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### PALESTINE TO GET \$25,000,000 IN REPARATIONS FOR REHABILITATION OF DISPLACED JEWS

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) -- The Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees has decided to allot \$25,000,000 for the rehabilitation in Palestine of displaced Jews from Europe, it was announced here today by Dr. Bernard Joseph, legal advisor of the Jewish Agency. The sum was made available to the refugee committee by the Allied Reparations Commission.

Addressing a press conference, Dr. Joseph said that the Jewish Agency considers the \$25,000,000 to be only a small fraction of the reparations due the Jewish people for property looted from Jews in Europe. The Agency is demanding all German property in Palestine as part of the reparations, he revealed. A memorandum to this effect has been submitted to the Allied Reparations Commission through the Palestine Government, he stated.

Dr. Joseph also disclosed that private Jewish organizations in Palestine, such as settlers associations of Jews from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Greece, have undertaken separate action, supported by the Jewish Agency, to secure reparations for Jews in Palestine who lost their property in the countries from which they escaped. Representatives of these organizations have left Palestine for various European countries to take up the matter of reparations.

The Jewish Agency has also submitted a memorandum to the United Nations with regard to general problems of displaced Jews and their emigration to Palestine, Dr. Joseph reported. He added that representatives of the Agency are now in various capitals attempting to secure support from governments who are members of the United Nations for the demands outlined in the memorandum.

### PROBLEM OF DISPLACED PERSONS MUST BE DEALT WITH PROMPTLY, UNITED NATIONS BODY IS TOLD

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- The problem of European refugees and displaced persons must be dealt with "rapidly and adequately," it was emphasized here today at the opening meeting of the United Nations Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons, which will be in session here for five weeks to decide the fate of homeless people and to establish an international body which will take over the care of refugees and displaced persons.

Hector McNeill, British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, was unanimously elected chairman of the committee. Today's session was opened by F.C. Sharpley, head of the London office of the United Nations, in the Church House at Westminster with representatives from twenty countries attending. Also present were representatives of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees and high UNRRA officials in charge of refugee work.

Speaking on behalf of the British Government, Sir George Rendel said that Britain will give its wholehearted cooperation in helping to settle the problem of

refugees under principles of justice." This problem, he declared, must be solved promptly, since homeless and starving people represent a danger to the countries where they are presently residing.

The Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons will deal with all aspects of the refugee situation in Europe during its session here and is charged with preparation of a comprehensive report for presentation to the United Nations Social and Economic Council before May 25. It is certain that the report will recommend the establishment of a permanent United Nations body to assume the functions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees and of the League of Nations Commission on Refugees.

Among the questions which will be studied here are the issuance of internationally recognized identity documents to refugees and displaced persons, and the possibilities for permanent settlement of displaced persons in new countries where they would eventually become full-fledged citizens.

#### Chief of AMG DP Division En Route to Confer with Inquiry Committee

FRANKFURT, April 8. (JTA) -- Col. Stanley Mickelson, chief of the AMG's Displaced Persons Division, left today for Lausanne, to confer with the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, which is now writing its report in that city.

Col. Mickelson testified before the committee when it was in Berlin in February, and it is assumed he is going to Lausanne to furnish additional facts it requires before issuing its report.

#### JEWISH CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL PLAQUES IN GERMANY DEFACED BY ANTI-SEMITIC VANDALS

FRANKFURT, April 8. (JTA) -- Two Jewish memorials here and a Jewish cemetery in a nearby town have been desecrated in the past week by anti-Semitic vandals, it was learned today.

Dr. Leopold Weisbaum, president of the Frankfurt Jewish community, in a letter written today to the local police president, Dr. Rudolph Siegert, asked action to prevent similar occurrences and to apprehend the persons responsible for the vandalism. Siegert immediately offered a reward of 1,000 marks for information leading to the apprehension of the guilty persons.

The objects of the attack were a plaque dedicated to the former Jewish community of Frankfurt and one commemorating the synagogue here which was destroyed in the Nov., 1938 pogroms, and the cemetery in the town of Heussenstamm.

Siegert told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he would confer with Dr. Weisbaum on plans for protecting the plaques against further defacement, asserting that it was impossible to keep a constant police guard around them.

