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JEWISH COMMUNITY IN SLOVAKIA REDUCED FROM 130,000 TO 25,000; MANY DIED AS PARTISANS

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia, Aug. 30, (JTA) — More than 5,000 Jewish partisans were killed in Slovakia during the underground struggle against the Germans, it was revealed here today by Salomon Weber, president of the Slovakian Jewish Committee, in an interview with the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Reviewing the general situation of the Jews in Slovakia since its liberation, the leader of the central Jewish body estimated that of the 130,000 Jews who lived in Slovakia before the outbreak of the war, there are about 25,000 left. They include about 8,500 who have thus far returned from concentration camps, 1,500 who came out of hiding and 7,000 in territory Hitler assigned to Hungary and which has now been returned to Czechoslovakia. In addition, about 8,000 Jews moved to Slovakia from Carpatho-Russia since that area was ceded by Czechoslovakia to the USSR, several weeks ago.

In the city of Bratislava there are no more than 5,000 Jews, Mr. Weber said. Energetic efforts are being made to revive Jewish community life under the leadership of Max Weiss, president of the local Jewish Community Council. A Jewish hospital with 100 beds is functioning, and five different places have been set aside for Jewish religious services, including three former synagogue buildings. The exterior of these synagogues were not destroyed, but the interior furnishings were wrecked and anything of value that remained was looted by the Germans prior to their withdrawal from the city. Several hundred Jews are being fed in public kitchens. Plans are under way to re-establish the Jewish Home for Aged, a Jewish orphanage and a Jewish sanatorium.

Beside the local community, Jews are distributed over Slovakia as follows: 2,000 in Kosice; 1,500 in Presov; 1,000 in Zilina; 1,000 in Michalovec, and roughly 500 each in Topolcsany, Blohovec, Dun-Streda, Nitra, Humenne, Komarno, Bardiob and Inava. The remainder are in various smaller villages.

Of the 130,000 Jews who lived in Slovakia before the war, 70,000 were deported by the Germans to extermination camps, Mr. Weber estimated. He believes that 10,000 Jews emigrated legally from Slovakia before the mass-deportations started and 15,000 left the country illegally. The 5,000 Jewish partisans who were killed participated in the resistance movement during the last few months of the German occupation, the Slovakian Jewish leader pointed out.

700 Jewish Writers, Artists Died in Warsaw Ghetto, Delegates from Poland Report

LONDON, Aug. 30, (JTA) — Seven hundred Jewish writers, artists and other cultural workers died in the Warsaw Ghetto, although many of them could have escaped, Rachel Auerbach, a member of the Polish delegation to the recent World Jewish Congress conference here, said today.

Addressing a reception arranged by the Association of Jewish Authors and Journalists in Britain for their colleagues among the delegations that attended the conference, Miss Auerbach said that leaders such as Prof. Meir Balaban, Dr. Isaac Shipper, Dr. Emanuel Ringelbaum could have fled, but preferred to remain with the Jewish masses.

MEMBERS OF JEWISH BRIGADE BRING JEWS FROM BELGIUM TO FRANCE FOR PALESTINE SAILING

PARIS, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Twenty trucks of the Jewish Brigade, led by Major I. Esopi, arrived here today from Brussels with more than 200 Jews from Belgium who were liberated from camps in Germany and who are planning to sail from Marseille for Palestine.

The steamer on which the liberated Jews will travel will also carry about 300 other Jews to Palestine, including 360 from Switzerland, 204 from France and about 200 from various camps in Germany and from an UMRRA camp at Philippeville, Algeria. Allied military authorities in Brussels made it possible for the Jewish Brigade to bring the Jews from Belgium to Paris where they will stay in the Hotel Lutetia maintained by the French Ministry for Repatriated Deportees, until they leave for Marseille from where they will sail on September 2nd.

The Hias-Ica office here today reports that the very complicated arrangements for the departure of the approximately 1,000 Jewish emigrants were made by the Hias-Ica in cooperation with the French, American and British authorities and with the aid of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Palestine. Thanks to the sympathetic cooperation of the French authorities, every emigrant will receive en route to Marseille hot beverages and a sufficient quantity of food without ration cards.

(A small group of Jewish survivors has left Marseille on the first French boat to sail directly from France to South America since the country's liberation, according to a cable received today from Paris by Ilja Djigur, executive secretary of the Hias-Ica headquarters in New York.)

MAJORITY OF BUDGET RESEARCH COMMITTEE FAVORS ADVISORY BUDGETING, BLAUSTEIN DECLARES

NEW YORK, Aug. 30, (JTA) -- The principle of advisory budgeting, which will be presented for approval at the 1946 General Assembly of the member agencies of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, has the support of a clear majority of the members of the Budget Research Committee, its chairman Jacob Blaustein said in a statement issued today.

Mr. Blaustein made this comment in reply to a statement by the newly-formed Committee to Oppose National Budgeting, that the Budget Research Committee which was appointed by the Council board of directors to conduct a fact finding survey had voted overwhelmingly against the proposal.

Mr. Blaustein charged that there are other errors in the press release of the Opposition Committee, but added that it is premature to discuss them at this time. "The decision of the Council to present the issues of advisory budgeting to the 1946 General Assembly will allow all interested parties sufficient time for the democratic process of consideration and crystallization of opinion," he said. "Meanwhile, the subject will be properly and objectively presented by the Council to the member communities and it is hoped that they will be permitted to exercise--and will exercise--their own judgment based on their needs without undue pressures from forces outside the communities."

