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REPARATIONS CONFERENCE ALLOTS \$30,000,000 OF NAZI LOOT TO AID DISPLACED PERSONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Nazi loot will be used to establish, among other things, a small fund for rehabilitation and resettlement of non-repatriable victims of Nazi concentration camps, supplementing the contributions made by the United Nations, according to the terms of the Paris Conference on Reparations made public today by the State Department.

The fund, which would be administered by the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees - or whatever United Nations agency might take its place - will consist "mainly of non-monetary gold found in Germany plus \$25,000,000 to be derived from other sources." The non-monetary gold comprises wedding rings, jewelry, tooth fillings and other articles taken from victims of Nazi persecution and is estimated to be worth \$5,000,000.

The fund would not be used to compensate individuals for losses, but would be used for rehabilitation and resettlement purposes, the State Department announcement emphasized. "Acceptance of such aid would not prejudice the claims of the individuals against any government or its successor which might have caused this destitution," the State Department pointed out.

Until the fund becomes available, the State Department with other governments will try to obtain adequate support for the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, the announcement continues. "This Government," it says, has consistently sought to alleviate the distress of all displaced persons in Europe, including those refugees who have been obliged to leave their countries for reasons of race, religion or political belief.

ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE COMPLETES HEARINGS IN WASHINGTON; WILL RESUME IN LONDON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine completed the taking of testimony in this country today, hearing a group of Jewish and non-Jewish witnesses, including Dr. Isaac N. Steinberg, of the Free-Land League for Jewish Territorial Colonization; Peter Bergson of the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation and several Arab spokesmen.

Dr. Steinberg appealed for opening of unoccupied areas in the world to large scale Jewish settlement, declaring that the whole future of Jewry should not be bound up with Palestine. He cited the preparatory work for his league in Australia for establishment of Jewish settlements in the Kimberley district and Tasmania. He suggested similar colonization plans for Canada, Africa and some British colonies.

While calling for abolition of the White Paper and removal of restrictions on the upbuilding of Palestine, Steinberg said the Free-Land League "is not much interested in the establishment of a Jewish State," he thought the political situation in Palestine would be eased with the appearance of alternative possibilities of Jewish group colonization within the framework of other states.

Mr. Bergson told the committee that their main purpose is to find "a workable

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way of life for Palestine." He proposed a free republic without state religion and fullest equality for all citizens.

An "outdated" clique in the British Colonial Office is responsible for the "desperate" attempt to maintain the status quo in the Middle East, Bergson charged. He assailed the British for allegedly "asking the permission" of the former Mufti of Jerusalem for Jewish immigration.

Hutcheson Says He Is Worried About Insistence on a Jewish State

Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, representing the Christian Council on Palestine, said Jews have a logical right to a homeland in Palestine, that they are the only ethnic minority without one. Judge Hutcheson suggested the possibility that the problem under consideration is one for the United Nations Organisation rather than for Anglo-American responsibility.

Niebuhr, responding to another question, said he favored a Jewish numerical majority in Palestine, declaring that a "bi-national" state could not exist without friction. Greater responsibility of the western powers for permanent solution of the Jewish problem was urged by Niebuhr. He hoped that "a tolerably just solution" for all parties could be found, and said he favored a "Palestinian state with a Jewish majority."

Hutcheson asked why there is continuous emphasis on a "Jewish state." Niebuhr replied that Jews want a state where they do not have to explain both their virtues and vices. Hutcheson said there was no difference between an American Jew and himself. He added he was worried about the insistence on a "Jewish state." Niebuhr said non-Jews should try to understand the increased impulse of Jews, since Hitler, toward the security of a National Home in Palestine.

Dr. Frank Notestein, professor of demography and director of the Office of Population Research at Princeton University, told the committee that Palestine could not absorb the 1,125,000 immigration within 10 years proposed last week by Robert Nathan without serious economic dislocation. He said the Jewish "rate of fertility" is the lowest in the world and the Arab the highest. He attributed the high percentage of Arab population partly to Jewish health measures leading to an "amazing" drop in Arab mortality in the last 20 years. Maintenance of a Jewish majority in Palestine is impossible, he said, without Jewish immigration, which he did not believe could be accommodated. Dr. William Hocking and Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, who were scheduled to testify for the Institute of Arab-American affairs, did not appear.