When it was pointed out to him that Heussenstamm, which is a very small town, offered a reward of 3,000 marks for information concerning the vandals, while Frankfurt was only offering 1,000, the police head said that that was a matter for the town council and he could not take any further action.

#### PALESTINE RAIL STATION ATTACKED FOR SECOND TIME IN WEEK; ON MAIN JERUSALEM-CAIRO LINE

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) -- The Yabneh railroad station, south of Tel Aviv, was attacked last night for a second time within six days, an official announcement was made today.

The station, on the Jerusalem to Cairo line, was under attack for half-an-hour last night, but no casualties were reported.

1,000 PALESTINE VISAS ASSIGNED TO CHILDREN IN GERMANY, AUSTRIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND FRANCE

MUNICH, April 8. (JTA) -- The first 1,000 Palestine immigration certificates available under the present 1,500 monthly temporary quota have been assigned to children, most of whom are orphaned, it was reported here by Eliahu Dobkin, Jewish Agency immigration chief.

Dobkin said that 470 visas had been allotted to children in the U.S. zone, 125 to the British zone and 70 to Austria. These youngsters will be joined in Marseille by 300 children from Czechoslovakia, and France. They are expected to sail about April 15.

Dobkin has just returned from Landsberg, where he attended a conference of the "Ichud," the joint organization of Zionist groups in Germany. The meeting, he said, discussed emigration problems and the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

(UNRRA headquarters in Frankfurt announced tonight that about 450 Jewish children from DP camps in the Munich area are expected there on Wednesday. They will be joined in Frankfurt by a number of children from the British zone. Both groups will then proceed to Marseille for embarkation to Palestine.)

ZIONIST EXECUTIVE DETERMINED TO HOLD WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) -- The World Zionist Executive is determined to enforce the decision of the Zionist Actions Committee that the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, which is to open on August 7, be held in Palestine. Dr. Bernard Joseph, legal advisor of the Jewish Agency, told a press conference today.

Dr. Joseph made this statement in reply to questions as to whether the Zionist Executive intends to comply with the request of the Zionist Organization of America that the congress be held in the United States, instead of Palestine.

Opening the election campaign to the congress, David Ben Gurion today advocated the establishment of a labor front based on the demand for the creation of a Jewish State. He spoke at a meeting of the Mapai, the Jewish Labor Party, in Tel Aviv and urged that the Mapai, the Poale Zion and the "Movement for Labor Unity" should unite for the elections. He attacked the Hashomer Hatzair, the left wing of the Histadruth, as a movement which "is splitting labor's ranks," because it favors a bi-national state.

DISPLACED JEWS IN BRITISH ZONE WILL UNVEIL MEMORIAL AT FORMER BERGEN-BELSEN CAMP

HERFORD, Germany, April 8. (JTA) -- A memorial to thousands of Jews buried in mass graves will be unveiled on the site of the infamous Belsen concentration camp this Sunday, marking the first anniversary of the liberation of the Jews in Belsen by the British Army.

The British policy with regard to the liberated displaced Jews is different than that followed in the American zone in Germany. The British, for example, have not set up separate camps for Jewish refugees, and the only large congregation of them is the 7,000 at Camp Four at Hoehne. Jews leaving Poland for various reasons rarely go into the British zone because there they receive only the same food rations as the Germans, or 1,042 calories daily. On the other hand, what are described as "regular DP's," or those who were in the zone from the time of the liberation, now receive 2,750 calories.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE DEMANDS MORE VIGOROUS DENAZIFICATION IN U.S. ZONE IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- Contending that past denazification procedures have failed to accomplish their objectives, the American Jewish Conference today urged that denazification in the American zone in Germany be prosecuted with increased vigor, in communications to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

The charge was based on the killing of Samuel Dantziger, 37-year-old survivor of the Oswiecim concentration camp who was shot on Friday morning, March 29, by German police in a mass raid on the Stuttgart displaced persons settlement. Three other Jews were wounded and twenty-six were arrested.

