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106 EAST 41<sup>st</sup> STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.NEW JEWISH REFUGEES IN SHANGHAI WANT TO REMAIN; OTHERS SEEK REPATRIATION, EMIGRATION

SHANGHAI, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- One-third of the 14,000 Jewish refugees who have just been released from internment in Shanghai want to remain in China and practice their professions or start businesses; another third wants to be repatriated to their native lands; and the others want to emigrate to Palestine, it was established today by a correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The correspondent found the refugees in great need of aid. For the time being they are still living in the Hongkew ghetto where they were interned by the Japanese during the war. They are being fed at seven public kitchens and each of them receives a small allowance from funds supplied by the Joint Distribution Committee.

Many of the refugees, who escaped from Germany and Austria to Shanghai before the outbreak of the war, are doctors and dentists and their professional work would be much in demand here. However, they need equipment and substantial aid for rehabilitation.

Jewish Leaders Resisted Jap Attempt to Use Them for Anti-U.S. Propaganda

The story of the heroic resistance of the Jewish refugees to Japanese officials who wanted them to "cooperate" in disseminating pro-Japanese propaganda in the United States was disclosed to the correspondent, revealing for the first time that a Japanese Navy captain named Imuzuka was in charge of "Jewish affairs."

Capt. Imuzuka arrived in Shanghai immediately after the attack of Pearl Harbor and summoned the local Jewish refugee leaders whom he urged to send cables through neutral countries to Jews in the United States so as to enlist the sympathy of the U.S. Jews for Japan. The Jewish leaders refused. The Japanese captain, who proved to be a student of Jewish history and literature and who was also well informed concerning Jewish life in the United States, told the leaders that if they would cooperate with him, he would try to get relief funds for them from the Japanese government. This inducement was ignored. Finally, Capt. Imuzuka threatened that all the Jewish refugees in Shanghai would be exterminated if they failed to cooperate by sending pro-Japanese messages to the Jews in America. This threat was also ignored.

Mannuel Siegel, JDC representative here, then induced a friend on the Shanghai Times to write an article saying that the refugees were a problem of the local community, and that if they were cut off from food and hospitals, disease would spread through the city. The day after the article appeared the Japanese consul called on Siegel and warned him that he would be thrown into the notorious Bridgehouse prison if any similar statements appeared. The consul said that the refugees were not a local, but an American Jewish problem.

Shortly afterwards, Siegel and his co-worker, Laura Margolis, were interned in the refugees' concentration camp in the Hongkew district, the residents of which were underfed and mishandled by the Japanese.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN AMERICAN-HELD ZONE IN GERMANY WILL REGAIN RIGHT TO STATE TAXES

FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The American Military Government which has thus far not provided any legal facilities for the restitution of Jewish properties, today issued a statement pledging that Jewish communities in the American-held zone in Germany will eventually have restored their right to apply for funds from state taxes and also their property.

"Leaders of the Hebrew religion," the statement reads, "have requested permission to re-establish their religious communities as 'corporations in public law,' with a view to regain their right to apply for state taxes. This permission will be granted as rapidly as possible, but dissension between rival elements claiming to represent former Jewish religious communities is making it necessary to sift out many claims.

"Restoration of Jewish community property is to be facilitated. But here again rival claims are slowing up the return. The properties are of all kinds, including even some headstones which were taken by the Nazis from the Manheim Jewish cemetery. Some communities which were believed wiped out are now being re-established by the return of few individuals literally from the grave."

The Frankfurt radio reports today that the main Rosh Hashonah services in the Rhineland were held in the reconstructed synagogue at Bad Nauheim with U.S. Chaplain Blinder officiating. Other services were held here and at Kassel, with American chaplains officiating at both places. About 1,000 troops attended the services in the last two cities.

50,000 JEWS HAVE RETURNED TO KIEV FROM INTERIOR; JEWISH COMMUNITY RE-ESTABLISHED

KIEV, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Over 50,000 Jews have returned to this city from the interior of the Soviet Union to which they were evacuated when the Nazis overran the Ukraine, and the Jewish community organization has been revived. Before the German invasion, more than 150,000 Jews lived here.

Upon their return to Kiev religious Jews found that all synagogues were in ruins and not a single Sefer Torah or prayer book could be found in the city. Everything had been destroyed by the Germans. With the assistance of the central government's Committee on Religion, six Torahs and a number of religious books were obtained from the Moscow Jewish community.

