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LARGE TRANSPORT OF REPATRIATED JEWS FROM USSR ARRIVES IN POLAND; SETTLED IN SILESIA

WARSAW, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Five transports of Jewish repatriates from the eastern Ukraine, totalling about 2,700 persons, have arrived in Lower Silesia, it was reported here today.

Over 2,000 of the repatriates, who had been living in the Soviet Union since the outbreak of the war in 1939, were received by the local authorities in Reichenbach, while 700 were routed to Pilaun.

The Central Jewish Committee here sent two representatives to Reichenbach to provide the arrivals with money. Clothing and other supplies were sent there from Gdynia. The committee has launched a campaign to raise 5,000,000 zlotys (approximately \$50,000) among Polish Jews to assist the repatriates, and has appealed to American Jewish organizations to contribute \$500,000.

Medical relief brigades were stationed at the railway stations along which the repatriates travelled en route from the USSR. Local Jewish committees in Cracow, Przemyel, Tarnow, Lublin, Bialystok and other cities furnished temporary housing for them, and the Government made military barracks available.

TRUMAN RECEIVES JEWISH RELIEF LEADERS; SAYS NEEDS OF SURVIVING JEWS MUST BE MET

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- President Truman today received twenty-eight Jewish leaders who participated in the launching of the \$100,000,000 United Jewish Appeal drive yesterday. The President told the group that "neither the dictates of justice, nor that of love of our fellowman which we are bidden to practice, will be satisfied" until the needs of the surviving Jews of Europe are met.

"In the trial of war criminals at Nuremberg, the fact has been established that 5,700,000 Jews perished under the murderous reign of Hitlerism. That crime will be answered in justice," the President said.

The group received by the President included Herbert H. Lehman, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., William Rosenwald, Sylvan Gotschal, Paul Baerwald, Edward M.M. Warburg, Mrs. David M. Levy, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and Rabbi James G. Heller.

In a brief introduction of the group to the President, Gotschal expressed their gratitude for the President's actions "to alleviate the plight of the suffering." Declaring the \$100,000,000 goal the largest in the history of private philanthropy, Gotschal said that "never before in history have the remnants of a people so urgently needed unprecedented generosity."

The USA, he explained, "is the all-embracing platform on which, whatever other diversities there may be among them, there is common understanding and common action. It

is the intention of the Jews of America, through the UJA, to help the Jews of Europe live through this crucial transition period, when they are between despair and hope."

Mr. Rosenwald told the President that this year will be "the most crucial one of all in our task" and "nowhere except from the United States can help come for those we wish to help." Briefly outlining the work of the National Refugee Service, Rosenwald said that he has "peculiar opportunity to see at first hand the effects of the beneficent policy of our Government in admitting within the framework of our laws and regulations victims of the intolerance that swept Europe." He expressed "unbounded gratitude" for the President's "deep concern for the unfortunate."

DELEGATES AT LONDON JEWISH CONFERENCE REPORT ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN THEIR COUNTRIES

LONDON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism in France is promoted by persons who are unwilling to return Jewish property, but anti-Jewish feelings are not widespread, Judge Leon Meiss, president of the Central Representation of the Jews of France, reported here today at the conference on post-war Jewish problems convoked jointly by the Anglo-Jewish Association and the American Jewish Committee.

Dr. Louis Oumgre, director of the Jewish Colonization Association, addressing the conference, urged the UNO to take immediate steps to facilitate the emigration of a substantial number of European Jews. While there is hope that the Jews of Western Europe will be able to reconstruct their lives in their native lands, the emigration of Jews from Poland, Rumania, Hungary and other East European countries is inevitable and is of such potential magnitude that private organizations are unable to cope with it, he emphasized.

Pointing out that Palestine continues to be one of the largest potential centers for Jewish immigration, Dr. Oumgre demanded that other countries also be considered as places of immigration for Jews from Europe. "The international migration policy must be that no country should discriminate against immigrants on the ground of their race, creed or color."

Samuel Eisenman of Holland reported that one-half of the 20,000 Jews in his country are in need of immediate relief. Many of them, he said, wish to emigrate to Palestine. He emphasized that anti-Jewish feelings, implanted by Nazi propaganda during the occupation, are still rife in Holland.

