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ZIONISTS IN LONDON ALARMED OVER NEW POLITICAL SITUATION; CALL EMERGENCY CONFERENCE

LONDON, Sept. 19. (JTA) — An emergency conference to deal with the new and serious developments in the Zionist political situation was called today by the Zionist Federation of Great Britain following a report by Reuter's that the major demands of the Jewish Agency have been declared unacceptable by a sub-committee appointed by Prime Minister Attlee to draft the government's policy with regard to Palestine.

The conference, which will be held on Monday, will meet in camera. It will be addressed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann and other members of the executive of the Jewish Agency. A communique will be issued to the press at the conclusion of the session.

7,000 REPATRIATES COMMITTED SUICIDE IN PRAGUE; MAJORITY OF THEM JEWS, REPORT SAYS

PRAGUE, Sept. 19. (JTA) — Approximately 7,000 repatriates, the majority of them Jews, have committed suicide since May, it was reported here today. The impossibility of earning a living is the immediate reason given in almost all cases.

Most of the victims are old people. Upon their return to Prague they learned that their families perished in the Nazi gas chambers. Finding no homes and no jobs, these shattered people preferred to end their lives rather than continue a miserable existence.

TRIAL OF TWENTY JEWISH YOUTHS OPENS IN PALESTINE; CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF ARMS

HAIFA, Sept. 19. (JTA) — Twenty youths, 18 boys and two girls, went on trial here today before a British military court on charges of collective possession of four hand grenades, two rifles, two sub-machineguns, fourteen revolvers and a quantity of ammunition and explosives.

All of the defendants were hand-cuffed, and the feet of two were chained. The defense protested against these precautions, especially since six armed constables guarded the prisoners. It is understood that the accused are not members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi.

In his opening address, the prosecutor said that the youths were arrested early on the morning of Aug. 16, near Benjamina, south of Haifa, when a police patrol noticed signs of an over-night camp in a forest clearing. They immediately took all of the defendants into custody, but did not search the spot until later, when the arms were discovered.

REGULAR SAILINGS BETWEEN FRANCE AND PALESTINE WILL BE RESUMED THIS MONTH

PARIS, Sept. 19. (JTA) — Regular sailings between France and Palestine will be resumed at the end of this month, it was announced here today.

ANTI-JEWISH TERROR IN POLAND CONTINUES; JEWS ORGANIZE GROUPS TO FIGHT ASSAILANTS

LONDON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- A reliable report reaching here today from Poland reveals that the Polish Government is gravely concerned over the continued attacks on Jews by bands of former soldiers hostile to the present regime, especially since the widespread terror is beginning to affect Polish peasants and workers.

Well-armed with automatic rifles and artillery discarded by the Germans when they retreated from Poland, the terrorists are reported to have killed hundreds of Poles in attacks on villages and small towns. However, the Jews remain their chief targets.

"A pogrom atmosphere," the report says, "hangs over Poland. These bandits carry out wholesale pogroms on Jews, particularly in the smaller villages where few Jews reside. In many such villages not a single Jew was left alive. The Jews often receive orders to leave the district, where they are residing immediately, under threat of death. Although in the larger towns the Jews are more secure, they are nevertheless in danger because the situation has gotten out of hand."

The Polish authorities are certain that the terrorist bands receive encouragement and aid from outside Poland, otherwise, they say, they could have been stamped out long ago. The Government is taking strong measures with the help of the police, army and many Jews who have organized into partisan detachments to hunt down the terrorists. All political parties have joined in an appeal to the population to give no aid to the bandits and to help the authorities uncover their hideouts, which are usually in forests near where they operate.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT WILL FACILITATE SENDING OF AID TO REFUGEES IN SHANGHAI

LONDON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The Jewish refugees in liberated Shanghai and in other parts of China need have no fear concerning their future, a spokesman at the Chinese embassy here has assured leaders of the Agudas Israel.

He said that the authority of the Chinese Government will shortly be extended to all of Shanghai, including the former French concession, in which most of the refugees are living, and pledged that Jewish organizations abroad would be permitted and helped to bring assistance to the refugees.

The embassy official said that no obstacles would be placed in the way of refugees wishing to emigrate to Palestine, or elsewhere, and, at the same time, Jews desiring to immigrate to China will be welcome.