"The Council also plans in advance of the Assembly to confer further and fully on the issues involved with national and overseas agencies," Mr. Blaustein continued. "To say the least it was premature at this time for any one of these agencies to have stimulated the creation of an opposition committee."

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AMERICANS WHO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST JEWS ARE NAZIS, BISHOP OXNAM SAYS; CONDEMNS BIGOTRY

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- A plea for Americans to beware of the seedlings of intolerance, bigotry and greed prevalent in the United States is made by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, in a signed article in the October issue of The American Magazine.

Bishop Oxnam says he wishes it were so, as "we contentedly imagine now that Germany is destroyed and the vicious leaders of the Nazi party dead or imprisoned, that Nazism has perished from the face of the earth." But, he writes: "Nazism is not merely a political philosophy or a system of government. It is a condition of the human heart, a state of mind. It is man's inhumanity to man masquerading in a brown or a black shirt, or even in the white collar of respectability. This state of mind breeds sin, bigotry, intolerance, selfishness, greed, cruelty, Godlessness. In Germany we saw Nazism in full flower--a poisonous flower. We saw it in its organized form. In America we see only its little seedlings, here and there, unrecognized for what they are. Beware of them."

"The man who excludes a Negro from any of the privileges of this democracy, who connives with a real-estate agent to exclude a Jew from a neighborhood, who sets up barriers against any human being because of his race or his creed, is a Nazi. He is an oppressor of peoples, an enemy of freedom, a bigot. He is laying the foundation for lynchings, riots, and the enslavement of his fellow man."

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALISTS AGITATING FOR EXPULSION OF GERMAN-JEWISH REFUGEES

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa. Aug. 30. (JTA) -- German-Jewish refugees who were admitted to South Africa on temporary visas after they fled from the Nazis, and whose permits were extended during the war, are concerned over the increasing agitation by nationalist elements, who are demanding that the refugees be ousted.

Many of the Jewish immigrants served in the Union's armed forces and others have established successful industries and commercial enterprises. Most of them want to become naturalized, but there is a great deal of opposition. The refugees are placing their hopes on Prime Minister Smuts and his United Party, since Smuts has frequently voiced his sympathy with, and admiration for, the Jews and is aware of their contributions to South Africa.

OVER 16,000 JEWS, TEN PER-CENT OF CANADA'S JEWISH POPULATION, JOINED ARMED FORCES

MONTREAL, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The War Efforts Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress has revealed that 16,550 Jews are listed on the committee's records as having joined the armed forces of the Dominion since 1939.

Of those 10,116 joined the army, 5,870 the Royal Canadian Air Force, and 573 the Royal Canadian Navy. They represent nearly ten per-cent of the Canadian Jewish community and do not include the Canadian Jews who enlisted in the Jewish Brigade or other units of the British army, the American forces or other United Nations services.

Jewish casualties recorded by the committee total 776 and 122 have been awarded honors and decorations including the Distinguished Service Order, the Order of the British Empire and American and French decorations.

PRESIDENT OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE RESIGNS; WILL ISSUE STATEMENT ON "JEWISH QUOTA" ISSUE

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Ernest Martin Hopkins, president of Dartmouth College, who endorsed and defended the quota system under which the number of Jewish students in Dartmouth is arbitrarily limited, has resigned, but the status of the quota system is still unclear.

However, it is understood that a statement on the question will be issued by Dr. Hopkins prior to Nov. 1, when the new president, John Sloan Dickey, director of the State Department's Office of Public Affairs, takes over.

FIRST GROUP OF JEWISH IMMIGRANTS TO ARRIVE SINCE END OF WAR LANDS IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The S. S. Magallanes, first ship bearing Jewish immigrants to arrive in the United States since the end of the war, docked here late yesterday with 63 refugees from Portugal and Spain.

The arrivals were met at the pier by representatives of the Hias, whose sister organization HIAS-ICA had assisted them in obtaining visas and transportation. Many left immediately for the homes of relatives in various parts of the country, while others were sent to the Hias shelter in New York to await transportation to their ultimate destinations.

JEWISH CONGRESS MAKES ARRANGEMENTS TO SEND FOOD PARCELS TO INDIVIDUALS IN POLAND

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today announced that individuals wishing to send food parcels to relatives in Poland and Czechoslovakia can do so through the offices of the Congress here. The parcels will be sent from Sweden.

The announcement said that an advance payment of \$9.00 will be required for each parcel which will contain seven pounds of food. The contents of the parcels are pre-determined by Swedish regulations and are identical.

RABBI SAMUEL COHEN DIES; WAS DIRECTOR OF UNITED SYNAGOGUE FOR 27 YEARS

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Rabbi Samuel Cohen, director of the United Synagogue of America for 27 years, who died at his home yesterday after a lengthy illness. He was 59. Dr. Cohen was born in Slutsk, Russia, in 1886, and came here as a child.

One of the first advocates of the idea that the synagogue could be a community center for all age groups and not just a house of worship, Rabbi Cohen personally helped to establish 150 such congregations. Under his leadership the United Synagogue grew from an organization of 40 congregations, when he became director, to one of 1,200 at the time he resigned last December 31.

ERL BOTWINIK, JEWISH WRITER, DIES IN NEW YORK; FUNERAL TODAY

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Erel Botwinik, Jewish writer and columnist for the Jewish Daily Forward since 1914, who died yesterday at Beth Israel Hospital after a prolonged illness. He was 60 years old.

Mr. Botwinik was born in Russia and came to the United States in 1905. He was the author of several plays and of a book of short stories. He was one of the founders of the Jewish Writers Club and the Jewish Playwrights League.

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