E.F.Q. Henriques, speaking for the Anglo-Jewish Association, urged the establishment of a Jewish Rehabilitation Fund consisting of reparations to be paid by Germany for Jewish losses. He expressed dissatisfaction with the fact that under the procedure set up by the Allied Reparations Commission, stateless Jews cannot claim damages since claims of individuals must be submitted to their respective governments. He urged the delegates to appeal to their governments to treat foreign Jews resident in their countries as nationals, and accept their claims for reparations for property looted by the Nazis.

Gundar Josephson of Sweden reported that thousands of Polish Jews are now living in Sweden as refugees and do not wish to return to Poland.

COMMANDANT OF OSWIECIM CAMP DOOMED BY POLISH COURT; KILLED 2,000,000 JEWS

WARSAW, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Karl Kupanik, former commandant of the Oswiecim concentration camp in Poland, where the Germans are estimated to have exterminated between three and four million people, at least half of them Jews, has been sentenced to death at Katowice, it was reported today.

GOVERNMENT PLEDGES RETURN TO HUNGARIAN JEWS OF PROPERTY TAKEN TO GERMANY BY NAZIS

BUDAPEST, Feb. 25. (JTA)--Jewish leaders in Hungary were informed today that the return of Jewish property taken to Germany by the Nazis will henceforth be conducted separately from that of other Hungarian property.

The Jewish community in Budapest will be authorized to organize its own agency for the purpose of dealing both with the detection and transportation of Jewish property. Plans for such a body will be mapped out here within the next few days by Jewish community leaders, all of whom welcome the new arrangement.

GERMAN AND HUNGARIAN JEWS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA MAY HAVE THEIR PROPERTY CONFISCATED

PRAGUE, Feb. 25. (JTA)--Jewish circles expressed concern today regarding a statement by Minister of the Interior Vaclav Nosek that Jews in Czechoslovakia who registered as Germans in pre-war censuses, were Germanized or supported German schools, shall not be exempted from the decree providing confiscation of property belonging to Germans and Hungarians.

Although a presidential decree issued some months ago stated that all who suffered from Nazi terror would be exempted from the provisions of the confiscation law, Nosek told a session of the Czech National Council that "some people have been arrested, although of Jewish origin, and thus suffered partly from the Nazi terrorism. But we must find out how they behaved previously, and when they were Germanized, or whether they spoke German and supported German schools. If so, their property too should be confiscated."

Jewish circles stress that this interpretation also runs counter to a Home Ministry decree which stated that racial persecution must be considered the equivalent of political persecution.

RUMANIAN OFFICERS WHO ORGANIZED DEPORTATION OF JEWS TO TRANSNISTRIA FACE TRIAL

BUCHAREST, Feb. 25.. (JTA) -- Rumanian officers and police officials who organized and carried out the deportation of 200,000 Jews from Bessarabia to Transnistria have been placed on trial here. Only 14,000 of the Jewish deportees survived.

Among those being tried is the former governor of Bessarabia, General Voiculescu, who is charged with direct responsibility for the deportation of Bessarabian Jews and for the murder of 25,000 of them in the Kishinev ghetto. The other defendants include Col. Meculescu, Inspector of the Military Police, and fifteen high officers.

AUSTRIAN ZIONISTS HOLD FIRST MEETING SINCE 1938; HUNDREDS ATTEND VIENNA GATHERING

VIENNA, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The first meeting of the Austrian Zionist Organization to be held since 1938 was convened here yesterday with several hundred people in attendance. Speakers included David Brill, president of the Jewish Community Council, Rudolph Braver, the council's director, and Ilya Dijour of the HIAS.

Dijour told the meeting that "even if Jews wanted to go to any other countries beside Palestine, I should be compelled to tell them that no other country is willing to admit them."

PARTITION OF PALESTINE PREDICTED; BRITISH PRESS WANTS "MIDDLE-OF-ROAD" SOLUTION

LONDON, Feb. 25. (JTA)--The possibility that the Anglo-American inquiry committee on Palestine may recommend the partition of Palestine as a middle of the road solution of the Arab-Jewish problem was suggested by the London Times, in commenting on last weeks Palestine debate in the House of Commons.

