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ZIONIST OFFICIALS ARRESTED IN HUNGARY; NAZI PLOT TO LEAVE COUNTRY AS JEWS DISCOVERED

BUDAPEST, April 12. (JTA) -- A number of Zionist officials were arrested here today in connection with an attempt by Nazis and members of the anti-Semitic Arrow-Cross organization to smuggle themselves out of Hungary in a train carrying Jews bound for Palestine.

The Zionist Federation here is not involved, and the train with the Jewish immigrants was permitted to proceed after some of the railroad personnel and fourteen passengers recognized by intelligence officers as Arrow-Cross members were arrested.

The Budapest radio, reporting the incident, today made the charge that the Zionist organization in Hungary "is accepting large bribes in dollars to smuggle out members of the Arrow-Cross party" who cooperated with the Gestapo in deporting Hungarian Jews for extermination to Poland.

The broadcast said that when the intelligence officers stopped the emigrant train and checked the identity cards of 235 passengers, they established that only 28 of the emigrants were Zionists, while the others were either German Nazis or former members of the Hungarian Arrow-Cross organization.

Contradicting the broadcast are reports in the evening newspapers which state that only 17 Nazis and "doubtful elements" were discovered on the train by intelligence officers. The press reports add that these passengers got on the train after bribing officials to let them escape from Hungary.

PALESTINE LEADERS GO ON HUNGER STRIKE IN SYMPATHY WITH LA SPEZIA REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, April 12. (JTA) -- Thirteen leaders of Palestine Jewry chosen from more than 100 volunteers today began a hunger strike in sympathy with the more than 1,000 Palestine-bound Jewish refugees detained on the "Feds" in the Italian port of La Spezia.

Prior to starting the strike, the thirteen were given a medical examination. The committee which selected the volunteers did not allow members of the Jewish Agency executive to participate. Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, was also excluded from the list of those who wanted to join the strike.

La Spezia Refugees Turned Over to UNRRA; Will Be Placed in a Camp

ROME, April 12. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Interior today announced that the Jewish refugees detained at La Spezia harbor have been turned over to UNRRA and will be held at the camp for displaced persons at Chiavari from where they will be sent to Palestine "as the monthly quota permits."

ARMY CLOSES U.S. ZONE TO JEWS FROM EASTERN EUROPE; STRANDED REFUGEES STARVING IN VIENNA

VIENNA, April 12. (JTA) -- American military authorities have closed the U.S. zone of Germany to Jews fleeing Eastern Europe, it was revealed here today by Bronislaw Teichholtz, director of the Committee for Transient Jews. He also disclosed that the Russians have prohibited the passage of transports of Jews across the Slovak-Hungarian border.

Teichholtz said that he had been informed by the Displaced Persons Division of the U.S. forces in Austria that as of April 1, transports from Vienna to DP camps at Salzburg and Linz in the American zone are prohibited. No explanation was given except that the order had come from higher levels.

Despite all obstacles, an average of 700 Jews arrive here weekly, and with egress from the city barred, it is impossible for the Jewish community to house them. Consequently, the U.S. military authorities have set up additional facilities to accommodate the 2,000 refugees now in the city.

The Jews had been receiving an average of 2,500 calories daily, but as of last week, their rations were cut to 1,100 daily, which is far below subsistence level. The daily menu consists of one cup of coffee, two bowls of thin soup and less than one ounce of bread. The JDC is supplementing this diet to the best of its ability, but the refugees are going hungry.

50 JEWS MURDERED IN POLAND THIS YEAR, 400 IN 1946; GROUP FORMED TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM

WARSAW, April 12. (JTA) -- Fifty Jews have been murdered in Poland since the first of this year, and about 400 were killed last year, it is reported by the Warsaw radio.

It quoted a statement by Dr. Adolf Berman, vice-president of the Polish League to Fight Racial Hatred, which is a new organization to combat anti-Semitism. Berman, who charged that almost all the killings were done by the National Armed Forces, which is an anti-Government underground unit, said that 7,000 members of Polish political parties have been murdered in the past fifteen months.

