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J.D.C. REPRESENTATIVE MEETS WITH JEWISH LEADERS IN WARSAW; WARSAW RELIEF PLANS

WARSAW, Sept. 25. (JTA) — Plans for immediate relief for the Jews in Poland were mapped today by Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, and leaders of the Central Committee of Polish Jews, the representative body of Polish Jewry, at a meeting here.

The plans provide for relief not only for the Jewish survivors now in Poland, but also for Polish Jews who are expected to be repatriated from Russia. They take into account that between 150,000 and 180,000 Polish Jews are in various parts of the Soviet Union and may soon return to Poland.

Dr. Schwartz, who arrived here two days ago, also conferred with officials of the Polish Government, and discussed Jewish relief problems with U.S. Ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane. He assured the Jewish leaders at today's conference that the Joint Distribution Committee will do everything possible to satisfy the urgent needs of the Jews in Poland.

It was revealed at the meeting that many of the Polish Jews in Russia are surrendering their Soviet citizenship and are re-applying for their former Polish citizenship on the basis of the agreement reached between the Polish and the Soviet governments on July 6, 1945, under which former Polish citizens can ask for the restoration of their Polish citizenship and for repatriation to Poland. The majority of Polish Jews repatriated from Russia will be settled in Lower Silesia, it was stated.

At present, there are 15,000 Polish Jews living in Lower Silesia. All of them were liberated from various Nazi camps in Poland and preferred to start life anew in the western part of Poland rather than return to their former homes where their families were killed. They have taken up residence in the cities of Reichsbach, Swidnica, reterswald and other Silesian towns, where some are now employed at factory work.

Forty-five tons of food products arrived today at the Polish port of Gdynia destined for Jews in Poland. The transport was sent by the Jews of Sweden as a gift to Polish Jewry. The supplies will be delivered to the Central Committee of Polish Jews in Warsaw.

JEWISH AGENCY WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO POLAND; WARSAW GOVERNMENT WILL AID EMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25. (JTA) — The Polish Government has granted permission to the Jewish Agency to send a representative to Poland, it was learned here today.

At the same time, it was announced that a delegation of Polish Jews in Palestine will leave for Warsaw next week in response to an invitation from the Polish Government. They will study the prospects for emigration of Polish Jews to Palestine. The Government's invitation stated that it will extend all possible help to persons desiring to emigrate to Palestine, provided that they obtain immigration certificates. Plans have been mapped for direct service by sea between Gdynia and Haifa.

CENTRAL JEWISH BODY IN PRAGUE WILL SEEK LOANS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITIES

PRAGUE, Sept. 25. (JTA) — The recently-formed central Jewish organization in Bohemia and Moravia, which was set up at a meeting here early this month of delegates from over 40 communities, today outlined its plans for assisting the destitute Jews in those provinces, as well as Silesia.

All activities will be directed by a council of 23, headed by an executive of eight. The chairman of the executive, and president of the organization, is Ernest Frischer, pro-war leader of the Jewish Party.

The council is attempting to secure relief from abroad and from the Government, and also loans, in order to aid the Jewish communities in the provincial towns, who are unable to maintain themselves. It has decided that aid will be given not only to professing Jews, but to any person, even converts, who was considered a Jew by the Germans, and was, therefore, subjected to persecution and discrimination.

The council's immediate plans call for the establishment of institutions for the care of the aged, invalids and orphans. It has formed a special commission to care for Jewish works of art and documents, especially the central Jewish museum here which is a repository for a large collection of such works, including volumes brought from Theresienstadt. Anti-Semitic propaganda and similar material will also be on view in the museum.

ARAB AND JEWISH WORKERS IN PALESTINE JOIN IN STRIKE AGAINST BRITISH ARMY CAMPS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 25. (JTA) — Jewish and Arab workers marched together through the main streets of Tel Aviv today, in a demonstration against the administration of the British military camps here.

Five-hundred Arabs and Jews are in their fifth day of a strike precipitated by what they charge was the unjustified dismissal of two young women workers, and the refusal of the camp authorities to recognize their bargaining committee. A joint delegation today called on the Commanding Officer in the Tel Aviv area demanding that he act to settle the strike.

(Ahmed Ahmad, one of the two Arabs named to the Histadruth delegation to the World Trade Union Conference in Paris, was kidnapped by unknown persons before he could leave Palestine, according to the other delegates who have arrived in the French capital.)

