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JEWS IN HUNGARY APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT TO COUNTERACT ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

BUDAPEST, March 25, (JTA) -- Plans for combating anti-Semitism in Hungary formed the major topic of discussion at a conference of the Jewish National Committee which concluded today at Szeged.

Speakers pointed out that pro-Nazi elements in the country are continuing to incite sections of the Hungarian population against Jews and to spread anti-Semitic propaganda.

The conference adopted a resolution appealing to all political parties in the country, as well as to the Hungarian Government, to take all measures possible to counteract the anti-Semitic activities of the pro-Nazi groups. "Today the Nazis agitate against the Jews and tomorrow they will agitate against democracy," the resolution points out.

JEWISH AND ARAB LABOR REPRESENTATIVES TESTIFY BEFORE ANGLO-AMERICAN INQUIRY COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM, March 25. (JTA) -- Spokesmen for Jewish and Arab labor groups in Palestine testified today before the Anglo-American inquiry committee, which is scheduled to conclude its hearings this week.

Goldie Meirson, a leader of the Histadruth, the Jewish labor federation, stressed the Jewish community's readiness to accept as many immigrants from Europe as are allowed to enter. Every Jew here, she said, will share his house and everything he owns with the newcomers. Questioned by Bartley Crum whether the Palestine Jews were ready to accept 100,000 immigrants in 1946, she replied affirmatively.

Miss Meirson denied that a Jewish state would mean domination of the Arabs in the country. "It would be silly of us," she said, "surrounded by Arab countries, to attempt to dominate an Arab minority in a Jewish state."

Asked to explain her concept of a Jewish state, she defined it as a state encompassing the whole of Palestine "in which Jews could rid themselves of the curse of always being a minority, and would live their own life, contributing, according to their ability, to mankind's happiness and welfare."

The Histadruth leader told the committee that the White Paper had prevented the rescue of thousands of Jews from Nazi-occupied Europe. The Jews of Palestine, she stressed, had been compelled to sit by idly, while their brethren were being exterminated. "And now," she added, "Jewish youth has its back pressed to the wall." She also pointed to the large number of Jews who enlisted in the Allied forces, and challenged the Government to compare the figure with the number of Arabs who had fought for the Allies.

Queried as to whether the Histadruth directed its young members to join the Hagana, Miss Meirson replied that it was not the business of the Histadruth to recruit members for the Jewish defense group. "However," she continued, "every Jew who feels responsibility for the fate of the Jews in Palestine, in face of the inadequate protec-

tion given by the Government, joins at his own free will." To a question as to what the Hagana "was up against," she answered: "At present almost everything, but I look forward to the time when Jews will be able to abandon it."

Miss Meirson said that Jewish youth had first come to Palestine 60 years ago--at a time when the doors of practically every country was open to immigration--because they wanted to live their own life, and do away with their helplessness and constant dependency. They harmed nobody by coming, she emphasized, pointing out that the first Arab trade unions were organized by Jews.

Arab Labor Leader Says Zionism Is "Imperialist Trick"

Speaking for Arab labor, Sami Taha charged that Zionism is "an imperialist trick," and asserted that the Zionists were utilizing the slaughter of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe as part of their strategy. "Zionism," he continued, "is an auxiliary instrument of imperialism, racism and Nazism, and Arab labor wholeheartedly supports the national demands submitted by other Arab organizations."

The last witness heard was Emil Ghori, representing the Arab Higher Committee. Ghori reiterated the demands presented by other Arab spokesmen, including the return of the ex-Mufti and other exiles. Declaring that parity with the Jews, or partition of any kind was unacceptable to the Arabs, he said: "We will not yield the smallest part of the country, not even Tel Aviv. The question of whether the country benefitted or not from the Jews is beside the point--we demand abrogation of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate and the closing of the doors to even one more immigrant." The Arabs will oppose the immigration of even one Jewish child or the crippled and the aged, he replied to a query from a committee member.

BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES IN LONDON DISCUSSES GROWTH OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN ENGLAND

LONDON, March 25. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews at a meeting last night discussed at great length the growth of anti-Semitism in Britain and measures to combat it.

Some of the speakers pointed out that the only remedy for anti-Semitism is a strong Palestine. They urged that mass meetings be arranged to enlighten British public opinion on the situation of the Jews who have been deported from Palestine to camps in Eritrea.

Anxiety was expressed concerning reports that the camps for displaced persons in the British and American zones in Germany are to be liquidated. The Foreign Committee of the Board was instructed to make a careful study of how this may affect displaced Jews.