BERLIN MUNICIPALITY ORDERS COMPENSATION FOR "UNJUSTIFIED TAXATION" UNDER NAZI REGIME

BERLIN, April 12. (JTA) -- The Berlin City Council has issued an order providing that victims of Nazi persecution be compensated for any unjustified taxation exacted from them under the Nazi regime, the British news service in Germany reported today.

The order, of which Jews would be among the main beneficiaries, also provides that all such payments be taken into account before present earnings and profits are taxed.

LEBANON REPORTED TO HAVE NOTIFIED FRANCE OF ITS WILLINGNESS TO ADMIT EX-MUFTI.

PARIS, April 12. (JTA) -- The Lebanese Government has informed France of its willingness to give asylum to the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, the Paris radio said today.

A French foreign office spokesman said earlier this week that the Mufti was not under house arrest and was free to leave France anytime he wished, provided an Arab country would be willing to accept him.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT ASSISTS JEWS IN CELEBRATING PASSOVER; GOVT. STORES SELL MATZOHS

MOSCOW, April 12. (JTA) -- Soviet authorities have provided religious Jews in the U.S.S.R. with matzohe and will assist them in observing Passover, Samuel Chobrutsky, chairman of the Moscow Jewish community, said here today.

In Moscow, Chobrutsky revealed, matzohe are sold in the state food stores at reasonable prices. The unleavened bread is baked under the supervision of Rabbi I. Shliffer. Besides government bakeries a number of private matzoh baking factories are supplying the Jews, and Chobrutsky estimated that a sufficient quantity would be baked to supply all the Jews in the city.

He also reported that in many cities, including Odessa, Riga, Kharkov, Kiev, Tashkent, and Kuibyshev, matzoh baking has already been completed. Reports to the Jewish community here from Jewish religious communities throughout the Ukraine and Bielo-Russia tell of assistance rendered the Jews by local Soviet authorities.

The reports also cite aid received in rebuilding synagogues and re-establishing religious life in Kiev, Zhitomir, Odessa, Riga and other towns. The writers point out that life is becoming more normal for the Jews, and that, together with their non-Jewish neighbors, they are participating in rehabilitation of the towns, in various industries and in scientific institutions.

FRANKFURT, ZEILSHEIM JEWS RECEIVE PASSOVER SUPPLIES, LOOK FORWARD TO HAPPY HOLIDAY

FRANKFURT, April 12. (JTA) -- The Jews here, at the nearby Zeilsheim camp for displaced Jews, and in neighboring communities are looking forward to celebrating Passover with many of the traditional holiday foods, which were distributed today by a number of Jewish organizations.

Through the efforts of these organizations each Jew received six pounds of matzohe, two-fifths of a pound of butter, one fresh egg and a quart of Palestinian wine. In addition the Jews received powdered milk, cigarettes, soap, marmalade, and canned meat.

Distribution among the Jews outside of DP camps was made by the Jewish community councils in such cities as Frankfurt, Wiesbaden, Offenbach, and Bad Nauheim. In the smaller communities the Committee of Liberated Jews passed out the Passover supplies. Jews in the camps received their share through regular camp channels.

All were thankful today as they waited patiently in line to receive their food, but most of the Jews agreed with the opinion expressed by two orphaned children, who said: "Yes, this is the best Pesach in many years, but we cannot forget those celebrated years ago when all our families were alive. How much better this Pesach would be, if they were here."

YOUNG POLISH JEWISH PIANIST GIVES CONCERTS WITH FRANKFURT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

FRANKFURT, April 12. (JTA) -- Marion Filar, 27-year-old pianist now residing at the Zeilsheim DP camp, will give two concerts tomorrow and Sunday with the Frankfurt Symphony Orchestra.

Filar, who will play Chopin's first piano concerto at both performances, was a promising young pianist in Poland when the war broke out. Shortly after the conquest of Poland he was sent to the Oswiecim concentration camp.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS APPROVES MANDATORIES' DECISION TO RETAIN TERRITORIES FOR PRESENT

GENEVA, April 12. (JTA) -- The final meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations today unanimously adopted a resolution expressing satisfaction with the handling of mandates by the League's Council assisted by the Permanent Mandate's Commission, and noting the intention of the mandatory powers to continue administration of these territories until other arrangements are agreed to between the United Nations and the mandatories. The resolution was proposed by China and seconded by Britain.