Last Rosh Hashonah there was still no synagogue available and services were held by about 15 "minyans" scattered in private homes throughout the city. In March of this year, however, a large two story synagogue was placed at the disposal of the community by the Soviet authorities. After extensive repairs it was ready for use in April, and services are being held there daily.

At the same time, the Jewish religious community was officially reconstituted and elections for officers held. Lazar Schwartzman was named chairman and Itshok Shekman was re-elected Rabbi of Kiev. The community council decided that another synagogue was required and work has begun on one with material supplied by the authorities.

Two Jewish cemeteries which were desecrated by the Nazis, who wrecked the tombstones and converted part of one into a vegetable garden, have been cleared of debris and repaired.

991 JEWISH DEPORTEES EN ROUTE HOME; BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISES JEWISH SCHOOLS

SOFIA, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Seventy-five ragged, barefoot and emaciated Greek Jews passed through here this week-end en route to Salonika from a German concentration camp near Hanover. These pitiful survivors said that they had been given no assistance.

The Bulgarian Government plans to grant subsidies to Jewish schools, it was reported here at a conference of teachers in those institutions. The meeting decided to increase the amount of time spent in the study of Hebrew and ruled that all pupils in the Jewish schools must belong to a single student's organization. Because of the precarious financial state in which most of the teachers find themselves, it was decided to appeal to the Joint Distribution Committee for assistance.

All decisions taken at the conference are subject to approval by the Jewish Consistory and the government's education officials.

991 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM EUROPE ARRIVE IN PALESTINE ON ROSH HASHONAH

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The S.S. Metrua carrying 991 Jewish refugees from Europe docked at Haifa yesterday after a six-day voyage from Toulon, France.

The 460 men, 316 women, 194 children and 21 infants on board came from France, Belgium and Switzerland. Among the contingent from the latter country was David Frankfurter, who was released from a Swiss prison in June after serving nine years for assassinating Nazi leader Wilhelm Gustloff. Two of the youngsters still wore the monastic gowns given them while they were sheltered by the Catholic clergy.

The arrivals expressed their gratitude for the cooperation and assistance given them in France prior to their departure by American, French and English authorities.

ANGLO-FRENCH COOPERATION COULD MAKE SOLUTION OF PALESTINE PROBLEM EASIER, DE GAULLE SAYS

LONDON, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- A solution of the many pressing problems in the Middle East, including that of Jewish immigration into Palestine, will be found more easily if Britain and France cooperate in that part of the world, Gen. Charles de Gaulle declares in an interview appearing today in the London Times.

The Near East, the French leader says, "is an area where Britain and France should have a common policy," since they both have "a common interest in the advancement of the Arab countries."

PALESTINE COMMUNIST CONFERENCE ASKS END TO WHITE PAPER, SUPPORTS JEWISH NATIONAL HOME

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Abolition of the White Paper and development of a Jewish national home were urged in a program presented to the opening session of a country-wide convention of the Palestine Communists Party, which was attended by 70 delegates including six uniformed men.

The program stated that Jewish-Arab rapprochement will come when both Jews and Arabs "understand the principles of democracy," and when the Arabs comprehend the advantages that the entire country will derive from the establishment of a Jewish national home.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE "ADVISES" JEWS TO ABSTAIN FROM FIGHTING ANTI-SEMITISM IN AMERICA

CHICAGO, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Charging that by combatting anti-Semitism Jews in the United States "promote the very prejudice they seek to suppress," the Chicago Tribune, which seldom pays any attention to Jewish news, publishes an editorial "advising" Jewish organizations in America to abstain from raising funds for anti-defamation activities.

The editorial is based on a news story published in the Tribune which states that the Joint Defense Appeal of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith intend to raise \$4,000,000 among Jews and their friends in the United States for a nation-wide campaign to stamp out anti-Semitism in this country. The Joint Defense Appeal is reported by the paper to have stated that of every 100 Americans, 25 are infected with anti-Semitism; 25 are opposed to anti-Semitism; 50 have no fixed opinions and can be swung to either the group opposed to anti-Semitism or to the group definitely anti-Semitic.