CONFERENCE OF DISPLACED JEWS OPENS AT BERGEN-BELSEN; BRITISH JEWISH LEADERS PRESENT

LONDON, Sept. 25. (JTA) — Prof. Selig Brodetsky and Samuel S. Silverman, Labor member of Parliament, have left for Bergen-Belsen to participate in the first conference of displaced Jews which is opening there today. Prof. Brodetsky will attend in behalf of the Jewish Agency, while Mr. Silverman will represent the World Jewish Congress.

The World Jewish Congress today announced that the Twenty-First Army Group command has approved the shipment to Bergen-Belsen of 20,000 pounds of clothing and shoes collected by the organization. The transport will be sent through UNRRA.

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AGENCY UNOPPOSED TO INTERNATIONAL SOLUTION FOR PALESTINE, BUT SAYS WHITE PAPER MUST GO

LONDON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency is not opposed to the reported British plan to refer the entire Palestine question to the United Nations, but such a move cannot excuse further delay in rescindment of the White Paper, an Agency spokesman said today.

Stressing that the report was still completely unconfirmed, he pointed out that the "international recognition of the Jewish claim to Palestine has always been a cardinal principle of Zionist policy, and even now Britain holds Palestine by international authority as trustee of the League of Nations.

"But the White Paper was promulgated by the British Government under its own" responsibility," he continued. "The authority of the League was not sought, nor was there prior consultation with the United States, with whom the British concluded a treaty concerning Palestine based on the League's mandate. Moreover, the Mandates Commission of the League pronounced the White Paper incompatible with the terms of the mandate.

"Thus on the notable occasion when a competent organ of the League censured the policy laid down by the British Government, it persisted in its defiance of the international authority. The views of the Mandates Commission were fully shared by Churchill and the Labor Party. During the debate on the White Paper, the Labor opposition charged the Chamberlain Government with concealing from the House the Mandates Commission's disapproval.

"There can, of course, be no possible objections to the British Government's now seeking international approval for a new policy," he concluded, "but this cannot be made an excuse to maintain in the meantime the White Paper, responsibility for which rests with the British Government and it alone. The breach of faith was committed by it and must be undone by it."

SECRETARY OF ARAB LEAGUE COMING TO THE UNITED STATES; WILL ALSO VISIT LONDON

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Abdul Raizan Azzam Bey, secretary-general of the Arab League, is leaving for London and Washington, it was reported today on an Arabic broadcast over the Jerusalem radio.

In London, according to the broadcast, Azzam Bey will negotiate with the British Government on Palestine and other Middle East issues, on the basis of discussions which he has had in recent weeks with the heads of all the Arab nations. He will also meet with Arab diplomats. The specific nature of his mission in Washington was not disclosed.

Upon his return to Cairo at the end of October, Azzam Bey will convoke a meeting of the League at which he will report on the results of his tour, and at which plans for the future will be mapped, the broadcast added.

RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT PERMITS EMIGRATION OF 1,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE

ISTANBUL, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- A report received here today from Bucharest says that the Rumanian Government has granted exit visas to 1,000 Jews who hold Palestine visas.

LEADING BRITISH NEWSPAPERS URGE PALESTINE PARTITION, ASK URGENT ACTION BY GOVERNMENT

LONDON, Sept. 25. (JTA) — The two most influential newspapers in Britain—the London Times and the Manchester Guardian—today suggest that the only feasible solution of the Palestine problem is to partition the country into Jewish and Arab states.

In an editorial commenting on Dr. Weizmann's attack, yesterday, on the policy of the Labor Government regarding Palestine, the Guardian says that the "most practical solution still seems to be the creation of a small, but independent, Jewish state by the partition of Palestine, combined with a more generous immigration policy by other countries."

A Times correspondent writes that the political deadlock in Palestine is complete and "therefore the recommendations of partition, which is not ideal, but which would involve the smallest amount of injustice to the two partners, is the greatest hope for political stability today, and as valid as it was eight years ago."

The Guardian, declaring that while some of Dr. Weizmann's criticisms were just, and others unjust "but understandable," commends the reported government decision to seek United Nations approval of a permanent solution of the problem. Referring to the Jewish Agency's rejection of the offer of 1,500 immigration certificates monthly, the liberal daily says that "the Government should realize that no continuation of the White Paper policy will satisfy the Jews, or do anything but prolong unrest in Palestine." It also urges the Government to do everything possible to improve the conditions of the displaced Jews in Germany.