The Times quotes former Colonial Secretary Col. Oliver Stanley, who, in the course of the debate, declared that both the Jewish and the Arab cases were equally good. The editorial asserted that whatever solution the inquiry group recommends, it must fulfill two conditions -- enable Jews and Arabs to live side by side in amity, and convince public opinion in the United Nations of its inherent fairness and equity. "If the Zionist remedy of unrestricted immigration to Palestine constitutes a threat against the Arabs, then the Arab proposal to prohibit Jewish immigration is equally unjust, besides being particularly offensive to Jewry," the editorial said.

The Manchester Guardian, commenting on the debate, said that at least it proved that the people of Britain have not forgotten the "unfortunate Jews, who, after all their sufferings still wait and hope for deliverance." The newspaper also declared that the debate was badly timed, and attacked Colonial Minister George Hall for denying any knowledge of the importation of Nazi war prisoners to Palestine.

The Daily Telegraph pointed out editorially that while the debate added nothing new to the "painful and dangerous" controversy, it showed an awareness on the part of all speakers of the seriousness of the issues involved. The Telegraph also supported Col. Stanley's statement as a "middle of the course" solution.

ANGLO-AMERICAN HEARINGS IN PALESTINE WILL BE OPEN; 90 JOURNALISTS WILL ATTEND

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25. (JTA)--Preparations for the hearings to be held here by the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee were completed today. The hearings will be open to the press and will be held in the YMCA building. Accomodations have been made for 90 newspapermen who are expected to cover the sessions.

Dr. J.L. Magnes will be one of the principal Jewish witnesses at the hearing, it was learned here today. The Jewish Agency executive was informed today that the League for Arab-Jewish Rapprochement will also testify. Prof. Martin Buber and Chaim Kalvarisky have been appointed by the League to prepare its testimony.

The Hashomer Hatzair's nation-wide conference concluded here during the week-end after adopting a resolution reserving to itself the right to appear independently before the inquiry committee. The conference voted to convert Hatzair into a political party and to increase the group's political activities abroad.

JEWISH ORPHANS ARRIVE IN IRELAND FROM PRAGUE; WILL LIVE IN REFUGEE SETTLEMENT

BELFAST, Ireland, Feb. 25. (JTA)--Twenty-five Jewish children, some of whom were confined in the Belsen concentration camp, arrived here during the week-end by air from Prague to start live anew at the Jewish Refugee Settlement farm at Mill Isle, County Down. The children, whose ages ranged from 14 to 17 are homeless and stateless orphans. Altogether 1,000 children are being brought to the United Kingdom by the Jewish Central Council, and the Jewish community in Belfast has undertaken to care for 100.

COMPLETION OF PLAN FOR JORDAN RIVER DEVELOPMENT REVEALED; WILL BE PRESENTED TO INQUIRY BODY

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Completion of the so-called Lowdermilk Plan for the development of the Jordan River Valley and the coastal region of Palestine was revealed today by Emanuel Neumann, head of the Commission on Palestine Surveys and vice president of the Zionist Organization of America. Mr. Neumann and James B. Hays, chief engineer for the survey, are flying to Jerusalem tomorrow to present the plans to the Anglo-American inquiry committee and to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency.

Designed to be built in eight stages, the project, which would include irrigation and power development, is expected to cost approximately \$250,000,000. Mr. Hays estimated that the entire eight stages could be built and in operation within a period of ten years, if he got the "go-ahead" signal. The first stage could be in operation within a year, he said, pointing out that the people of Palestine could derive immense benefits from the first projects, while the complete system, stretching from the northern headwaters of the Jordan to the Negev, on Palestine's southern border, was being finished.

Mr. Neumann asserted that as a direct result of the proposed irrigation improvements, Palestine could accommodate 500,000 new farmers and that an additional 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 people could be supported by the needs of this agricultural population, as well as by the industry which would develop as a result of the hydro-electric and steam power encompassed by the plan.

First Stage of Development Would Cost Thirty Million Dollars

The project would require over 300 miles of irrigation canals and nearly 100 miles for the power canal bringing sea water from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea. The first stage would involve the use of pumps to exploit underground water resources in the coastal areas, and would cost \$30,000,000. The next two phases propose the diversion of some of the headwaters and tributaries of the Jordan to irrigate a large plain extending from near Haifa east and southward toward the Jordan River.

