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106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.NEEDS ESTIMATED AT \$58,350,000 FOR 1946; EDWARD WARBURG ELECTED CHAIRMAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The sum of \$58,350,000 will be needed by the Joint Distribution Committee to carry on its activities in 1946, and to make possible its relief work in about fifty countries throughout the world, it was announced today at the 31st annual meeting of the J.D.C., held at the Hotel Commodore, with Jewish leaders from all parts of the country in attendance.

The meeting elected Edward M.M. Warburg chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee. Paul Warburg, Mrs. Felix M. Warburg and James N. Rosenberg were elected honorary chairmen. All other officers were re-elected.

Eye-witness reports on the situation of the displaced Jews in Germany and on the needs of the Jews in other European countries were given by Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the J.D.C., Edward Warburg and Rabbi Judah Nadich, chief Jewish chaplain in the European Theatre of Operations and former special adviser on Jewish Affairs to Gen. Eisenhower.

"The year 1945 saw the Joint Distribution Committee work in more countries, help more sufferers, and provide more relief than any other year," Dr. Schwartz said. "The J.D.C. has spent nearly \$28,000,000 overseas this year. All over the world Jews were helped back to health from starvation, helped to start life anew. But 1946 presents an even greater challenge, for it is the crucial year - the year that will determine whether those who have so far survived will live or die."

Dr. Schwartz Describes Flight of Jews from Poland to U.S. Zone in Germany

Declaring that during his recent visit to Poland he found not more than 2,000 Jews, most of whom are now fleeing from the country, Dr. Schwartz said: "Anti-Semitism in Poland, which the government is attempting to stamp out, but has been unable to do, has caused thousands of Jews to flee to the relative safety of the American zone in Germany, and the consequent overcrowding there has made conditions even more serious. In Poland, less than a month ago, I saw thousands of homeless, destitute Jews walking west, always westward, trying to reach the American zone, where they hope to find better conditions."

"Nearly \$1,000,000 in relief supplies were shipped to Poland in 1945, where only 80,000 Jews are alive out of a pre-war population of 3,300,000," he continued. "After years of persecution and systematic starvation, the health of the survivors in Poland is seriously undermined. Nearly one-third of them suffer from tuberculosis, and almost all require immediate help."

Living conditions of Jews in Hungary, where Dr. Schwartz completed a survey last week, are "indescribably poor," he stated. "Although there is a serious shortage of all kinds of food, especially meats and fats, J.D.C. canteens in 278 communities in Hungary are feeding close to 90,000 people daily, while child care agencies supported

the committee are providing for 9,000 children. In Hungary, \$3,700,000 was expended relief work by the J.D.C. in 1945," Dr. Schwartz said. "Seventy thousand Jews in Hungary alone were fed daily. Clothing and household equipment were provided for the aged and homeless."

Maj. Nadich, who arrived from the continent last week, discussed the problems confronting Jewish survivors of Nazi terror who must pick up their lives again from the very beginning, faced as they are with suspicion, mistrust and, in some cases, active hate.

Warburg Reports on Conditions of Displaced Jews in Germany

Mr. Warburg, who visited Europe on a special J.D.C. mission, reported to the committee on the position of the displaced Jews. He described conditions in the former concentration camps now being used as centers for displaced persons in Austria and Germany as "tragic," adding that "today, Europe's Jews search every event, every incident, for the face of every visitor from the fabulous world across the seas for some stray sign of hope at which to grasp and support themselves a little longer."

"Jews whose homes are no more than a corner in some ruined building, or a cot in an overcrowded barrack of a concentration camp; who have no decent shoes on their feet, or coats to keep out the cold; whose faces reflect an inner tragedy that will be with them forever--these are the people who look to us for help," he said. He called for a "fresh outpouring of the spirit of giving and service which brought about the establishment of the J.D.C. in 1914."

J.D.C. Spent \$28,000,000 for Relief in 1945, Leavitt Reports

Reporting on Joint Distribution Committee operations in 1945, Moses A. Leavitt, secretary, declared that the great bulk of J.D.C. expenditures this year, amounting to nearly \$28,000,000, were used "to keep alive hundreds of thousands of Jews in need of daily bread. Eastern Europe has been the scene of most of our aid," he said. In Roumania, the largest Jewish community outside of Russia, the J.D.C. provided major assistance for nearly two-thirds of the 335,000 Jews living there. Nearly \$4,000,000 in relief was supplied in 1945."