"It is utterly fruitless to try to combat religious prejudice, or race prejudice by logic because it is a wholly illogical emotion," the editorial argues. "It is born of ignorance, not necessarily the ignorance of the ill-informed, but the ignorance of those who refuse to accept the facts. Such ignorance is not susceptible of correction by any tour de force of education, particularly by an educational effort by the victims of the prejudice."

The paper then goes on to make a distinction between "prejudice" and "persecution," emphasizing that it is not opposed to curbs on anti-Jewish persecution, but objects to measures which would tend to prohibit anti-Jewish prejudice. "It is one thing to curb action, another to curb or correct thought, however evil and erroneous," the editorial asserts.

Emphasizing that "no minority group in this country has ever escaped prejudice," the editorial says: "These prejudices die. They do not die as fast as we would all like to see them do, but there is little that can be done by conscious, organized effort to accelerate the process." It concludes by expressing hope that the Jewish organizations "will abandon their ill-advised project," to raise funds for curbing anti-Jewish propaganda.

JEWS CHAPLAINS COMMENDED BY U.S. MILITARY LEADERS FOR WORK AMONG SERVICEMEN

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The heroism and the work of the Jewish chaplains in the U.S. armed forces are lauded in messages issued by Gen. H.H. Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Force, Admiral Ernest King, and Gen. Brehon Somerwell, head of the Army Service Forces.

Gen. Arnold expresses "deep appreciation for the splendid work the Jewish chaplains are doing at home, abroad, and in the far flung combat zones the world over." General Somerwell emphasizes that the chaplains "have a heroic record wherever our men work and fight." Admiral King stresses the fact that the chaplains played a most important role in maintaining morale among the servicemen and that many of them worked sometimes "under the most severe difficulties."

The messages were issued in connection with the annual dinner which the Jewish Theological Seminary is arranging for next month to honor the 100 graduates of the Seminary and members of the Rabbinical Assembly of America serving as chaplains.

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NEWS DISCUSSES POSSIBILITIES FOR REFUGEES AT FORT ONTARIO TO REMAIN IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes today assured the refugees held at Fort Ontario that he "will continue to discuss with other departments and government agencies concerned the possibility of arranging procedures under which those of you who may wish to become citizens or residents of the United States might be allowed to do so."

The Secretary also said that he will continue to explore every possibility for helping those who wish to return to Europe to secure transportation to their homelands as soon as possible. Of the 982 refugees originally brought to Fort Ontario, 67 have already voluntarily returned to their native lands or emigrated to other countries. Still another group is expected to be repatriated during this month.

Joseph H. Smart, former director of the refugee shelter at Fort Ontario and now head of the Friends of Fort Ontario Guests-Refugees, today announced that his group has secured the endorsement by Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York of the following proposals advanced by the organization:

1. Give the Fort Ontario refugees immediate freedom of movement and residence in the United States.
2. Give them equal opportunities with other prospective immigrants for legal entry into the country under existing national quotas.
3. The government should adopt the policy that no refugee should be repatriated against his will.

In endorsing these proposals, Gov. Dewey emphasized that the refugees at Fort Ontario must be given equal opportunities with other applicants for immigration. "America must always remain the haven of the oppressed, particularly in these times when people have fought our enemies in their own homelands," the Governor said. "Their plight calls for prompt and generous action by our own government."

AMERICA AND BRITAIN REACH AGREEMENT ON DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS U.S. PROPERTY IN PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Disposal of surplus American property in Palestine, Egypt, Iraq and other Middle Eastern areas will be facilitated by an interim agreement concluded between the State Department and the British Government, according to an announcement today by Thomas B. McCabe, Army-Navy Liquidation Commissioner.

The catalogue of items for sale is in process of compilation. While no sales have been reported as yet, it is expected that thousands of items, from bolts and nuts to clothing, vehicles and small amounts of food, will be available for purchase. The agreement provides that sales be made for local currency, with the understanding that the money be used by this government for meeting any expenses incurred in the areas under question.

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION PAYS FLYING VISIT TO PALESTINE; FETED IN TEL AVIV

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- A U.S. Congressional delegation of six, led by Rep. Victor Wickersham of Oklahoma, left for home today after visiting the holy places and dining at Government House.

The delegation, which is touring the Middle East, also lunched with U.S. Consul-General Lowell C. Pinkerton and visited the Dead Sea during their brief stay. They spent one night in Tel Aviv where they were entertained by Mayor Israel Rokach.

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