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TRUMAN ASKS BRITAIN TO ADMIT TO PALESTINE 100,000 DISPLACED JEWS FROM EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Former Senator Guy M. Gillette today revealed that President Truman has sent a personal letter to Prime Minister Attlee urging the admission to Palestine of approximately 100,000 displaced Jews still in camps in Germany.

Gillette emphasized, in a statement to the press, that the President had authorized him to make the news public. President Truman also told Gillette that Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, who is now in London attending the conference of the Big Five Foreign ministers, is negotiating with the British Government on the future of Palestine. The President asked Gillette to postpone his contemplated trip to London in behalf of the American League For A Free Palestine until Secretary Byrnes returns from England with a report on the results of his negotiations.

Gillette, who called at the White House together with Senator Ralph Brewster, of Maine and Senator Warren Magnuson, of Washington, also quoted the President as stating that he had no objection to making public the fact that the government of the United States is now in constant consultations with the British Government on the Palestine problem.

The President informed the delegation that whatever decision may be taken regarding the status of Palestine, the United States Government will insist that the doors of Palestine be opened immediately to the homeless Jews of Europe. The U. S. Government will also ask Britain to assist American authorities in Europe in evacuating the displaced Jews to Palestine, Mr. Truman was quoted as declaring.

Following the interview with the President, Gillette said that he and Brewster and Magnuson had decided to postpone their trip to London and will await the return of Mr. Byrnes from England. The three thanked President Truman, in behalf of the American League For A Free Palestine, for his friendly efforts to assist the displaced Jews in Europe.

GERMAN OFFICIAL SENTENCED TO DEATH BY POLISH COURT FOR EXECUTING JEWS IN TARNOW

WARSAW, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Johan Franks, a former German official in Tarnow during the Nazi occupation, was sentenced to death today by a special court there, after being found guilty of ordering the execution of Jews.

The Warsaw radio today reported that Dr. M. Kernish, Jewish historian and a captain in the Polish Army, who led partisan groups against the Germans, has been decorated by the government with the Polonia Restituta, highest Polish order. Dr. Kernish is now one of the lecturers of the Polish Military Institute in Warsaw.

The Jewish Historical Committee in Warsaw has started excavations on the site in the Warsaw ghetto where the late Jewish historian, Dr. Emanuel Ringelblum lived before he was killed by the Germans. It is expected that the excavations will lead to the unearthing of many valuable Jewish manuscripts which were entrusted to Dr. Ringelblum for safekeeping during the German occupation.

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ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA IN HUNGARY MOUNTING; PEASANT PARTY LEADS CAMPAIGN AGAINST JEWS

BUDAPEST, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic agitation in Hungary has assumed such alarming proportions that the democratic newspaper Magyar Nemzet today issued its second warning within a period of a few weeks citing the consequences to the country as a whole if the anti-Jewish incitement is not curbed.

The main slogan of the anti-Semitic propagandists is: "The deported Jews have all been repatriated, but nobody cares for the pure-blood Hungarian prisoner-of-war in Russia!"

Of the five major political parties represented in the Provisional Assembly, three are conducting anti-Jewish propaganda. The Peasant Party, which openly denounces the Jews and asks that their rights be restricted, is leading the drive. M. Darvas, a leader of the party, has delivered many anti-Jewish speeches, which were greeted with enthusiastic applause by his audiences.

The only two groups which are firmly pro-Jewish are the Democratic Party which represents mainly the Jews of Budapest and a small part of the Hungarian intelligentsia, and the Social Democratic Party. The Communist Party is unconsciously helping the anti-Jewish propagandists by consistently accusing the Jews of sympathizing with the capitalists.

15,000 JEWS HOUSED BY AMERICAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN SPECIAL CAMPS IN GERMANY

LONDON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Eight special camps for Jews, which house over 15,000 persons, have been established in the American zone in Germany, the Manchester Guardian reports today. The two biggest camps, each of which have about 5,000 inmates, are located at Foldafing and Landsberg. There are six smaller camps, in each of which there are about 1,000.

Camp Zeilsheim, near Frankfurt, has an English-Hebrew banner across its entrance gate proclaiming it the "House of Israel," the Guardian correspondent reports. Some of the 800 people there are working for the army outside the camp. Workshops for tailoring, shoemaking and carpentry have been established, but they lack equipment. One hut has been converted into a synagogue.

English and Hebrew classes are held daily. They are attended by 113 youngsters between the ages of 13 and 17. There are no younger children in the camp. Their standard diet totals about 2,000 calories daily, which the correspondent says is not sufficient to allow them to recover from the years of starvation they have endured. Occasionally their diet is supplemented by Red Cross parcels.

The chairman of this camp is a 35-year-old Polish Jew whose parents, brothers and sisters died in Poland during the German occupation. Eighty percent of the survivors in the American zone are Polish Jews, the Guardian dispatch discloses. It says that only five percent of them want to be repatriated, while almost all the others would like to emigrate to Palestine.

FIRST JEWISH BOOK SINCE LIBERATION OF BULGARIA APPEARS IN SOFIA

SOFIA, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The first Jewish book to be published here since the overthrow of the pro-Nazi regime in Bulgaria appeared today. Entitled, "Five Years of Fascist Oppression," it describes the persecution of the Jews in Bulgaria. The author is Rabbi Daniel Zion.