Judge Hutcheson, in announcing the end of the American hearings, expressed his appreciation for the spirit of cooperation evidenced by all the witnesses in undertaking to make the hearings a success. He would have wished, he said, for "a little less vigorous and controversial attitude than that sometimes shown, but commented that "maybe the core of the question is so tough and of such uncompromising material," that a solution will be possible only by "judgment" and not by "conciliation."

The committee will leave for England at the end of this week. It plans to spend about a week in London before investigating conditions in Germany, Austria, and possibly Rumania, and then in Palestine. The hearings in London will open on Jan. 26, and will continue through the end of the month. Invitations have been extended to both Jewish and Arab groups, and to other interested organizations.

CHIEF RABBI JOSEPH H. HERTZ OF BRITAIN DIES IN LONDON; WAS EDUCATED IN NEW YORK

LONDON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Jews throughout Britain today mourned Dr. Joseph Herman Hertz, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire since 1913, who died this morning at his home here after an illness of two months. He was 73 years old. Funeral services will take place on Wednesday. Jewish organizations, including the Jewish Agency for Palestine, issued statements declaring that his death is a formidable loss to Jewish scholarship and to the Jews all over the world.

Born in Slovakia in 1872, Dr. Hertz was brought to New York at the age of 12 and was educated at the City College of New York, Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he took his rabbinical degree. From 1894 to 1898 he was rabbi of a congregation in Syracuse, N.Y., until called to the Witwatersrand Old Hebrew Congregation in Johannesburg, South Africa.

When the Boer War broke out in 1899, Hertz was expelled from South Africa by President Paul Kruger because of his pro-British sympathies and because he advocated the removal of religious disabilities from Jews and Catholics. He returned to his post in 1900, when the British occupied the territory.

In 1912, Hertz left South Africa to become rabbi of Congregation Orach Chaim in New York, but in the following year he was called to England to become the chief rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British Empire. Hertz was president of Jews' College in London and held high posts in national Jewish organizations. He visited Palestine in 1925 for the opening of the Hebrew University, and became a member of its Board of Governors. He was in Palestine again in 1936 and 1940.

He Was A Tower of Strength for Jews, Board of Deputies Says

The Board of Deputies of British Jews in a message said: "He raised the prestige of the Anglo-Jewish community by his learning and devotion to his people and by the dignity wherewith he performed his functions. He was a tower of strength for his brethren during many most difficult years."

The statement of the Jewish Agency reads: "The Jewish people lost one of its foremost spiritual leaders and most authoritative personalities of Jewish life in modern times. It is a severe blow for Jewish scholarship and a formidable loss for Zionism wherewith he was associated since the inception of the movement. He took a leading part in every critical period in Zionist history. His death is a great shock in the critical stage of our history and a tremendous blow to the Jewish people and the Jewish National Home."

The New Zionist Organisation, the Federation of Polish Jews and numerous other central Jewish organizations in England similarly issued statements expressing grief over the death of the Chief Rabbi. The British Broadcasting Corporation, announcing his death in a special broadcast, paid tribute to him as one of the most outstanding Jewish personalities in Britain and emphasized his participation in the negotiations which led to the issuance of the Balfour Declaration by the British Government.

(A memorial fund in honor of Dr. Joseph H. Hertz, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, was created today by the American chapter of the Chief Rabbi's Religious Emergency Council of Great Britain. The fund, to be known as the Chief Rabbi's Memorial Foundation, will be applied to the rebuilding of destroyed Jewish communities in liberated Europe.)

UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY WILL HEAR BRITAIN'S PROPOSAL ON PALESTINE STATUS

LONDON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The British Government will officially suggest to the General Assembly of the United Nations that the future status of Palestine await results of the study being conducted by the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee which will open hearings here on Jan. 25.

This was indicated here today in connection with the forthcoming address which Foreign Minister Bevin will deliver to the Assembly. He is expected to announce that Britain is willing to hand over to the trusteeship commission of the United Nations Organisation the mandated African territories of Tanganyika, Cameroons and Togoland which it received from the League of Nations, but believes that nothing should be done about Palestine until the Anglo-American committee makes its recommendations.

While ready to hand over its African mandated territories to a UNO trusteeship, the British Government will seek retention of its administrative authority over the territories in accordance with provisions made by the mandates commission of the League of Nations, it was reported today by Reuters. "In other words, what Britain wants is that the trusteeship commission should take over the mandates commission's original duties," the British news agency quoted reliable sources as stating.

