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RUSSIA INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL SOLUTION OF JEWISH PROBLEM, STALIN TELLS SOMMERSTEIN

TEL AVIV, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government would be "seriously" interested in an international solution of the Jewish problem, Marshal Joseph Stalin is reported here today to have stated to Dr. Emil Sommerstein, leader of the Jews in liberated Poland, during a reception tendered in the Kremlin to members of the Polish Government.

Addressing a group of editors of the Hebrew press, M. Kleinbaum, leader of Polish Jews in Palestine, revealed today that Dr. Sommerstein, who was among the group invited at the Kremlin, asked Stalin whether he knew what the Germans did to Polish Jewry. Stalin's reply was: "Yes, and we shall avenge it!"

Dr. Sommerstein then asked Stalin whether the Soviet Government would be interested in an international solution of the Jewish problem. "Certainly and seriously!" Stalin answered. Asked whether he would allow his views to be made public, Stalin told Dr. Sommerstein that he had no objections.

JEWS FROM POLAND, SLOVAKIA, RUMANIA, HUNGARY FLOCK TO U.S. ZONES IN GERMANY AND AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Without official permission of any government, and in spite of the numerous Allied military checking points and border controls along the roads, there is a substantial movement of Jews from countries in Eastern and Central Europe to the American zones in Germany and in Austria.

A correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told today that more than 4,000 Jews had "illegally entered the American zones." The majority of them are from Poland and Slovakia. Some are from Hungary and Rumania.

Many of these Jews were released from camps in Germany only a few weeks ago and repatriated to their native lands. Quite often they did not find any relatives there and discovered that their homes and businesses had been destroyed or could not be regained. In some cases continued anti-Semitism discouraged all their hopes of taking up life anew in their native lands.

Practically all these homeless wanderers are intent on emigrating from Europe, preferably to Palestine. Several hundred of them have already entered Italy where they believe transport is most readily available. What to do with these unfortunate people is a considerable problem for the U.S. military authorities who, generally, do not have sufficient supplies to feed the influx. The burden in such cases falls upon the Joint Distribution Committee.

Recently 400 Jews arrived from Poland without identity or ration cards which they intentionally destroyed. The military authorities had no food for them. Luckily the J.D.C. had a warehouse nearby from which emergency rations could be drawn. Efforts are being made by the authorities, in cooperation with the J.D.C., to get these Jews in to suitable camps where they can be cared for until orderly emigration will be possible. Meanwhile, more Jews from East European countries are expected since there is no effective way of stopping them from moving into the American zone.

COMMISSION PROBING CRACOW ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS TO URGE COURT-MARTIALING OF PARTICIPANTS

MOSCOW, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The official commission investigating the anti-Jewish riots which occurred in Cracow on Aug. 11 has made its report to a conference of judicial and security officials of Cracow province, presided over by Minister of Justice Henryk Swiatkowski, and its findings and recommendations will be submitted to a court martial for action against the guilty, the Warsaw radio said today.

A report from Lodz received here today says that Aron Ellenblum, a Jew, was killed there last week when a band of armed gangsters invaded an apartment house and attempted to murder one of the tenants. In the disturbance that occurred when the prospective victim threw himself upon one of the gangsters in an attempt to disarm him, Ellenblum was shot. The dead man had recently returned from a concentration camp to find that his wife and two young children had been murdered by the Nazis.

The Warsaw radio also reported that Jews in Lublin lived in fear of pogroms for several days as a result of anti-Jewish rumors spread among the Polish population by members of underground reactionary forces.

One of the rumors was that the Jews had killed a Pole named Dalkowski. Local authorities discovered that Dalkowski had been arrested by the security police for terroristic activities and is now being held in the Lublin prison.

(A strong statement denouncing the Cracow pogrom and its authors "whoever they may be," and stressing that responsibility for public safety rests with the Provisional Government, was issued today by the foreign committee of the Polish Socialist Party, in London. The party is headed by Tomaz Arcizewski, last premier of the Polish Government in-Exile.