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GERALD SMITH SAYS JEWS "HYSTERICAL" FOR FIVE YEARS; URGES RETURN OF COUGHLIN TO AIR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Denying that he was anti-Semitic, Gerald L.K. Smith, who describes himself as a "nationalist," today charged that the Jewish people in the United States have been "hysterical" for the past five years, and that the Communists were inciting the Jews to raise money.

At a press conference in the Statler Hotel here, Smith circulated petition blanks calling for the return to the radio of Father Charles Coughlin, whose publication "Social Justice" carried violent attacks against Jews until it was suppressed by the Government after the U.S. entered the war.

Smith said he would confer here with former Senator Robert Reynolds who heads the so called "Nationalist Party," and also with several members of Congress, who, he said, were "nationalists at heart." He refused to name the Congressman.

JEWISH OFFICER REMOVED FROM BRITISH MILITARY COURT AT REQUEST OF PRO-NAZI DEFENDANT

LONDON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Because a British soldier being tried for activities aiding the enemy objected to the presence on the military court of a Jewish officer, the latter was removed and replaced by a non-Jew, it was revealed here today.

When Pvt. Theodore Schuerch was summoned before the court, he demanded to know the religion of each member. Upon learning that one major was a Jew, he asked that he be removed. Schuerch's attorney said that since "the question of fascism looms large in the accused's mind, there would be an inevitable clash between the accused and the major." The court thereupon decided to replace the Jewish officer with a member of the Church of England.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO PUBLISH REPORT ON NAZI ANTI-JEWISH CRIMES IN FRANCE

PARIS, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The War Crimes Investigation Division of the French Ministry of Justice is collecting data and documents for publication of an official report on anti-Jewish persecutions in France during the German occupation, it was announced today.

The report will be one of a series of publications planned by the Ministry of Information to cover the history of the war. The destruction by the Germans, before they retreated, of most incriminating documents is making the task of the ministry extremely difficult.

POLISH AMBASSADOR IN FRANCE RECEIVES PROTEST AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH TERROR IN POLAND

PARIS, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- A formal protest against the reported anti-Jewish riots in Poland was submitted to the Polish ambassador here today by the League To Combat Anti-Semitism. The League points out that although there is no doubt that the terrorist activities against Jews in Poland are being conducted by Nazi agents, reliable information reaching Paris establishes that among the anti-Jewish agitators there are also numerous Poles.

PALESTINE RAILROADS PLACE \$2,000,000 ORDER IN ENGLAND TO ENLARGE HAIFA PORT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Palestine railroads have given British plants orders for \$2,000,000 worth of rolling stock, M.M. Kirby, General Manager of the Palestine Railways, announced today upon his return from England. He said that the order was part of a plan to expand the rail facilities of the port of Haifa.

ISRAELI STATE WILL BENEFIT ALL OF HUMANITY, SAYS SOUTH AFRICAN VICE PREMIER

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The battle to obtain a Jewish homeland in Palestine is not merely to decide whether the Zionist ideal will prevail or whether the Jews will be re-established there, or even whether a haven will be provided for refugees, but to decide whether the whole of humanity is to benefit from the great gifts of the Jewish spirit, Vice Premier Jan Hofmeyer said here, addressing a meeting to launch a drive in South Africa for the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The Vice Premier added that he supported Zionism not merely for reasons of justice, but because he saw therein an enrichment of humanity, and because he looked toward a Jewish Palestine to inaugurate a new chapter in the annals of the human spirit. The Hebrew University, he continued, is the supreme intellectual achievement of Zionism, and guarantees the revival of the Jewish genius, which in the past has placed humanity in debt.

Prof. Leon Mayer, rector of the Hebrew University, and Dr. Werner Senfater, the institution's administrator, outlined the school's development and its plans for expansion. More than 27,000 pounds were pledged at the meeting.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH LEADER DESCRIBES COMMUNITY'S EFFORTS TO AID JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Pointing out that in 1945 the South African Jewish community has pledged \$1,600,000 to the Joint Distribution Committee's relief and rehabilitation programs in Europe, Max J. Spitz, an outstanding Jewish leader in the Union of South Africa, told a press conference today that "South African Jewry is fully aware of the magnificent job J.D.C. is doing in helping our suffering brethren."

The arrangement joining the South African Jewish War Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee as full partners in their humanitarian work calls for the JDC to continue "the actual distribution of relief supplies as well as the setting up of long-range rehabilitation and reconstruction programs," Mr. Spitz said. South African Jewry, he added, is especially anxious to bring whatever relief is required to the surviving Jews in Eastern Europe whose tragic plight is probably the worst of all destitute Jewish communities in Europe.

HADASSAH CABLES \$1,112,000 TO PALESTINE FOR NAZI DEATH-CAMP CHILD REFUGEES AND OTHERS

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Hadassah today announced that it has cabled \$1,112,000 during the past five months to the Youth Aliyah Bureau of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Jerusalem, to provide for the education and maintenance of 3,100 Jewish refugee children, who have come to Palestine since November, 1944, from Nazi concentration camps, and ghettos, and from temporary havens in France and Switzerland.

The greatest percentage of concentration camp arrivals, Hadassah said, are boys, since in most cases the Nazis murdered girls first as they were the child-bearers of the future. About 45 percent of them are orphaned, and about 30 percent arrived with one parent. Another 20 percent knew the names of places where their parents might be living. And five percent could give no information about their parents, in most cases because they were too young to know what happened to them. About 15 percent were suffering from incipient or active tuberculosis.

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