GOERING'S SUMMER RESIDENCE IN ITALY CONVERTED INTO SANATORIUM FOR JEWISH REFUGEES

ROME, March 25. (JTA) -- A sanatorium for Jewish refugees was opened yesterday by the Joint Distribution Committee in the former summer residence of Herman Goering, near Rome. The modern building is equipped with forty beds, solariums, and hydrotherapy apparatus. Special diets to rebuild the health of the patients, who will remain at the institution for two weeks, have been introduced. The chief of the UNRRA Mission in Italy and a representative of American Relief for Italy were present at the opening.

Two memorial plaques, commemorating 71 Italian Jews massacred at the Ardeatine caves, near Rome, in reprisal for an explosion, which killed 32 S.S. men, and the 1,000,000 European Jews exterminated by the Nazis, were unveiled here yesterday. They are affixed to the front of the Great Synagogue.

GEN. DONOVAN WARNS LEGACY OF ANTI-SEMITISM LEFT BY NAZIS MAY DESTROY JEWS IN EUROPE

CLEVELAND, March 25. (JTA) -- The poison of anti-Semitism "which the Nazis employed as a major weapon in the war against democracy" now bars the way for the rehabilitation of the surviving Jews in Europe and makes imperative their emigration to other lands, chiefly Palestine, Major General William J. Donovan, former chief of the Office of Strategic Services, declared here yesterday, addressing a conference of 600 Jewish leaders gathered to open the \$100,000,000 drive of the United Jewish Appeal in the midwest area.

"Room must be made somewhere for the disinherited Jews. No amount of political talk will solve the problem," General Donovan said. "Hitler is dead but his legacy of hate might yet destroy the surviving Jews of Europe if all do not rise to our obligation. It is our duty in the family of nations to make provision for the remnant of Jewry." General Donovan called upon all Americans to respond generously to the \$100,000,000 United Jewish Appeal.

Demanding that "politics give way to humanity" and calling upon the nations of the world to find an immediate solution to the problem of the survivors of Nazi destruction, Gen. Donovan said that the oppressed of other peoples will readily admit that the Jews were the worst sufferers of Nazism and agree that "their relief should be given first attention." The millions of Jews "who died in the concentration camps were as much casualties of war as those who died on the field of battle," he pointed out.

Feeling of Insecurity Among Jews Is Real, He Says; Pleads for Palestine

Expressing the hope that President Truman's directive for the facilitation of immigration to the United States to the full extent of the quota to help alleviate the plight of the displaced persons would serve as an example that should encourage other nations to provide a haven for the oppressed, General Donovan emphasized that the urgency of the Jewish situation in Europe demanded the "immediate opening of the doors of Palestine."

He said that the "feeling of insecurity on the part of the Jews in many parts of Europe is real" and should be understood by statesmen, because the Nazis engaged in an intensive program to make anti-Semitism popular among their subject peoples.

Speaking bluntly of the Jewish position in Europe as he has seen it, General Donovan said: "It is clearly impossible for the Jews to remain in Europe. Anti-Semitism is too strong. Defeat and demoralization have intensified it. The Jews know all that laws and enactments will not correct it. They must move. And international attention is a moral obligation of our civilization to enable them to do so."

He declared that "statesmen cannot postpone decisions while people suffer" and Palestine "is ready to receive the remnants of the persecuted and the unwanted." Asserting that the problem is a pressing one, he said that at least 100,000 Jews in Germany and Austria are ready to go and want to go to Palestine, and pointed out that the immigration of 100,000 Jews or more cannot unbalance the present proportions of the population in Palestine in view of the fact that the Arabs now number 1,200,000 while the Jews number 600,000.

Reveals How Jewish Parachutists From Palestine Saved Americans

General Donovan revealed how Jewish parachutists from Palestine were dropped over the Balkans during the war and helped save the lives of American aviators who had been shot down by enemy planes. "There were no braver parachutists behind enemy lines than the Jews who were dropped from Palestine into the Balkans," he said.

"The secret intelligence and sabotage operations against the common enemy were part of the larger pattern of allegiance to the great democracies," he stated.

"Today the Jewish community in Palestine remains steadfast by every instinct to the common heritage of American freedom."

Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, addressing the conference, demanded that the governments of the world keep faith with the six million Jews massacred by the Nazis. "Why cannot we now, at long last, at the end of a road littered with the blood and bones of millions upon millions of Jewish people, settle and solve the problem of safety and sanctuary for these fellow human beings?" Senator Pepper asked. Criticizing those powers which "have broken their promise again of the promised land" with the assertion that Palestine could not absorb any more Jews, Mr. Pepper, who visited Palestine last Fall, said: "I have seen with my own eyes that this is not so."

Dr. Silver Says Churchill Favors Unlimited Jewish Immigration into Palestine

Reporting on his discussion with Winston Churchill on the subject of Palestine before the war time Prime Minister of Britain left the United States last week, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America, told the conference that Mr. Churchill favored unlimited Jewish immigration into Palestine up to the full absorptive capacity of the country.