The Egyptian delegate, while not opposing the resolution, abstained from voting because he said Egypt had certain reservations concerning the Palestine Mandate. The Chinese representative voiced the hope that ultimate arrangements for the mandated territories will apply the trusteeship principles decided upon by the United Nations.

Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, has arrived here, and is staying at the same hotel as the British mission to the League. The purpose of his visit was not announced.

CZECH POLICEMEN ACCUSED OF TORTURING, ROBBING JEWS SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS

PRAGUE, April 12. (JTA) -- At the conclusion of a long trial marked by a number of exciting incidents including the surprise defense testimony of several Jews, former Czech policemen J. Hosek and M. Drahnovsky were today sentenced to eight to ten years imprisonment on charges of having tortured, robbed, and denounced Jews at the Theresienstadt concentration camp.

The testimony of Jewish witnesses for the defendants moved one Czech in the audience to comment that "the Jews are overly kind-hearted." The former policemen, in an interview with a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, expressed surprise that their sentences were so light. They had expected to be hanged.

The sentence of one of the accused was mitigated because he fought bravely during the Prague uprisings against the Nazis during the last days of the German occupation of the city. In the case of the second, the charge of denouncing Jews to the Nazis was considered not to have been proven. Police Captain Janacek, who was to have been the chief defendant, died a few days before the trial opened.

BULGARIAN PREMIER PROMISES ASSISTANCE TO JEWS; RECEIVES J.D.C. REPRESENTATIVE

SOFIA, April 12. (JTA) -- Premier Kimon Georgiev today promised full Government support for all relief measures to aid Bulgarian Jewry in an interview with Arthur Shatzkin, of the Joint Distribution Committee and a JTA correspondent.

The Premier stated that the majority of the Bulgarian people have always been friendly to the Jews, and cited the successful efforts to prevent the deportation of Jews to Poland. He said that his Government will continue to do all it can to facilitate the rehabilitation of the country's Jewish population, which was ruined economically by the former pro-Nazi regime.

GOVERNMENT DECREES RESTORATION OF RIGHTS TO JEWS IN DISPUTED ITALO-YUGOSLAV BORDER AREA

ROME, April 12. (JTA) -- The Allied Military Government today issued a decree restoring full rights to Jews living in Venezia Giulia, which is claimed by both Italy and Yugoslavia. The decree is similar to that issued for Italy in Nov., 1944.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE SUBMITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO U.N. COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Twelve points of action for the relief of Jewish refugees and displaced persons in Germany and Austria have been recommended by the American Jewish Committee to the United Nations Special Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons which is now meeting in London, it was announced here today.

The committee was urged to proclaim that the Jewish refugees and displaced persons have "valid objections to returning to their countries of origin," and to create provisional status for refugees, issue identity documents to the stateless and seek fair treatment, including the right to work, for refugees in the countries of their present residence.

Calling for immediate evacuation of 100,000 Jewish displaced persons from Central Europe, the recommendations stressed the need for liberalization of naturalization laws and procedures, including provisions of citizenship for Jewish refugees in countries of present residence and the elimination of denaturalization and statelessness from the United Nations' legal system.

The committee was also asked to attempt to bring about proper legal, economic and cultural conditions for the final absorption of refugees, to encourage exploration of promising areas in the world, aimed at developing and increasing their absorptive capacity, and to work for an international migration convention based on the principle of non-discrimination. The necessity for establishing a vocational training and occupational program for displaced persons in Germany and Austria was also stressed in the memorandum.

U.S. SURPLUS PROPERTY WILL BE SENT TO PALESTINE BY AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

WASHINGTON, April 12. (JTA) -- Various Jewish organizations in the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service will send to refugees in Palestine their share of some \$921,000 worth of surplus United States war stocks which will be purchased by the council, the Office of the Foreign Liquidation Commissioner has announced.

The council, which represents 58 American-supported religious and service organizations - Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and non-sectarian - has already purchased \$486,000 worth of vehicles, engineer and medical supplies, blankets, clothing and shoes from the huge surplus disposal center at Leghorn, Italy, to help meet pressing relief needs in the Mediterranean area. Supplies to go to Palestine will include \$80,000 worth of tents and medicaments and a quantity of WAC and Army Nurse Corps' uniforms.

