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AMERICAN CONSULATES TO BE OPENED IN GERMANY TOMORROW TO SPEED REGISTRATION OF DP'S

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Secretary of State James F. Byrnes announced tonight that American consulates will be opened in Germany about March 1, at Berlin, Bremen, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Munich and Stuttgart.

He said that the inter-departmental committee which has been investigating the situation in Germany regarding the emigration of refugees and displaced persons in the American zones of occupation, has reported that the largest number of the DP's are located near Munich and Stuttgart. For that reason, the consulates in those cities have been instructed to grant visas within the quotas authorized by law to qualified persons resident in those districts on Dec. 22, 1945. The other consulates at Berlin, Bremen and Frankfurt will consider such cases in the near future.

The announcement said that full information about the requirements is being circulated in the various camps in Germany. Relatives or friends in the United States who are able and willing to give financial assistance and assurance of support to qualified displaced persons should communicate with the appropriate consul through the State Department, it was announced.

Byrnes reiterated the desire of the American Government to join with other governments in accepting as many of the refugees and displaced persons as possible.

ANGLO-AMERICAN INQUIRY COMMITTEE OPENS HEARINGS IN ITALY; WILL VISIT JEWISH CAMPS

BARI, Italy, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- A sub-committee of the Anglo-American inquiry committee opened hearings here today. The first witness was a representative of the UNRRA who gave the committee detailed information on the number and the situation of the Jewish refugees in Italy. He emphasized that none of them wished to return to their former countries of residence.

Charles Passman, a representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, also testified that there is hardly one Jewish refugee in Italy who thinks of returning to his native land. Most of them, he said, are anxious to get to Palestine. Asked why the number of Jewish youths was proportionally greater among the refugees in Italy than in any other country in Europe, Passman replied that these young people came to Italy "as the last station on the way to Palestine."

Jacob Garfunkel, chairman of the Central Committee of Jewish Refugees, submitted to the committee a detailed memorandum on the situation and the aspirations of the displaced Jews in Italy. Answering questions, he emphasized that the Jewish problem is not one of refugees alone, but of Jewish homelessness in general.

Rafael Cantoni, submitting memorandums in behalf of the Union of Jewish Communities and of the Zionist Federation, told the committee that Italian Jews feel that the only solution of the Jewish problem is establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine.

The members of the sub-committee are leaving tomorrow for a visit to the camps for displaced Jews. They will be accompanied by representatives of the UNRRA and the JDC. They are scheduled to leave for Cairo within a few days.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT PLANS RESTORATION OF JEWISH PROPERTY; EMPHASIZES DIFFICULTIES

VIENNA, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Radio Salzburg today broadcast an official announcement by the Austrian Government, stating that it was working "incessantly" on the question of restoration of Jewish property "aryanized" by the Nazis.

The statement, which was issued by the Ministry for Safeguarding Property and Economic Planning, referred to apprehension abroad concerning the Government's delay in announcing measures to compensate the Jews, and added: "Extensive preparatory work has already been done, although it is impossible for an outsider to gauge the difficulties preventing a speedier solution of the problems involved."

At the last hearing of the Anglo-American inquiry committee here, yesterday, Col. Eberhard Deutsch, U.S. legal officer of the Allied Control Council, testified concerning the restitution of property seized by the Nazis from Jews in Austria. It is understood that action by the Government is being delayed by the failure of the occupation powers to agree on Soviet claims to former German property in this country.

Government Never Implemented Its Promises to Jews, Community Leader Says

VIENNA, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Fears that the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, which completed hearings here yesterday, secured a "false impression of the situation of the Jews in Austria," was expressed today by David Brill, president of the Vienna Jewish Community Council.

Brill told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent that from the questions put to him during his appearance before the committee, he got the impression that the members wished to convince Viennese Jews that they should remain in Austria.

He said that when he wished to give details concerning the Government's dilatory attitude towards restoration of Jewish property, he was halted by the chairman. Brill said that he encountered the same obstacles when he attempted to give detailed evidence of the anti-Semitic attitude of civil servants.

He also charged that the committee seemed over-impressed by Chancellor Figl's promise that the Government would help Jews - a promise, Brill said, which had been made many times, but never implemented. None of the Jewish requests, such as representation in the Ministry of Property Control, or partial restitution for community property in advance, so that relief needs may be met, have been granted, he stressed.