JUDGE RIFKIND ARRIVES IN PALESTINE; CONFERS WITH JEWISH AGENCY LEADERS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Judge Simon H. Rifkind, adviser on Jewish Affairs to the Commanding General of U.S. Forces in Europe, arrived here today. Judge Rifkind, who will start tomorrow on a three-day tour of Palestine, visited the Jewish Agency, where he discussed a number of Jewish issues with various leaders.

Meeting in an extraordinary session, the Tel Aviv municipal council today protested the suspension of Jewish immigration into Palestine. "The Jewish nation and the Yishuv" consider the action of the British Government in seeking Arab consent to immigration a violation of the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate, the council said.

JEWS IN HOLLAND WANT TO REVIVE CHALUTZIM COLONY; PLAN TO TRAIN DISPLACED JEWS

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- A Jewish delegation today proposed to Minister of Agriculture S. L. Marsholt that the Wieringen colony, where Jewish refugees from Germany were trained before the war for agricultural work in Palestine, should again be used for this purpose.

The delegation emphasized that several hundred displaced Jews now in camps in Germany could be brought to Wieringen and trained prior to their departure for Palestine. The minister told the delegation that he approved, in principle, the proposal and will bring it up before a meeting of the Cabinet where he will urge its acceptance.

ARAB PLACE ORDERS AT TEL AVIV FASHION SHOW DESPITE BOYCOTT EDICT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Despite the boycott of Jewish-made goods from Palestine proclaimed by the Arab League, many representatives of local and foreign Arab firms as well as of South African firms have visited and placed orders at a fashion show, which opened here today.

The show, in which 150 exhibitors are participating, featured the latest women's and children's clothing styles.

MANY AMERICANS FAVOR REDUCTION OF IMMIGRATION QUOTAS, GALLUP POLL SHOWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Many Americans favor a reduction or elimination of immigration quotas by this country, the Gallup poll reported today.

Some 51 percent of all questioned favored the cutting of quotas below the number of immigrants admitted annually before the war or eliminating them altogether. Five percent favored increasing the quotas, while 32 percent would like to see them remain at the pre-war level.

MASS SEDITION TRIAL HAS NOT BEEN ABANDONED, SAYS JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The Department of Justice has not abandoned its prosecution of the twenty-six defendants in the mass trial for sedition which was adjourned last year following the death of the presiding judge, a spokesman for the Department said here today.

He branded as "untrue" stories in the Washington newspapers that said the Department had abandoned the prosecution. He pointed out that the Department did not comment on cases still pending in court, and that as far as he knew the sedition cases were still pending.

OSE WORLD CONFERENCE URGES COORDINATION OF JEWISH HEALTH WORK IN EUROPE

GENEVA, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Jewish medical and social welfare activities, particularly for children, should be coordinated by the OSE, the Jewish health society, it was urged here at the first international post-war conference of the organization.

Creation of a pedagogical council to prepare plans for a Jewish educational program was also decided upon, in view of the OSE's responsibility for educating children entrusted to the organization's care. Most of the children are in OSE-directed orphanages.

Plans were also laid for the erection of numerous medical and social institutions, and the Joint Distribution Committee was praised for its important financial assistance in the past. Confidence was also expressed that the JDC would increase its financial aid in view of the enlarged field of OSE activity. The head of the European medical department of the JDC stressed the importance of the work done by OSE and promised closer cooperation from his group.

JEWS IN EUROPE RECEIVE LITTLE GOVERNMENTAL AID; DEPEND ON AMERICAN JEWISH RELIEF

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The great majority of surviving Jews of Europe are receiving little or no governmental or intergovernmental assistance, and unless American Jews place their survival and rehabilitation in the forefront of their communal responsibilities, the Jews who escaped annihilation by Hitler will succumb to hunger, disease and homelessness, more than 2,600 delegates attending the Eastern Regional Conference of the United Jewish Appeal at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel yesterday, were told by leaders of the Jewish survivors and by observers who only recently completed studies of the Jewish position in post-war Europe.

The Jews of the United States hold the key to the future destiny of the survivors, speakers emphasized. The conference voted unanimously to rally the support of more than forty eastern communities, including the city of New York, behind the nation-wide campaign of the United Jewish Appeal to raise \$100,000,000 this year to "assure the survival and prevent the further destruction" of the remnants of European Jewry. The speakers included Rabbi Leo Baeck, former Chief Rabbi of Berlin.

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