(The history of Poland during the Czarist period and during the time of the Nazi occupation proved without a doubt that anti-Semitism was always in the vanguard of reaction and totalitarian tyranny, the statement said, adding that such activities threatened Poland's freedom and independence.

("The Polish Socialist Party," it continued, "has always strongly opposed all symptoms of racial, religious and national hatred, regardless of whether they were of foreign or domestic origin. It will fight against any attempts to jeopardize the safety of our Jewish compatriots who experienced such cruel persecutions at the hands of the barbarous German invader.")

TRIAL OF JEWISH OFFICIALS OF PRO-NAZI "OFFICE FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS" OPENS IN BUCHAREST

BUCHAREST, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Several Jews went on trial here today as leaders of the Central Office for Jewish Affairs, organized by the Nazis in November of 1941 to handle Jewish matters.

Radu Lecca, Jewish Affairs Commissioner, who was appointed by Gestapo leader Richter, responsible for Jewish matters in Rumania, is not included among the present defendants. They include Dr. Sandor Gingold, chief of the Central Office, Adolf Grossman, its financial chief, Jacques Leon, Lecca's liaison officer, who is charged with blackmailing Jews, and one Grunberg, Alina Wilman, the Central Office's press chief who wrote an article urging Palestine Jews to surrender to the Nazis when Field Marshal Erwin Rommel reached El Alamein three years ago.

The prosecution is demanding 20 years' imprisonment on the following charges: Collaborating with the Germans in helping to carry out the anti-Jewish policy, extorting money from Jews, making fortunes by blackmailing Jews, deporting them to Transnistria and sending them into forced labor.

OVER 1,600 JEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF EUROPE SAIL FOR PALESTINE; MOST FREED FROM NAZI CAMPS

MARSEILLE, Sept. 3. (JTA) — Over 1,600 refugee Jews from all parts of Europe, most of whom have spent years in German concentration camps, sailed from here today for Palestine.

A pre-departure dinner for the emigrants, last night, was dramatically interrupted when the refugees discovered in their midst three persons who had collaborated with the Nazis, and were attempting to flee to Palestine to escape punishment. Only the intervention of Capt. Abel Rosenberg, a French Maquis leader who was in charge of the camp where the refugees were housed pending their departure, saved the three from violence. Capt. Rosenberg announced that they would be turned over to the proper authorities and charged with being war criminals.

Among the passengers was David Frankfurter, who was released from a Swiss prison several weeks ago after serving nine years of an 18-year sentence for assassinating Nazi leader Wilhelm Gustloff. Frankfurter told a JTA correspondent that he was leaving Europe because he thought Palestine was the only possibility for the surviving Jews of that continent. He said that he does not plan to resume his medical studies which were interrupted when he was imprisoned, as he has forgotten too much, and had not yet decided what he would do. Frankfurter thought he might visit America, but declared that he had no desire to settle there. His brother, Dr. Alphonso Frankfurter, was also among the emigrants. He was recently liberated from a prisoner-of-war camp.

Among the pre-departure festivities and ceremonies were songs and dances around the camp fires last night and services in the Marseille Synagogue today. All the Jewish relief officials handling the transfer of the 1,600 emigrants had high praise for the cooperation of the American, British and French authorities involved.

(The French steamer "Ville Doran" today docked at Haifa bringing 700 Jewish refugees who lived in Switzerland and Italy, many of whom had previously been held in the Bergen-Belson concentration camp in Germany.)

JEWS IN BOHEMIA-MORAVIA HOLD TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON REVIVAL OF JEWISH COMMUNAL LIFE

PRAGUE, Sept. 3. (JTA) — Delegates representing 12,000 surviving Jews in Bohemia and Moravia, organized in forty Jewish communities met here over the week-end at a two-day conference to set up a central Jewish body to be known as the Central Organization of Jews of Bohemia-Moravia.