Henry Monsky, chairman of the Interim Committee of the Conference, declared that the incident "compromised the fair name of the United States and the democratic principles for which we, as Americans, fought in World War II. He emphasized that the fact that German police were permitted to raid a Jewish camp, in the company of American military personnel, gives courage to the Nazi underground, whose existence AMG admits.

Expressing its gratification at the fact that Lt. General Joseph T. McNarney, U.S. commander in the European Theater, promptly suspended the right of German police to enter Jewish displaced persons centers, the communication of the American Jewish conference stated: "We are confident that the investigation now being conducted will result in punishment of those guilty. However, the Jewish people of the United States are very much concerned that the causes of this outrage shall be attacked at the roots and shall be eliminated."

MONSKY ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF NEW INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- Henry Monsky was elected sole chairman of the new interim committee of the American Jewish Conference at the committee's first meeting in New York, it was announced today. He previously served as one of the Conference's three co-chairmen.

The new executive committee, which will serve until the fourth session, will be composed of all officers and nine additional members representing the different groups within the organization. It will meet in New York on April 24 to elect a chairman.

BERNHARD KAHN MARKS 70th BIRTHDAY TODAY; HONORED BY J.D.C. LEADERS

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Bernhard Kahn, honorary chairman of the European executive council of the Joint Distribution Committee, who has been active in Jewish life for more than forty years, and under whose guidance the J.D.C. spent many millions of dollars to aid Jews in Europe, will celebrate his 70th birthday tomorrow.

The occasion was marked at a special party in his honor at the Harmonie Club yesterday at which Paul Baerwald, honorary chairman of the J.D.C., reviewed Dr. Kahn's service to the Jewish cause. The work of Dr. Kahn, and the "dignity and devotion" with which he carried out his duties, were also lauded by Alexander Landesco, comptroller of the J.D.C., who presented a plaque to him on behalf of his co-workers in the J.D.C.

Until 1921, when he joined the J.D.C. as director of the organization's work in Europe, Dr. Kahn was for eighteen years general secretary of the Hilfsverein der deutschen Juden in Germany. He has been a director of the Keren Hayesod since 1939, a member of the administrative committee of the Palestine Economic Corporation, a member of the council of the American Joint Reconstruction Foundation, and a member of many other central Jewish institutions.

RIGID CANADIAN IMMIGRATION POLICIES HIT IN PARLIAMENT AS HINDRANCE TO DOMINION GROWTH

MONTREAL, April 8. (JTA)--Canada's refusal to admit any substantial number of European refugees during the war has been severely criticized in recent days in several addresses in the Federal parliament at Ottawa, and there is indication that as a result of mounting pressure, the Government may be ready to make some move towards liberalizing the dominion's immigration policies.

Sen. Arthur Roebuck, in a speech in the upper house of Parliament last week, charged that "throughout the war Canada maintained a heartless policy of the closed door towards refugees." He said that there were thousand of families in Canada who are anxious to care for friends and relatives in Europe. Sen. Roebuck pointed out that Canada's future depends on increased immigration, since it "cannot hope to maintain indefinitely its 3,500,000 square miles of territory in the exclusive ownership of 12,000,000 people."

A similar plea was made in the lower house by Lieut. Col. Cecil Merritt, who demanded an immigration quota of no less than 200,000 yearly. He was supported by Col. David Croll and several other deputies. Opposition was voiced, however, by a number of deputies from the province of Quebec, which has traditionally opposed immigration. Their stand was reflected in editorials appearing in several Quebec French-language papers commenting on the immigration debate.

At the annual meeting of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society here, M.A. Solkin, executive director, reported that the government had reacted favorably to suggestions that it agree to admit several teachers for under-staffed Jewish schools here, and also orphaned European Jewish children whose families were destroyed by the Nazis.

POLITICAL AND RELIEF PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE OF POLISH JEWS IN SOUTH AMERICA

MONTVIDEO, Uruguay, April 8. (JTA)--A four-day Conference of Polish Jews in South America has concluded here after setting up a provisional executive committee to deal with future matters affecting Polish Jews here and abroad and adopting a series of resolutions on political and relief problems.