Mr. Leavitt also dwelt at great length on the work of the J.D.C. during the year in Hungary, Greece, Germany, Austria, France, Italy and other countries. He emphasized that the J.D.C. also trained large numbers of prospective Palestine immigrants in various farm settlements in Europe, and defrayed the cost of transportation for more than 8,000 immigrants in 1945. In Palestine, the J.D.C. also extended relief to needy refugee rabbis and scholars and made special grants to 70 educational, religious and cultural institutions.

Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-president of the JDC, after reviewing the present situation of the Jews in Europe, told the meeting: "when we emphasize the enormous obligation of the Jews of the western world, and notably of the United States, to make every effort to meet the minimal requirements of our brethren in war-ravaged Europe in 1946, we have no desire to underestimate the role of governments and of inter-governmental bodies in bringing about the rehabilitation of European Jewry. It is clear that the full task of the physical restoration of the life and health of the Jews of Europe is impossible without the large and sympathetic aid of governmental bodies."

Tribute to Paul Baerwald, retiring chairman of the committee who completed over three decades of association with the JDC this month, was paid by Mrs. Warburg. She recalled Mr. Baerwald's role as one of the founders of the J.D.C., along with Louis Marshall, Cyrus Adler and others, and praised his "long and humane activity in behalf of distressed Jews."

BRITISH AGREE TO ALLOW POLISH JEWS TO PASS THROUGH THEIR ZONE EN ROUTE TO U.S. CAMPS

BERLIN, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- British military authorities here have agreed to countermand their order preventing the reception of Jewish refugees from Poland in a transit camp at Hesslingen, on the frontier between the Russian and British zones, following a conference with American officers. The refugees have been streaming through here to the British camp, en route to more permanent quarters in displaced persons camps in the U.S. zone.

The conference followed the refusal by the British, on Friday, to admit 120 Polish Jews to the Hesslingen camp. The refugees, who arrived from Berlin in UNRRA trucks, were ordered by the British military authorities to return.

During the last six weeks more than 6,000 Jews escaped from Poland into the Russian zone and reached Berlin. They constitute a grave problem for the Berlin Jewish community which cannot secure sufficient food and lodgings for them. UNRRA has therefore been sending some of these Jewish refugees from Berlin to the transit camp at Hesslingen with the hope that they would later reach either the American or the British zones.

As the number of Jews reaching Berlin from Poland is increasing daily, with more than 200 arriving every day, UNRRA is now attempting to send about 2,500 of them to the American zone on a special refugee train. However, the British military authorities have announced that they will not permit transit of the train through the British zone unless U.S. Military Headquarters at Frankfurt will give definite assurances that the refugees will be accepted in the American zone.

By hindering Jewish refugees from Poland from entering the British zone, the British military authorities are following a policy of preventing displaced Jews from becoming potential emigrants to Palestine. The Jews arriving in Berlin from Poland predict that there will soon be very few Jews left in that country, since the terrorism against Jews shows no sign of abating, and especially since local authorities there, they report, are not taking the necessary measures to combat the anti-Semitic violence.

The Joint Distribution Committee in Berlin has made arrangements to secure food from the Scandinavian countries for the Jewish refugees there. The Norwegian authorities have provided the J.D.C. with trucks which bring food to Berlin from Sweden and Denmark.

British Press Reports Increased Flight of Jews from Poland to Berlin

LONDON, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Reports published during the week-end in the London press indicate that Berlin is being flooded with Polish Jews, fleeing in large numbers from the anti-Semitism of Polish nationalists.

Their number is so great, the Daily Mail reported, that Anglo-American control officers have had to turn to their governments for guidance in handling the situation. It is estimated that 200 of these refugees are arriving daily after a long train ride through the Russian zone of occupation. Already thousands of them have reached Berlin and there are no signs of the traffic slackening.

