled that when President Roosevelt's statement of March 16, 1945, was issued, nothing was heard from Ibn Saud of any alleged promise to him. It is not until months after the President's death that this unsupported story is suddenly produced," the Council points out.

BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT RESUMES PAYING PENSIONS DENIED JEWS BY HITLER GOVERNMENT

PARIS, Aug. 26. (JTA) — Jews in Germany who were stripped of pensions due them by the Hitler Government will have such grants restored, according to a broadcast today by the Munich radio.

The broadcast said that the Upper Bavarian Provincial Insurance Institute has resumed paying pensions "due Jews and other Germans persecuted by the Nazis for political reasons."

300 REFUGEES ARRIVE IN SPAIN EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE; WILL SAIL NEXT WEEK

BARCELONA, Aug. 26. (JTA) — Approximately 300 refugees have arrived here from Switzerland en route to Palestine. They will leave for Palestine aboard the S.S. Lima on Sept. 3.

The Lima, which has been chartered by the Joint Distribution Committee, will leave Lisbon tomorrow. It will also call at Algeria to pick up an additional 50 Jews holding Palestine immigration certificates. The 300 from Switzerland were all formerly interned in concentration camps by the Nazis.

GREEK MINISTER SAYS THOSE WHO STOLE JEWISH PROPERTY TO BE PROSECUTED UNLESS THEY RETURN IT

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) — All persons who stole Jewish property during the German occupation of Greece will be fully prosecuted unless they return it to their rightful owners, Vice-Minister of Finance Michael Pozmazoglou has informed the Athens representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, it was learned today.

In a lengthy conference with Mr. Israel Jacobson of the JDC, Mr. Pozmazoglou disclosed that he had issued orders to courts throughout Greece to the effect that direct action must be taken against all those who looted homes and shops belonging to Jews.

JEWISH RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS WILL SEEK TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT DURING "JEWISH EDUCATION MONTH"

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) — Nationwide observance of Jewish Education Month and Week during the period from September 10th to October 15th was announced today by Mark Eisner, president of the American Association for Jewish Education which sponsors the observance in conjunction with the National Council for Jewish Education.

The observance, which is designed to stimulate an interest in Jewish education and the growth of Jewish schools will be marked by a concentrated drive by Jewish religious schools in cities throughout the country to increase their registration rolls and to urge parents to send their children to Jewish religious school for longer periods of time, the announcement said.

MARYLAND JEWS TO HOLD ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES IN CHURCH OF METHODIST CONGREGATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26. (JTA) — Jews in a suburban Maryland community will hold Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services in a Methodist Church.

The offer of their social hall to fill the need for a place to hold the services was made by the Woodside Methodist Church of Silver Springs, according to an announcement by the Montgomery County B'nai B'rith.