Jews in Polish Town Alarmed After Underground Sends Threatening Note to Community Head

WARSAW, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Jews in the town of Nowy Targ, near the Slovakian border, are panic stricken as a result of threats by a fascist, anti-Semitic underground band that attacks on Jews are imminent. The warning of anti-Jewish violence was contained in a note sent this week to David Gruengrass, head of the local Jewish committee.

At the same time, it was reported here today from Silesia that a convention of representatives of demobilized Jews has concluded in the city of Richbach, after adopting a resolution offering the services of demobilized Jewish soldiers to the Central Committee of the Jews in Poland for the reconstruction of Jewish life in the country.

SOVIET PROSECUTION SUMMONS JEWS FROM POLAND TO TESTIFY AT NUREMBERG TRIAL

NUREMBERG, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Samuel Reizman, one of the organizers of the revolt in the Tremblinka death camp in August 1942, during which 150 Jewish prisoners escaped, and Abraham Sutzkever, a leader of the Jewish partisans in Lithuania, arrived here today to testify against the Nazi war lords on trial here. They were called to testify by the Soviet prosecution.

Reizman, who is 42 years old, will testify concerning anti-Jewish atrocities in Poland. He is head of the "Association of Tremblinka Fighters," consisting of the 12 survivors of the 150 who succeeded in breaking out of the camp during the revolt.

Sutzkever, who is 33, comes from Vilna. He escaped from the ghetto, with his wife, in September, 1943. He holds the Soviet Order of the Red Star for his heroism in many battles against the Nazis, and is the author of a book concerning the Vilna ghetto, which appeared recently in Paris.

Dr. Philip Fridman, a well-known Jewish historian, has also arrived here to confer with Soviet prosecutors on their presentation of the evidence of Nazi killings of Jews in Poland. Dr. Fridman heads the Jewish Historical Commission in Lodz.

Yesterday, as part of their evidence of the Nazi "crimes against humanity," the Russian prosecution submitted to the court details of the extermination of hundreds of thousands of Jews in the Baltic countries.

GERMANS OBJECT TO TRANSFER OF DISPLACED JEWS FROM CAMPS TO TOWNS IN U.S. ZONE

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- German local authorities in the American zone are sabotaging the transfer of displaced Jews from camps to permanent housing in cities and towns, it is reported today in the Manchester Guardian.

The paper reveals that the majority of the displaced Jews are still confined in camps not because they want to remain there, but because they have not obtained permission to move into private dwellings. The moving of displaced persons into towns depends upon permission of the local mayor.

About 15,000 displaced Jews live in towns in the American zone, and many more would like to move, but permission is usually withheld on the ground that "the Germans do not wish to increase their burdens," the correspondent reports. He also points out that more farms should be given to displaced Jews. "This," he says, "is one of the concessions which U.S. Army authorities are least willing to make, although the result achieved on collective farms, both mentally and physically, are far more superior than in any other community."

IMPORTATION OF GERMANS TO PALESTINE MAY CAUSE DISTURBANCES, BRITAIN WARNED

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The British Government was warned today that bringing German war prisoners into Palestine for forced labor "is likely to disturb the peace of the country."

The warning was issued in a resolution adopted by the executive council of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain. The resolution emphasized that the importation of Germans to Palestine for whatever purpose would be considered by the Jews of Palestine, Britain and the world-over to be an "outrageous provocation."

"We hope," the resolution says, "that His Majesty's Government will give immediate attention to this earnest protest and that the military authorities will be advised to respect the status of Palestine as a country of the Jewish National Home."

BEVIN CONFERS WITH EMIR ABDULLAH ON INDEPENDENCE OF TRANSJORDAN; ZIONIST VIEWS IGNORED

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The British Government is not seriously concerned over the protest by Zionist leaders against the projected independence of Transjordan, it was learned here today, following a conference yesterday between Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Emir Abdullah, ruler of Transjordan.

Officials of the Colonial Office express the opinion that the Jewish Agency in Palestine is on good terms with Emir Abdullah and, in fact, wishes to remain so. The conference between Bevin and the Emir dealt with the steps which are being undertaken by the British Government to facilitate the transition of Transjordan from mandate status to independence.