The newly arrived Jews are quoted as saying that many more will follow them and that the flight will not halt until every Jew is out of Poland. Polish nationalists, they say, have revived the old cry of "Poland for the Polish."

ARREST OF JEWISH COMMUNITY IN GERMANY ARRESTED WITHOUT REASON BY U.S. MILITARY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The head of the Jewish community of Eggenfeld, in the U.S. zone in Germany, where there are 150 Jews, was arrested by a Major Manning of the American Military Government, although no charges were preferred against him, it was revealed here today by Capt. Eugene Lipman, a Pittsburgh rabbi, under whose supervision a bomber, flown by an American crew, took off today from a Palestine airport carrying thirteen Hebrew teachers and several tons of books to camps for the displaced Jews in the American zone of Germany.

Capt. Lipman, who is the chaplain of the famous Fourth Armored Division, is on detached service, caring for the needs of displaced persons. He reported that while no specific reasons were given for the arrest of the leader of the Jews in Eggenfeld, Major Manning declared that the job of the American Military Government is "to protect German civilians against unreasonable demands by displaced persons."

Many Hungarian Jews, Capt. Lipman said, who had previously been persuaded that life was possible in their native country, are now returning to the camps, again disillusioned. Despairing of their attempts to enter Palestine, the displaced Jews are making frantic efforts to secure affidavits to go anywhere away from Europe, he said.

Polish Jews, some on foot and some in carts, are pouring westward at the rate of 200 daily, fleeing from anti-Semitic terror, Capt. Lipman reported. "The American Army is no longer trying to send them back and is now placing them in DP camps," he said. "Some of the Polish Jews arrive in family groups and others, usually the younger elements, are organized collectively for emigration to Palestine, complete with elected group leaders."

Conditions of Jews in the American zones still vary greatly, according to Lipman. A model camp, he said, exists at Deggendorf, where an exceptional UNHRA team has arranged housing for 1,000 persons and are well prepared for the advance of winter. They also have educational and cultural activities to relieve the psychological depression which is deepening among the survivors as they realize that they have no place to go.

Elsewhere, he reported, conditions are worse, because the Jews are scattered in smaller groups in many towns where they are dependent on the understanding of the military government officials. The AIG's "blonde secretaries" are becoming more entrenched and seeing to it that the Germans are not evacuated from their homes to house displaced Jews, even though the military has so ordered.

REGISTRATION OF ALL PROPERTY SEIZED FROM JEWS ORDERED IN U.S. ZONE OF AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The American Military Government in Austria today ordered the immediate registration of all real and personal property confiscated or purchased from Jews after March 15, 1938, the date of the Anschluss.

The order, which applies only to the U.S. zone in Austria, will be enforced by a Property Control Commission set up within the military government.

BRITISH ERECTING GALLOWES TO HANG "BEAST OF BELSEN" AND TEN OTHER S.S. CAMP GUARDS

LONDON, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Gallows are being built in a small German town in the British occupation zone in preparation for the execution of Josef Kramer, "the Beast of Belsen," and ten others, it was reported here today.

Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery yesterday rejected the appeals of eight of the doomed men and women, while three did not appeal the sentences imposed by a British military court at Lüneburg after a nine-week trial.

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BAN ON ANTI-SEMITISM, AND FREE IMMIGRATION URGED BY DEMOCRATIC UNION IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- A ban on anti-Semitism, and free immigration of all elements who will respect the Argentine Constitution, were included among the election planks of the anti-Peronist Democratic Union, at a mass meeting yesterday, which was attended by well over 100,000 people, despite efforts by Peronist thugs to disrupt the demonstration.

Shortly before the Peronists opened fire on the meeting, killing four people and wounding others, a group of hoodlums invaded a Jewish shop and attacked the proprietor. Police who arrived to investigate the assault arrested the Jew, in accordance with what has now become a familiar pattern.

EXTREM ANTI-SEMITES NAILED TO AUSTRIAN CABINET; ALLIED COUNCIL MUST APPROVE CHOICES

VIENNA, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- At least two known anti-Semites are included in the Austrian Cabinet which Leopold Figl, Volks Partei leader and new chancellor, yesterday submitted to the Allied Control Council for approval. They are Leopold Kunschak, whom he has appointed president of the National Assembly, and Julius Raab, named as the Minister of Commerce.