The conference, which was attended by several hundred delegates from Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay and Peru, was addressed by Dr. Alberto Guani, Vice-president of Uruguay, who described the present situation of the Jews throughout the world as "one of the great injustices in international history." He expressed hope that a solution of the Palestine problem would be found shortly, and said that the nations of Latin-America would support Jewish aims in the "world organizations for peace."

The political resolutions of the conference lauded the Polish Government for its decree outlawing anti-Semitism; protested against the "reactionary" forces which are supporting the "Nazi-fascist bands" inside Poland; urged UNRRA and the UN to consider the problems of the Jews of Europe; demanded disbandment of the DP camps and action to facilitate the return to Poland of those desiring to leave; protested against the Palestine White Paper and hailed Jewish achievements in Palestine.

The resolutions on relief declared that the Jewish Central Committee in Warsaw, under the leadership of Dr. Emil Sommerstein, is the recognized representative body of the Jewish and all relief should be sent to it; hailed the relief activities of the Joint Distribution Committee and the "political works of the World Jewish Congress," pledged support to both and urged coordination among the two organizations and the World Union of Polish Jews.

1,400,000 JEWS STILL SUFFERING IN EUROPE AFTER YEAR OF LIBERATION, SEN. BARKLEY SAYS

SYRACUSE, N.Y., April 8. (JTA) -- The "bitter paradox" of the new peace is that Europe's 1,400,000 surviving Jewish people, who are ending their first full year of liberation from the yoke of Hitlerism, have not yet been freed from the terrors of starvation, displacement, political disfranchisement and economic dispossession, U.S. Senator Alben W. Barkley, of Kentucky, majority leader of the Senate, declared yesterday before more than 250 delegates attending an extraordinary New York State Regional conference sponsored jointly by the \$100,000,000 United Jewish Appeal and the National Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. The delegates met at the Syracuse Hotel.

Senator Barkley demanded that Palestine be opened to large-scale Jewish immigration and colonization. "The governments of the world cannot leave these so-called displaced Jews of Europe indefinitely in camps," he declared. "Those people cannot go on living in a 'no-man's land' ringed in by invisible walls of homelessness and despair. The gates of Palestine must be flung open to enable tens of thousands of hungry and unwanted Jews of Europe to find sanctuary and a new life there." The Senator appealed to the "great open heart of the British people" to open the gates of Palestine to Jewish immigration.

Isidore Sobeloff, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit, addressing the conference, said that the great crisis affecting 1,400,000 Jewish survivors in Europe is the first concern of American Jewry. Discussing "Post-War Sights or Jewish Community Planning", Mr. Sobeloff said: "The race against death in Europe has entered its most critical stage. When we couldn't reach the Jews of Europe and millions died, it was tragic and hopeless. Now that we can reach so many of those who remain, it would be worse than tragic if we were to fail to do everything that is humanly possible to help them."

Moses A. Leavitt, secretary of the Joint Distribution Committee, described the war-rung activities of his organization in fifty countries throughout the world. He told the assembled delegates: "Your presence here at this critical moment in Jewish history is a sign that we in America do not propose to turn our backs on the crucial sufferings of our people in war-shattered Europe." He added that hundreds of thousands of Jewish men, women and children in Europe look to the JDC for immediate aid.

First 2,000 Jewish Refugees from Europe Arriving in U.S. Next Month

Edwin Rosenberg, first vice-president of the National Refugee Service, disclosed that 2,000 refugees are due to arrive in the United States next month under the terms of President Truman's recent directive speeding up quota immigration. That monthly rate will continue thereafter, he said. The National Refugee Service, he added, "is charged with major responsibility to see to it that none of the newcomers to America ever becomes a public charge."

The delegates representing 24 communities in New York State also heard Major Judah Nadich, former advisor on Jewish affairs to Gen. Eisenhower, Joseph Goldstein of Rochester, a director of CJFNF, J.H. Rubens of Rochester, Edward H. Kavinoky of Buffalo, president of the New York region of CJFNF. The delegates pledged themselves to give "unreserved support" to the \$100,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

PALESTINE YOUTH DELEGATE KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT IN ITALY

ROME, April 8. (JTA) -- Meier Sarchi, Palestinian youth delegate in Italy, was killed in an auto accident near Bari yesterday.

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