The prospect of Transjordan independence opens up the possibility that, if the Anglo-American Inquiry Commission for Palestine decides upon partition, the Arab parts of Palestine might be joined to Transjordan; this has been one of the stipulations that Abdullah, it is understood, has been seeking at London. The Palestine Arabs concerned have already been consulted and they appear to view such a union favorably, it is reported here.

It is understood here that Britain will not request UNO membership for Transjordan, once the treaty is negotiated, but will leave it to Abdullah to make his own application. It is reported as probable that that application will be submitted to the next meeting of the UNO Security Council, to be held in New York on March 21, and thus before the General Assembly meeting scheduled for September.

EARL HARRISON TESTIFIES AGAINST BILL PROPOSING CUT IN U.S. IMMIGRATION QUOTA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Opposition to the cut in immigration proposed in the Gossett Bill now before the House Immigration Committee was expressed today by Earl G. Harrison, Dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, who appeared before the committee in his capacity as chairman of the National Committee on Post-War Immigration Policy, and as American representative on the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees.

Harrison said the immigration question is so complex that an intensive study should be made before it is attacked piecemeal, especially as in the Gossett Bill, which would halve all immigration for the next ten years, leaving a minimum of 100 visas for any nationality.

It would be extremely regrettable, he emphasized, if the United States were to reduce present quotas now, when "our doors are only reasonably open. I see no possibility of solving the very difficult and serious problem of displaced persons," he said, "if the United States takes the lead in restricting immigration." He warned that other countries, including those in the western hemisphere, would immediately follow the American example in reducing their immigration.

"I am very definitely and strongly opposed to reducing quotas now," he declared. "There is no justification for it." He told the committee that the United States "did shamefully little before and during the war in rescuing victims of persecution," and that "the only thing we did outside of the quotas" was taking in the group of Osage refugees.



BULGARIAN JEWS ABROAD WILL LOSE CITIZENSHIP THIS WEEK; CONSISTORY APPEALS TO GOVT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA)--Jewish refugees from Bulgaria now living abroad will lose their citizenship and may have their property confiscated, if they do not return to that country by Friday, according to a cable from Sofia received today by the World Jewish Congress. The cable said that the Jewish Consistory in Bulgaria has appealed to the government for an extension until March 1, 1947.

The law, providing for the return within twelve months of all Bulgarian refugees, was issued by the government in March 1945. It was passed primarily to induce the return of fascist fugitives and was not directed against others. However, as it is now written, the law makes no differentiation among 'emigres,' and would stigmatize Jewish refugees as fugitives despite the fact that they fled because of the Nazi occupation of the country.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY OPENS \$5,000,000 CAMPAIGN FOR ACADEMIC EXPANSION

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA)--A \$5,000,000 campaign for the Yeshiva University was opened here last night at a dinner at the Hotel Biltmore addressed by City Comptroller Lazarus Joseph and by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. The fund will be used for academic and physical expansion.

"Yeshiva University is a practical protest of American Israel against the un-American anti-liberal and unpardonable quota system in American colleges," Rabbi Lookstein said. "It is unthinkable that, having defeated the forces of discrimination on the continent of Europe, that we should tolerate these very forces taking root here."

VAAD HAATZALA PROCLAIMS \$5,000,000 DRIVE TO AID RELIGIOUS JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA)--A drive for \$5,000,000 for 1946 to provide aid to Jews in Europe was proclaimed yesterday by the Vaad Haatzala, Jewish Orthodox Church group, which is interested specifically in the religious aspects of Jewish relief work.

JEWISH COUNCIL IN BOHEMIA PROCLAIMS DAY OF MOURNING FOR MURDERED CZECH JEWS

PRAGUE, Feb. 27. (JTA)--The Bohemian Jewish Council today proclaimed March 13 as a day of mourning for Czech Jews who were murdered by the Germans. Services will be held on that day in all synagogues throughout Czechoslovakia. The council also appealed to non-Jews to participate in the memorial services. Many thousands of Bohemian Jews perished in the gas chambers of the Oswiecim camp, the Council said in the proclamation.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS ESTABLISHES INFORMATION OFFICE

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA)--The establishment of the Office of Jewish Information as "a public service to the American community" was announced today by Dr. David Petegorsky, executive director of the American Jewish Congress. The information service will issue a twice-monthly pamphlet series on Jewish affairs, a monthly wall newspaper, a weekly clip-sheet and mat service, documentary films, film-strips and radio transcriptions.

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