(The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported last week that there was growing apprehension among the Jewish leaders in Vienna over the election of these men and other anti-Semites to the National Council.)

In an attempt to explain his appointment of Kunschak to such an important post, Figl said that Kunschak "is not anti-Semitic on racial grounds, but on economic grounds," adding that Kunschak is "an old man and has some fixed ideas."

Meanwhile, the Linz radio announced that of the 30,000 Jewish children in Austria before the war, only 300 have survived. It said 73 of them have returned from concentration camps.

UNITED NATIONS PREPARATORY COMMISSION GETS PROPOSAL FOR FORMATION OF NEW REFUGEE AGENCY

LONDON, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The British delegation to the United Nations Preparatory Commission has submitted a formal proposal to the commission suggesting the establishment of a committee under the aegis of the Social and Economic Council of the United Nations Organization, which would handle all refugee problems.

Under the British proposal, the refugee agency would assume the functions of the Inter-governmental Committee for Refugees and expand its activities. It would also advise the Economic and Social Council, and other organs of the United Nations, on all matters concerning refugees.

FERENC SZALASI PRO-NAZI HUNGARIAN PREMIER AND LEADING ANTI-SEMITES, DOOMED

BUDAPEST, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Ferenc Szalasi, Hungary's last pro-Nazi premier, under whose regime hundreds of thousands of Jews were murdered or deported, has been sentenced to death by a People's Court. Szalasi was a leader of the anti-Semitic Arrow Cross organization.

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URGE TO ENROLL UNAFFILIATED JEWS IN SYNAGOGUES URGED BY DIRECTOR OF U.A.H.C.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- "The winning of the unaffiliated is one of the foremost problems confronting American Jewry today," Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, declared today, in his semi-annual report to the executive board of the parent organization of more than 300 Reform congregations throughout the country, meeting at the Netherland Plaza Hotel.

Pointing to the "disappointment and bitter disillusionment prevalent both here and abroad, particularly since the appearance of the atomic bomb, which has shattered much of our complacency," Dr. Eisendrath said that "in such a day, there is but one refuge and one dynamic that can save us - the refuge of the synagogue, the dynamic of our Jewish faith."

As part of the 70th anniversary celebration of the Hebrew Union College, which is affiliated with UAHC, Henry Morgenthau Jr., Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, and many other Jewish and non-Jewish leaders addressed a dinner last night, after honorary degrees had been conferred upon them at ceremonies in the Plum Street Temple here, where the first classes of the college were held.

UNITY BETWEEN JEWISH MORALS AND WESTERN CULTURE URGED AT YESHIVA UNIVERSITY DINNER

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The Jews in the United States can make their contribution to the American way of life "by creating a unity between the Hebraic concepts of the moral and spiritual values of society and the culture and civilization of the west," Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the Yeshiva University, declared tonight at the annual dinner of the institution, held at the Hotel Astor. More than 1,500 persons were present.

Dr. Belkin emphasized that "for the first time in the history of our 2,000 years of Diaspora life - in the year 1945, a year which has brought us so many disappointments and discouraging news, so many betrayals, and the unfolding of the tragic lot of our European brethren, we are still able to bring to our disillusioned people a ray of light and some good tidings, namely, the creation of a Jewish University to be known as Yeshiva University."

RELIEF CAMPAIGN FOR JEWS IN GERMANY AND AUSTRIA ANNOUNCED BY NEW ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The Combined Relief for Jews from Germany and Austria announced yesterday a drive to collect money, clothing and food for distribution among needy Jews in Germany and Austria.

Manfred George, chairman of the new group, said distribution will be in conjunction with leading American-Jewish relief organizations. The drive, it was announced, is sponsored by prominent German and Austrian refugees, as well as by Mayor La Guardia and prominent clergymen.

SEVENTH VICTIM OF CLASHES BETWEEN JEWS AND BRITISH TROOPS IN TEL AVIV DIES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Joseph Yatomi, who was wounded during the clashes between Jews and British troops here on Nov. 14, died today. He was the seventh victim of the two-day disturbances.

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