The conference unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon all Jewish communities throughout the midwest area to place the problem of the survival of European Jewry at the forefront of their responsibilities and to subordinate all other activities to the campaign of the nationwide \$100,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

In addition to Major General Donovan, Senator Pepper and Dr. Silver, the other speakers included Dr. Imrich Rosenberg of Prague, member of the Czechoslovak Government; Dr. Joseph C. Hyman of New York, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee; Maurice Gusman, chairman of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Akron; Ben M. Dreyer, president of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Canton; Sydney N. Weitz, chairman of the Central Budget Committee of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Cleveland, and others.

MRS. JACOBS, MEMBER OF JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE, SAILS FOR PALESTINE ON SPECIAL MISSION

NEW YORK, March 25. (JTA) -- Mrs. Edward Jacobs, the only woman member of the executive of the Jewish Agency and former president of the Hadassah, sailed today for Palestine on the "S.S. Fernplant" to implement a plan for settlement of refugees, conceived three years ago by a group of American industrialists, most of whom are non-Jewish. This will be her first visit to Palestine since the end of the war.

The plan provides for the establishment in Palestine of a settlement in which 100 or more young refugees may start life anew through employment in interesting and wholesome surroundings, and living in a self-sustaining, self-governing settlement to be known as Freedom Village. The village is to be established on land of the Jewish National Fund by and for the workers themselves. The plan was inspired and stimulated by Frank Cohen, American Jewish industrialist interested in helping Jewish development in Palestine.

Mrs. Jacobs revealed that the sponsors have provided more than \$100,000 to cover the cost of a plant, now being fabricated, for the manufacture of Jordan Almonds. Working capital for the industries will be provided as needed and the entire output of the plant, which is planned for a capacity of 2,000 tons annually, has been underwritten. A board of trustees will administer the funds. The principal and all resulting profits will be applied to the expansion of this industry and for the establishment of other industries in Palestine. "The entire enterprise is calculated to establish a new approach to industrial expansion in Palestine, to stimulate export and to encourage other American industrialists to emulate the example thus set," Mrs. Jacobs said.

DR. LVOVITCH RETURNS FROM EUROPE; REPORTS ON EXPANSION OF ORT WORK IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, March 25. (JTA) -- Dr. David Lvovitch, vice-president of the World ORT Union, has returned from Europe, where he has been since September, arranging for the expansion of ORT activities on the Continent and inspecting existing ORT schools, farms, cooperatives and workshops, it was announced today.

"The work of ORT in the camps for displaced Jews is progressing very satisfactorily and has been greatly praised by UNRRA officials in Germany," Dr. Lvovitch said. "This work of ORT is especially valuable not only because it aids the displaced Jews to become self-supporting, but because it also helps to alleviate the detrimental influence of enforced idleness.

"I also was happy to see the splendid work ORT is doing in Switzerland where the ORT institutions for refugees, which are the best I have ever seen, are greatly appreciated by the government. In France, ORT is also doing extensive and varied work, with more than three thousand Jewish men, women and children benefiting from ORT training. ORT work has been resumed on a large scale in Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Belgium. As early as a year ago, ORT sent machines and tools to Poland. Now an ORT Committee has been established there which reflects all shades of Jewish life. This wide activity of ORT in liberated Europe, of course, will require a great deal of funds. I am sure that American Jewry will do their utmost to provide the necessary means to carry this through."

CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN ULTIMATE VICTORY OF ZIONIST CAUSE

NEW YORK, March 25. (JTA) -- Confidence in the ultimate victory of the Zionist cause was expressed in messages from Congressional leaders received today by the Bnai Zion in connection with the 38th Annual Order Day dinner to be held at the Commodore Hotel this Sunday.

The messages came from Senator Alben Barkley, majority leader of the Senate; Representative John W. McCormack, majority leader of the House; Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., minority leader of the House; and Senator Robert A. Taft, who with Senator Wagner was author of the Palestine Resolution adopted by Congress last December. More than 2,000 persons are expected to attend the dinner at which Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America, will be the principal speaker.

PIONEER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION CABLES \$200,000 TO JEWISH WOMEN'S COUNCIL IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, March 25. (JTA) -- A gift of \$200,000 has been cabled by the Pioneer Women's Organization of America to the Working Women's Council in Palestine, the organization announced today. This is the first installment of a quota of \$500,000 for the year, adopted at its last national convention.

The Council has launched a program of expansion of its services for newly-arriving women, youth, and children, from Europe. A new children's home is now in the process of construction at Kfar Saba, and ground has been broken for three additional homes. The building program is being financed by the Pioneer Women's Organization building fund.