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POLISH-JEWISH LEADERS IN ENGLAND ASK FOR ACTION TO CHECK ANTI-JEWISH TERROR IN POLAND

LONDON, Aug. 28. (JTA) — Polish-Jewish circles here, although satisfied by the statements made by cabinet members in Warsaw condemning the anti-Jewish terroristic activities, today indicated that statements are not enough, and insisted that the Warsaw Government must embark upon a more active policy of curbing anti-Semitic violence.

Some Jewish leaders here demand that a warning be issued to the people in Poland telling them that the independence of Poland is threatened by the repeated anti-Jewish outbreaks. They point out that the terroristic activities of the anti-Semitic groups are not a new development, and they go so far as to declare that the wave of anti-Jewish terror in liberated Poland explains why the Nazi extermination of Jews from all parts of Europe took place on Polish soil.

"It is now clear that certain elements of the Polish nation shared in Hitler's slaughter of the Jews," one of the Jewish leaders here stated. "It is also clear that other elements in Poland are determined to keep the Jewish property which they stole with the aid of the Germans during the occupation period. Every Jew returning to Poland is looked upon by them as a potential challenge to their 'right' to the property of Jews who did not survive."

The general opinion among Jewish leaders here is that the position of the surviving Jews in Poland will remain precarious as long as they are used as a pawn in the struggle between the reactionary elements and the Warsaw Government. Only stern measures on the part of the Warsaw authorities can bring the anti-Jewish excesses to an end, they stress.

Dr. Sommerstein, Head of Polish-Jewish Delegation, Returns to Warsaw

LONDON, Aug. 28. (JTA) — Dr. Emil Sommerstein, head of the Jewish Central Committee in Poland, left for Warsaw today after spending about a month here as a delegate to the World Zionist Conference. The other members of the delegation from Poland are expected to leave within a few days as soon as transportation is arranged for them.

A meeting of Baltic Jews here today discussed problems of relief and rehabilitation for surviving Jews in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. The meeting was addressed by representatives of Lithuanian Jews in Sweden, South Africa, Palestine and England.

Representative of Warsaw Government Recognized by Palestine Administration

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (JTA) — Acting High Commissioner John V.M. Shaw announced today that Konrad Gadonsky, who represents the Warsaw Government, has been recognized as the official representative of Poland in Palestine. The status of officials appointed by the former Government-in-Exile, such as Henryk Rosmarin in Tel Aviv, is not clear.

NAZI JEWS IN CARPATHO-RUSSIA SEEK CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENSHIP; PRAGUE STUDYING PROBLEM

PRAGUE, Aug. 28. (JTA) — The Czechoslovakian Government is now trying to establish whether Jews in Carpatho-Russia — the section of Czechoslovakia which has become a part of the USSR — can choose Czechoslovak citizenship under the Moscow treaty which grants free choice of either Soviet or Czechoslovak citizenship to residents of Carpatho-Russia.

The problem is delicate because of the fact that the Moscow treaty speaks expressly of Czechs and Slovaks only, not mentioning Jews. However, there are at present many Jews in Carpatho-Russia who would want to choose Czechoslovak citizenship. Other Jews would like to emigrate to overseas countries. Jews employed in the civil service system established by the Soviet authorities, however, prefer to remain where they are.

No arrests of Zionist or other Jewish leaders have taken place in Carpatho-Russia since that territory became a part of Soviet Ukraine, it was reliably established. It was confirmed that Zionist activities have been declared illegal and all Hebrew schools have been closed throughout Carpatho-Russia, but the Jewish community councils are functioning and there is less anti-Jewish feelings today in that part of former Czechoslovakia than in Slovakia.

NAZI GENERAL WHO DIRECTED LIQUIDATION OF WARSAW GHETTO WILL BE TRIED AS WAR CRIMINAL

WEISBADEN, Germany, Aug. 28. (JTA) — S.S. Lieut. Gen. Jurgen Stroop under whose direction the Warsaw ghetto was liquidated in the Spring of 1943, after fierce resistance by the ghetto residents, will be tried here as a war criminal. The specific charge against Stroop is that he encouraged the civil population to murder American fliers who were forced to bail out of their planes over Germany.

In gathering evidence against Stroop, war crimes investigators uncovered new facts concerning the battle in the ghetto. Stroop first sent in a regiment of S. S. troops to round up Jews for labor camps. A Jewish army of 6,000 which had hidden weapons in sewers and underground passages fought fiercely and succeeded in wiping out the regiment, which included fifty tanks.

The Nazis then bombarded the ghetto with heavy artillery and dive bombers. When this failed to crush the resistance, they poured poison gas into the sewers. When the battle was over, Stroop issued a proclamation declaring that "the Warsaw Ghetto has ceased to exist." He was then promoted to command S.S. formations in this part of western Germany.

Josef Kramer, commander of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp and 46 guards, including 19 women, have been indicted on charges of mass-murder, British military authorities announced yesterday.

JEWISH AGENCY DENIES REPORTS THAT DR. WEIZMANN HAS RESIGNED FROM ACTIVE POLITICAL WORK

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (JTA) — Speaking in behalf of the Jewish Agency executive, Dr. Bernard Joseph, the Agency's legal adviser, today told a press conference here that the reports of Dr. Weizmann's resignation from active participation in the work of the Agency's office in London were not true. Dr. Weizmann, Joseph said, remains president of the Jewish Agency and will fulfil his duties as such.