The fourth stage is envisaged as the building of the canal from the Mediterranean at Haifa to the Dead Sea to carry sea water for maintaining the level of the latter body of water after most of the Jordan's flow was diverted. The electricity to be generated by this canal is estimated at over 500,000 kilowatt hours, and the canal and necessary power installations would cost approximately \$43,000,000. It is from this source that most of the power to operate the various pumping systems required for the vast irrigation set-up would be obtained.

Stages five and six would involve additional diversion of flood waters from the headwaters of the Jordan, as well as many of the coastal springs, for further use in the coastal areas. Some of these coastal sources are now not in use because the springs are too saline. However, when these waters are mixed with the sweet water of the Jordan they will become valuable in the exploitation of much of the coastal region. The seventh stage involves use of a portion of the Jordan just before it empties into the Dead Sea for farming in that area. The last part of the plan would be the irrigation of the Negev.

Discussing financing of this scheme, Mr. Neumann proposed that the Palestine Government and the Jewish Agency and other Jewish groups supply part of the funds, with private capital sources furnishing the remainder. In addition, he proposed that a trust fund be established from Nazi-looted Jewish community property in Germany and Austria and some of the money used on this project, thus providing for the re-establishment and rehabilitation of European Jews in these areas of Palestine.

JEWISH HOSPITAL OPENED IN MUNICH; ORT TOOLS GOING TO DP CAMPS, UNRRA ANNOUNCES

FRANKFURT, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The first Jewish hospital to be established in Munich since the defeat of the Nazis opened its doors today. The institution, which is headed by Dr. David Drujan, chief of the health department of the Jewish Relief Committee, will cooperate with the Munich Jewish Committee and the UNRRA.

UNRRA headquarters here announced today that the first shipment of tools for displaced persons, who thus will be able to acquire new trades and refresh old ones under UNRRA's employment program, is being rushed to training schools through the efforts of the ORT.

Nearly 20,000 DP's in the United States occupation zone alone will be given the tools, together with training in types of work ranging from wood working to dentistry. The tools, among the scarcest items in Germany today, include files, chisels, screw-drivers and pliers.

ONE HUNDRED DISCHARGED U.S. SERVICE MEN WILL PROCEED TO PALESTINE FOR STUDY COURSES

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Problems dealing with Palestine and with the sending of chalutzim from the United States to Palestine were discussed here at the 11th annual convention of Masada, the Young Zionist Organization of America, which concluded here last night. Delegates from fifty cities attended the gathering.

Natanel Cohen, executive director of the organization, warned that if the Anglo-American inquiry committee decides against the establishment of a Jewish state, the Masada would throw picket lines around every British consulate in the country, and would stage demonstrations in every state capital.

It was announced at the conference that about 100 discharged American service men were preparing to go to Palestine to study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the Haifa Technical School. Both institutions are accredited by the Veterans Administration, and the veterans will attend the colleges under the auspices of the G.I. Bill of Rights.

MAYOR O'DWYER WELCOMES JEWISH DP LEADER TO NEW YORK; PROMISES AID TO REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Mayor William O'Dwyer today officially greeted Dr. Zalman Grinberg, president of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in Germany, and promised him on behalf of the people of New York City that they would continue to assist the needy Jews of Europe.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION REACHES 100,000 MARK IN NATION-WIDE DRIVE FOR 250,000 MEMBERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The enrollment of the first 100,000 members in the Zionist Organization of America, in its current membership drive for 250,000, was announced in a report made public here today by Dr. Sidney Marks, secretary of the organization. The eight-day period beginning March 17 has been set aside as Zionist Enrollment Week, dedicated to the "mobilization of all segments of the Jewish community within the ranks of the Zionist Organization of America," Dr. Marks said.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS REPRESENTATIVE RETURNS FROM POLAND

MONTREAL, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- H.M. Caiserman, general secretary of the Canadian Jewish Congress, has returned from a ten-week tour of Poland on the merchant aircraft carrier, Empire MacCallum, which limped into port after a delay of a few days as a result of a collision at sea.