Jews of German nationality, he said, would not be treated as enemy aliens but as friendly foreign nationals. The Chinese Government, he added, is greatly interested in the general welfare of the Jewish people.

THIRTY TAILORS JAILLED IN BELGIUM FOR MANUFACTURING "STARS OF DAVID" FOR NAZIS

BRUSSELS, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- For manufacturing the Stars of David and the striped uniforms which the Jewish victims of Nazi concentration camps were compelled to wear, 20 tailors in the town of Binche, near Charleroi, have been sentenced to from five to 20 years in jail, and fined a total of \$40,000.

NAZI GUARDS LOOTED FOOD SENT TO JEWS IN BELSEN CAMP, BRITISH OFFICER TESTIFIES

LUENEBURG, Germany, Sept. 19, (JTA) -- The third day of the trial of Josef Kramer, known as the "Beast of Belsen," and 44 of his S.S. colleagues who are accused of torturing and murdering thousands of Jews and other internees at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, concluded today with the completion of the testimony of Brigadier E. E. Hughes, deputy medical chief of the British Second Army, who was the first medical officer to enter Belsen.

Brigadier Hughes, who began testifying yesterday, told the court that he had found a great stock of Red Cross packages containing meat extract, canned food and other food sent by Jewish organizations for Jews in the Belsen camp. The food parcels, he testified, had all been looted by Kramer, the Nazi director of the camp, and his subordinates.

Brigadier Hughes described the horrors he witnessed upon entering the camp immediately after the retreat of the German Army. "There were piles of corpses of varying sizes," he testified. "The gutters were full of them. They dotted the camp. In the huts corpses lay in some bunks with sick persons too emaciated and weak to move. The floors were piled with bodies so thickly that one had to walk on them to move. One great open pit was half full of dead. In a great pile near the children's compound was a stock containing thousands of dead." He added that the inmates were not given any bread for two weeks before the camp was liberated, and no water at all for more than five days.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND PROCLAIMS \$20,000,000 DRIVE FOR LAND ACQUISITION IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19, (JTA) -- A drive to raise \$20,000,000 this year for the Jewish National Fund was proclaimed today at a J.N.F. convention here. Of this sum, two million dollars will be sought in Palestine.

The convention issued a manifesto to Jews throughout the world calling upon Jewish communities in every country to contribute their share. The manifesto emphasized that six years of war have not weakened the determination of the Jewish National Fund to prepare land for masses of the Jewish people. It revealed that despite the British Government's restrictions on land sales to Jews, the J.N.F. succeeded in acquiring during the war about 330,000 dunams, bringing its land reserves up to 800,000 dunams.

The manifesto called for the annulment of the existing land restrictions and for the right to acquire land freely in all parts of Palestine. It also demanded that the gates of Palestine be opened to the surviving Jews of Europe.

Dr. Abraham Granovsky, who was re-elected chairman of the board of directors of the J.N.F., while retaining the post of managing director, addressed the conference on the difficulties which the J.N.F. faces in acquiring new land. In addition to the restrictions on land purchase by Jews imposed by the government, there is strong nationalistic propaganda aimed at preventing the Arabs from selling land to Jews, he stated. Another obstacle, he said, is the fact that Arab peasants who accumulated money during the war are investing in land.

Among those attending the conference are guests from the United States, South Africa and other countries. Cabled greetings were received from Walter C. Lowdermilk, father of the Jordan Valley electrification plan, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Rabbi Israel Goldstein, Lord Strabolgi and Dr. Emil Sommerstein.

JEWISH SCHOOLS RE-OPEN IN BULGARIA: GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO ASSUME MAINTENANCE COSTS

SOFIA, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The Jewish elementary and secondary school here, whose building was virtually destroyed by Allied bombardments of this capital, re-opened yesterday in newly renovated quarters.

Of the total enrollment of 426, the elementary section has 218, and the secondary school and the kindergarten have slightly over 100 each. The school is being financed by the Jewish community, but it is expected that the Bulgarian Government will shortly provide full financial support. Most of the pupils come from the poorest sections of the Jewish community, as the wealthier Jews prefer to send their children to private non-Jewish schools.

The Jewish Arts Circle, which was founded in 1932, but was forced to suspend during the five years the Germans dominated Bulgaria, has resumed functioning here. Within the group are dramatic troupes, musical organizations, painters, sculptors and writers. With the financial assistance of the Jewish community, the circle plans to present, this season, Sholem Aleichem's "Tevye The Dairyman," concerts by several quartets and evenings of poetry reading.