The conference, which was held in the historic Jewish Town Hall here, was presided over by Ernest Frischer, temporary chairman of the Prague Jewish Community. It discussed the reconstruction of Jewish communal and religious life in the country, and pressing legal, political and financial matters. Jewish communities in Slovakia did not participate, but their representatives attended as observers.

Among the guests were Minister of Information Josef Kopecky, representing the Czechoslovak Government, Deputy Mayor Vasek of Prague and aged Julius Lederer, only survivor of the pre-war Prague Jewish Community Council. Kopecky said that the Germans had been unable to make the Czechs carry out anti-Jewish excesses and paid tribute to the Jews who fought with the Czech Legion in Russia. Frischer welcomed the guests and outlined the tasks facing the Czech Jewish community.

The number of Jews in Prague registered with the Jewish community is now about 3,000. The other Jewish communities in Bohemia and Moravia average about 250 each.

ROMANIAN MINISTER OF RELIGION PLEDGES FREEDOM OF WORSHIP FOR ALL CITIZENS

BUCHAREST, Sept. 3. (JTA) — Minister of Religious Affairs Rev. Constantin Burdusa yesterday told a conference of 60 rabbis from Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Rumania that the Rumanian Government would see to it that all citizens were assured freedom of religion.

The conference adopted resolutions urging the rebuilding of destroyed Jewish communities in Transylvania, stressing that assistance from world Jewry was needed for that purpose; proposing that a commission be sent to all former Nazi camps to determine as accurately as possible who had been killed there in order that the present uncertain status of many Jewish women whose husbands have disappeared may be cleared up; and appealing to the democratic powers to give Palestine to the Jews.

The assembled rabbis sent greetings to Marshal Joseph Stalin, King Michael, Abbi Stephen S. Wise, Chief Rabbi Isaac Harzog of Palestine, and to the Jewish community of Palestine.

NORWEGIAN CROWN PRINCE, MANY NOTABLES, ATTEND RE-OPENING CEREMONY OF OSLO SYNAGOGUE

OSLO, Sept. 3. (JTA) — Many Norwegian notables, led by the Crown Prince, today attended the re-inauguration of the synagogue here, which was closed down during the German occupation when many Jews were deported from Norway to German concentration camps.

A memorial service for those who were killed in the concentration camps marked the re-opening of the synagogue. Chief Rabbi Freidiger of Denmark delivered a sermon thanking all those who helped the Jews in Norway during the trying period of the Nazi occupation, including the Royal House, the Church and the members of the present government who were active in the underground movement.

MUTUAL DEFENSE ZONES NEEDED IN PALESTINE IF PARTITION IS IMPOSED, BRITISH GENERAL SAYS

LONDON, Sept. 3. (JTA) — "Goodwill is likely to exist in Palestine," if the partitioning of the country into autonomous Jewish and Arab areas is accepted by both parties, it is stated today by Maj. Gen. Robert H. Haining in the London Times. The question of defensive measures will, thus, not arise, he believes.

"However, if partition is imposed, then the safeguarding of mutual frontiers will be a matter of first importance," Gen. Haining points out. "It would then be necessary to establish neutral defense zones, or some such expedient."

The executive committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews today decided to postpone the question of making representations to the British Government with regard to the status of refugees now living in Britain. The decision was motivated by the fact that further information with regard to the problem is likely to become available soon.

PARIS ASSIGNS BEST PUBLIC HALL FOR ROSH HASHONAH SERVICES FOR AMERICAN SOLDIERS

PARIS, Sept. 3. (JTA) — Palais Cahillot, the newest and finest public hall in Paris, was assigned today to the U.S. armed forces to serve as a synagogue for Jewish soldiers during the Jewish High Holidays which start Friday evening. German war prisoners have been put to work to prepare the hall for the Rosh Hashonah services.

Large consignments of religious requirements for Jewish centers in Berlin, Cologne, Frankfurt-am-Main, Munich and other cities in Germany were dispatched today from London by the Chief Rabbi's Emergency Council in connection with the High Holidays.