JEWISH AGENCY OFFICIAL SAYS INQUIRY COMMITTEE WILL WRITE MAJORITY AND MINORITY REPORTS

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Isaiah Klinoff, chief of the information bureau of the Jewish Agency, who arrived here from Jerusalem this week, today said that he expected the Anglo-American inquiry committee, now deliberating on its report at Lausanne, to issue majority and minority reports. He emphasized that regardless of the decision of the committee, the Jews in Palestine were determined to continue immigration by all means at their command.

Speaking at a press conference arranged by the United Palestine Appeal, Klinoff said that he believed the majority report would be anti-Zionist, while the minority would probably favor the Zionist cause. He said that the English members of the committee were particularly interested in the presentation of a united report. The unity demonstrated by all groups and parties within the Palestine Jewish community in asking for immigration of the surviving Jews of Europe was particularly impressive to the committee, Klinoff declared.

ERNEST KALTENBRUNNER CHARGED WITH ISSUING ORDERS FOR LIQUIDATION OF WARSAW GHETTO

NUREMBERG, April 12. (JTA) -- Ernst Kaltenbrunner, former chief of the German Security policy, was charged today by U.S. Prosecutor Col. John H. Amen with responsibility for issuing the orders for the liquidation of the Warsaw Ghetto.

Continuing the U.S. case against Kaltenbrunner, Col. Amen submitted to the War Crimes Court an affidavit from a Gen. Strup, one of the German officials who participated in the liquidation of the ghetto, declaring that the security police who carried out the liquidation took their orders directly from Kaltenbrunner. At this point Col. Amen asked Kaltenbrunner: "Do you know that all 400,000 Warsaw Jews were actually slaughtered at Treblinka, or as usual don't you know anything about that?"

J.D.C. VOTES \$1,000,000 RELIEF FOR JEWS RETURNING FROM SOVIET RUSSIA TO POLAND

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- An additional million dollars worth of food and other supplies will be purchased by the Joint Distribution Committee and rushed to Poland for the emergency relief of tens of thousands of Polish Jews now returning to that country from the Soviet Union, where they found haven during the war, it was announced today by Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the Committee.

Mr. Warburg revealed that in response to a call for help from the present surviving Jewish community of Poland, the J.D.C. voted a special emergency appropriation of \$1,000,000 last week and began arrangements for the purchase of the supplies. The emergency grant brought to \$3,100,000 the total aid appropriated this year for Jews in Poland by the J.D.C.

RELIEF SUPPLIES WORTH \$250,000 SHIPPED BY JEWISH CONGRESS TO EUROPEAN LANDS IN 1946

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Over \$250,000 worth of relief supplies were shipped to Europe in the first three months of 1946 by the Committee for Overseas Relief supplies of the World Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Congress, it was announced today.

The World Jewish Congress also announced that it has received a letter from Karel Hudec, Czechoslovak consul in New York, expressing his thanks for five cases of Jewish school books, which were sent to Jewish schools in Czechoslovakia.

"CONCENTRATION CAMP" LUNCHEONS HELD THROUGHOUT COUNTRY TO MARK BUCHENWALD LIBERATION

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- "Concentration camp" luncheons were served today more than 2,000 communities throughout the country as Jewish leaders marked the first observance of the liberation of the Buchenwald concentration camp. The luncheons, which were arranged by the United Jewish Appeal to spur contributions to its \$100,000,000 drive, consisted of black bread and a watery soup.

Rabbi Jonah Wise, speaking at a luncheon in the headquarters of the UJA here, noted that the celebration of Buchenwald significantly coincided with the first anniversary of the death of President Roosevelt, emphasizing that "in marking the anniversary of the inmates of that infamous center of suffering and death we must also tribute to their liberator, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the immortal leader who brought freedom to all oppressed and persecuted peoples in Europe."

OLD SMITH ATTORNEY RECEIVES 30-DAY SENTENCE ON CHARGE ARISING FROM ANTI-SEMITIC MEETING

CHICAGO, April 12. (JTA) -- Don Lohbeck, publicity agent for Gerald L.K. Smith, of the America First Party, was today sentenced to 30 days in jail on a contempt of court charge arising from an anti-Semitic meeting organized here by Smith.