GROUP OF JEWISH WELFARE FUND LEADERS FORM COMMITTEE TO OPPOSE NATIONAL BUDGETING

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The formation of a Committee To Oppose National Budgeting was announced at a press conference today by Ezra Shapiro, president of the Jewish Community Council of Cleveland, in behalf of leaders of Jewish federations and welfare funds throughout the country which are seeking "to prevent the imposition of national budgeting upon the American Jewish community."

Mr. Shapiro, who was named chairman of the newly formed committee, told the press conference that the new body "was organized to mobilize the overwhelming sentiment of American Jewry in opposition to any program which would give centralized authority to a single group to determine the future of all causes, national and international, appealing for American Jewish support." He announced that William Sytk, secretary of the Allied Jewish Appeal of Philadelphia, will serve as secretary of the new committee which, he emphasized, "will endeavor to coordinate the opposition of federations and welfare funds on the issue which will be taken up at the next General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds," to be held early in 1946.

"I note," Mr. Shapiro stated, "that the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds has modified the decision of its board of directors, so that the issue of national budgeting will be presented to the next General Assembly, presumably to be held early in 1946. As a result of this action, more adequate time will be afforded to the Jewish communities of America to discuss and to decide on this problem, the most vital that has ever confronted welfare funds and one of the most serious that has ever called for the consideration of the whole of American Jewry."

Principle of Referendum is Termed Sound

"However, the principle of a referendum involved in the original resolution of the board, is sound and should be followed through. Thus, every member agency of the Council should, between now and the time of the General Assembly, permit the most thorough discussion of the national budgeting proposal so that when the Assembly meets, it may record the mandate of the individual communities. In this way, the views of the Assembly may be an accurate cross-section of the views of the member agencies and not merely individual opinions."

"The Committee To Oppose National Budgeting will proceed on the democratic assumption that the Council itself and all member agencies welcome this extended opportunity for discussion of the pros and cons of national budgeting. Only by local action, registered officially and in a representative way, will any decision on national budgeting have meaning and validity."

At a time when there is "no uniformity on basic ideologies and principles" in American Jewish life and when Jewish needs here and abroad require an expansion rather than a contraction of "the horizons of community thinking on basic Jewish problems," it would be "the height of unwisdom to entrust the grave responsibility of far-reaching decisions to one centralized authority," Mr. Shapiro asserted. He pointed out that the Budget Research Committee of the Council, which was appointed in 1942 for the purpose of conducting a fact-finding survey, had voted by an overwhelming majority in opposition to national budgeting.

He declared that the program was being presented to the General Assembly of the Council for review despite the fact that the committee which had been appointed by the Council for the specific purpose of determining the value of national budgeting had rejected it by a majority vote. Another vital factor, he said, is the undesirability of creating a situation which would "plunge American Jewry once again into violent internal controversies."

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RELATIONSHIP OF REVISIONISTS TO ZIONIST ORGANIZATION TO BE DISCUSSED AT LONDON PARLEY

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) — The relationship of the New Zionist Organization to the World Zionist Organization and other Zionist bodies will be discussed at an international conference of the NZO to be held in London next month, it was announced today. The formation of a new world executive committee of the NZO and a united policy in the period preceding the peace conference will also be discussed.

Major William Friedman, chairman of the executive committee of the American branch of the NZO and Dr. Joseph Schechtman, chairman of its political committee, have already left for London, the announcement said.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FORMED TO RECOVER LITERARY TREASURES LOOTED BY NAZIS

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) — To facilitate the recovery of historically valuable books, documents and museum objects taken from Jewish homes and institutions by the Germans during the war, the World Jewish Congress has formed an international Committee for Recovery of Cultural Property, composed of some of the most outstanding Jewish personalities in the world, it was announced today.

The committee will promote a thorough search for the stolen materials and return them to the original owners. In cases where the owners have not survived the war, the recovered materials will be presented to the Hebrew University in Palestine as trustee. Collection centers are being established and it is expected that the military administrations in the various occupied territories will facilitate the work of the representatives of the committee.

OSE SENDS DRUGS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CLINICS IN POLAND

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) — The first consignment of huge quantities of drugs and medical instruments is now being assembled by the European OSE in Geneva, for shipment to TOZ, Jewish health society in Poland, according to a message just received in the New York offices of the American Committee of OSE.

It was decided to send the shipment upon receipt of news of the resumption of TOZ activities in Poland. The transport will consist of ten tons of drugs, medical supplies and utensils for the establishment of laboratories, dispensaries, dental clinics and other institutions needed for the restoration of the health of the Jews in Poland.

\$2,500,000 PROGRAM PLANNED BY NATIONAL JEWISH HOSPITAL TO COMBAT POST-WAR TUBERCULOSIS

DENVER, Aug. 28. (JTA) — The National Jewish Hospital at Denver, the first tuberculosis institution in America to provide medical and surgical care for needy men, women and children on a free, nation-wide, non-sectarian basis, will modernize and enlarge its facilities to meet critical post-war needs, at a cost of \$2,500,000, it was announced today by Alfred Triefus, hospital president.

DR. FINKELSTEIN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE, PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) — Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, yesterday was re-elected president of the Conference on Science, Philosophy and Religion at its annual business meeting at Columbia, Men's Faculty Club.

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