POLISH JEWS IN AMERICAN ZONE IN GERMANY WILL NOT BE FORCED TO RETURN TO POLAND

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Polish Jews in the American-held part of Germany will not be forced to return to Poland against their will, Gen. Eisenhower cabled yesterday to the Agudas Israel of America.

The text of Gen. Eisenhower's cable, made public, today, reads: "My instructions do not require compulsory repatriation of Polish Jews from Germany. Stop. Only those Poles who desire to be repatriated are being returned to Poland. The permanent disposition of those remaining in Germany is a matter which must be decided by higher authorities than myself."

ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA REVIVED IN PERU; JEWISH COMMUNITY PROTESTS TO GOVERNMENT

LIMA, Peru, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- An anti-Semitic campaign is being revived here for the first time since the beginning of the war, headed by Peruvian Social Justice, a political group composed of followers of former president Manuel Prado, whose publication Peru Nuevo has been conducting virulent attacks against the Jews.

Peru Nuevo, which is distributed gratis in Lima and other large cities of Peru, blames the Jews for the present inflation and other misfortunes which now beset the country. La Cronica, daily newspaper of Lima and strong supporter of Prado, has joined in the campaign with protests against a possible wave of Jewish immigration.

Leaders of the national democratic front, which supported president Jose Luis Bustamante in the June presidential elections, claim that the anti-Semitic campaign is a maneuver by enemies of the present administration to foment unrest and create difficulties.

Disappointment is felt among most members of the national democratic front over the failure of Dr. Rafael Belaunde, Minister of Interior, to take any action although the Jewish community in Lima lodged a formal protest more than two weeks ago.

"ETHROG AND LULAV" FLOWN TO GERMANY FROM PALESTINE FOR USE DURING SUCCOTH

FRANKFURT, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Over 100 sets of palm leaves and citron have arrived here from Palestine by air to be used in observances of Succoth this week-end, it was disclosed today.

Major Judah Naidich, adviser on Jewish affairs to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, said that the "ethrog and lulav" will be distributed to the Jews in displaced persons camps in Germany and Czechoslovakia.

Major Naidich reported that bibles, greeting cards and other ceremonial items were distributed during the High Holidays to synagogues, wherever they have been established, and in assembly camps.

GERMAN JEWS IN AMERICA PROTEST STATEMENT BY JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Martin Rosenbluth, chairman of the German Jewish Representative Committee, an affiliate of the World Jewish Congress, has made public "a Statement on Behalf of German Jewry," criticizing Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, for stating in a letter to the New York Times that "from a voluminous personal correspondence," he knew that many German Jews, themselves the victims of severest persecution, still felt that in the war their country was in the right."

Dr. Rosenbluth points out that "even if Dr. Finkelstein should be able to produce an isolated statement or two from some disturbed individuals, a student of his standing should know better than to generalize in such an irresponsible way, libeling the German Jewish community and in doing so casting discredit on the entire Jewish people, whom he is supposed to serve as a religious leader."

Dr. Finkelstein is also severely criticized in an editorial in the Aufbau, German-Jewish publication. "We are utterly at a loss to explain how Dr. Finkelstein could find evidence for such allegations in his, as he terms it, 'voluminous correspondence,'" the editorial says. "Granted that one perverted and feeble-minded German Jew once said something to this effect, we know for sure--from vast experience and a correspondence which truly might be termed voluminous--that there is not a single German Jew in his full senses who, since the outbreak of Nazism, has not striven to disassociate himself and his Jewish community from Nazi-Germany," the editorial declares.

OVER 2,000,000 LISTENERS HAVE HEARD PALESTINE ORCHESTRA SINCE IT WAS FOUNDED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- More than 2,000,000 listeners have attended 1,309 concerts in the nine years since the Palestine Orchestra was founded, the management disclosed today as plans were laid for the new season, beginning Oct. 11, under the well known Italian conductor, Bernardino Molinari.

The orchestra consists of 70 artists who perform under local and guest conductors. It averages about 149 concerts per season. In common with its more famous contemporaries in the United States, Britain and elsewhere the Palestine Orchestra labors under a good-sized deficit. Its last year's budget was \$216,000 of which only \$176,000 was covered.

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