The formation of the Arab League and the emergence of a "Jewish underground movement of considerable striking force" make it obvious that nothing can be gained by further postponement of a solution, the article in the Times stresses, adding that the Palestine problem must be placed among the urgent matters on the Government's Middle East agenda. Discussing the land regulations in Palestine, it says that little of the Arab peasants' land is being purchased, and that the restrictions which prohibit Jews from buying land in ninety-five percent of the country are "hardly justifiable."

Vernon Bartlett, Independent member of Parliament, writing in the News Chronicle, says that the members of the Labor Government are torn "between their sympathies and their view of what is practicable." He expresses doubts whether President Truman's appeal to Prime Minister Attlee for 100,000 immigration certificates will help matters, since, Bartlett continues, it may only intensify the strain in Palestine and lessen the influence of moderates on both sides. He emphasizes that while the reported plan to refer the problem to the United Nations is reasonable, the council of the UN exists only on paper as yet.

Swiss Paper Urges Formation of Bi-National State in Palestine

GENEVA, Sept. 25. (JTA) — Only a bi-national state within the framework of a federation which would include Syria, Lebanon and Transjordan, can solve the Palestine problem, the influential Journal de Geneve says in a front-page editorial.

After reviewing the achievements of the Jews in Palestine for the past 25 years, and criticizing the White Paper policy for having hindered rescue activities during the war, the paper says that it is doubtful that Zionism by itself can solve the 2,000-year-old Jewish problem. Destruction of anti-Semitism and justice for all the Jewish people, it states, are bound up with the future of western civilization and are prerequisites for eventual solution of the Jewish problem.

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JEWISH GIRLS DESCRIBE HOW WOMEN DIED AT OSWIECIM FROM NAZI MEDICAL EXPERIMENTS

LUENEBERG, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Experiments in artificial insemination which resulted in the painful death of hundreds of women in Oswiecim were described here today by Helena Hamermatz, 25-year-old Jewish girl from Poland, at the trial of Josef Kramer and forty-four other camp guards.

Miss Hamermatz also told how SS men murdered women prisoners by injections of gasoline and disinfectants. She charged that Kramer, Dr. Fritz Klein and Fritz Hessler selected persons to be executed in the gas chambers and said that prisoners were beaten mercilessly for alleged infractions or just for sport.

Dora Szafran, another Jewish girl from Poland who was at both Oswiecim and Belsen, testified that Irma Grese, the chief woman guard, shot two girls who tried to escape from a gas chamber by jumping through a window. She also told how the Grese and Kramer women flogged inmates who had incurred her displeasure, and accused one defendant, Juana Borman of setting a dog on a prisoner.

67,914 JEWS ENTERED CANADA DURING PAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, 41,297 LEFT FOR U.S.

MONTREAL, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- A total of 67,914 Jewish immigrants have entered Canada during the last 25 years, according to figures compiled by the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society of Canada, and made public here today. Of these arrivals, 50,685 came via ocean ports and 15,225 crossed the border from the United States.

The 67,914 new Canadians included 986 German-Jewish internees who were released in 1942-43 and about 1,100 Jewish refugees who were admitted for the duration of the war. During the same quarter-century 41,297 Jews left Canada to make their homes in the United States.

Canada is faced with the necessity of doubling her population within the next 25 years, Major Leslie Mutch, Liberal member for Winnipeg South, declared in an appeal to parliament that the Dominion embark on a program of selective immigration at an early date. Major Mutch expressed the conviction that Canada could not hold half a continent with only ten million people. He urged that the immigration program be started even before the complete demobilization of the armed forces. He also joined other members who had protested against racial discrimination in Canada.

U.S. ARMY RECOVERS 250 SEFER TORAHS STORED IN COBBLER'S SHOP FOR SHOE REPAIRS

PARIS, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- American military authorities have turned over to the Dieburg Cathedral for safe-keeping 250 Sefer Torahs found in a cobbler's shop, the Luxembourg radio reports.

The Torahs were found in the cellar of the cobbling shop, where they had been stored for use in repairing shoes.

ONLY 100 JEWISH DOCTORS OUT OF PRE-WAR TOTAL OF 3,700 NOW LIVING IN POLAND

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Only about one hundred Jewish doctors out of the pre-war total of 3,700 are now living in Poland, according to a cabled report which the New York office of the American OSE Committee - organization for child care, health, and hygiene among Jews, received this week from its sister organization in Poland, TOZ.

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