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STRIKE PARALYZES PALESTINE AS JEWS FAST IN SOLIDARITY WITH LA SPEZIA REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, April 14. (JTA) -- Jewish trade, industry and transport were paralyzed today and Jews throughout the country fasted in a demonstration of sympathy with the 1,040 Jews detained aboard the Italian motor ship "Fede" at La Spezia, Italy.

Thirteen leaders of Palestinian Jewry entered on the third day of their hunger strike to protest the refusal of British authorities to admit the La Spezia refugees to Palestine. There was a constant flow of visitors, both individuals and delegations, to the courtyard of the Jewish National Council's building, where the strikers are quartered, and although the latter are weakened, they are reported to be in good spirits and in generally good physical condition. However, their physicians have barred virtually all visitors, except members of their families.

The city was electrified late today by an unconfirmed report that the Palestine Government is getting ready to announce on April 15 to May 15 quota of 1,500 certificates, and will deduct the La Spezia immigrants from that total, making it possible for them to sail for Palestine immediately. It is known that the Government's executive council met for several hours today, and it is reported that an urgent cable has been sent to the Colonial Office, and that the High Commissioner telephoned to London.

Two More Join Hunger Strikers; Others Plead to Participate

The number of strikers was increased to 15 today, when Israel Garfinkel, a member of the Tel Aviv municipal council, and Itzhak Werfel, a member of the Poale Miz-rachi central committee, joined. The executive committee of the Jewish National Council is having difficulty in refusing the requests of many prominent persons that they be allowed to participate in the strike. This afternoon, the entire municipal council of Petach Tikvah arrived here and visited the strikers, after which they announced that all members of the council are joining the hunger strike as of today.

(A cable received today in the New York office of the JTA from its Palestine bureau disclosed that as a result of the telegraph and telephone strike in Palestine, JTA dispatches from Rome and La Spezia reporting that the detained refugees had suspended their hunger strike after the intervention of Harold Laski, have not been received in Palestine. The Jewish community, therefore, has apparently been unaware that the La Spezia strike was called off on Thursday.)

Yesterday, before the doctors' orders barring visitors, several of the hunger strikers spoke from balconies to the crowds in the courtyard of the Council building. Zalman Rubashev, editor of the Labor daily *Devar*, and Goldie Meirson, Histadruth leader, stressed that the unity of all Jews will insure that Jewish immigrants are allowed to enter Palestine freely.

The 15 are resting in beds which were brought from the Hadassah hospital. The youngest of the hunger strikers is 39 years old, while the oldest is nearing 60.

Every one of them has had a stormy political past and some were imprisoned in Czarist Russia as revolutionaries.

The strikers include: David Remez, Aron Zialing, Miss Meierson, Jacob Riftin, Nahum Nir and Mordecai Shaxner - all of the Jewish National Council; David Abulafia, president of the Sephardic Jewish Community; Dr. Werner Senator of the Hebrew University; Elisheva Wrona ~~Esper~~, former president of the WIZO in Holland; Nahum Lifshitz, member of the Jerusalem Jewish Community Council; Salman Rabinovitz, leader of the Histadruth; Yehudith Simhonith, leader of the Council of Women Workers; Mr. Rubashev and the two who joined today.

La Spezia Detainees Still Aboard Ship; Will Hold Seder Tonight

ROME, April 14. (JTA) -- The more than 1,000 Jews detained at La Spezia are still aboard the "Fede" and are planning to hold a seder on board ship tomorrow evening. Food has been supplied by the JDC.

The Italian Socialist Party, which is holding a conference in Florence, adopted a resolution urging that the "Fede" be permitted to sail for Palestine. The resolution added that the Jewish survivors of Nazi annihilation must be enabled to build a new life for themselves in Palestine.

Reports from displaced persons camps throughout Italy disclose that a hunger strike called for last Thursday in connection with the La Spezia incident was a complete success.

JEWISH DP KILLED, 20 OTHERS ARRESTED IN RIOT WITH AUSTRIAN POLICE IN VIENNA

VIENNA, April 14. (JTA) -- One Jew was killed and twenty other displaced Jews were arrested here last night following a riot which involved Jewish DP's, Austrian civilians, and Austrian police.

The incident began when three Jewish DP's accused a civilian of stealing UNRRA boxes containing potatoes and flour, and a fight ensued. Austrian police arrived and arrested the three. At the police station, the group encountered a crowd of DP's, who had come there to protest another incident in which Jews were arrested. Two of the three arrested Jews attempted to escape and in the ensuing melee, 16-year-old Morris Gottesmann, displaced Polish Jew, was killed and another slugged into unconsciousness.

Police claim Gottesmann was shot from the window of an apartment above the police station, and arrested the occupants, stateless Poles, who, however, maintained they had no weapons of any description in their possession.

ARMED JEWS RAID TWO MILITARY CAMPS IN PALESTINE, FLEE WITH WEAPONS; ONE JEW ARRESTED

JERUSALEM, April 14. (JTA) -- Two small groups of uniformed Jews late yesterday invaded two military camps and escaped with a quantity of arms,

Six Jews attacked a convalescent camp near Nathanya, and after looking up the guards, escaped with five tommyguns, five rifles and a revolver. A short time afterwards, fifteen Jews raided a nearby camp, but obtained only one rifle. No casualties have been reported.

A Jew found with a hand grenade in his possession near the spot where a military truck was blown up by a mine yesterday was arrested.

There were several loud explosions here last night when pamphlet bombs exploded, scattering leaflets in the center of the city.

JEWS THROUGHOUT WORLD MARK PASSOVER TONIGHT; MANY CELEBRATING FOR FIRST TIME IN DECADE

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- Passover will be ushered in tomorrow night by millions of Jews throughout the world, including tens of thousands of refugees and DP's for whom this will be the first Passover celebration in over a decade.

The Joint Distribution Committee has announced that over 2,000,000 pounds of Passover supplies have already been distributed to refugee and displaced Jews in Europe, North Africa, the Near East, and Shanghai. More than 1,600,000 of this total was shipped directly from the United States, and the remainder was purchased with American funds.

American servicemen will observe traditional Passover services and will be provided with Passover food due to efforts by the Jewish Welfare Board. The organization prepared and shipped cases of Passover food, hagaddahs, greeting cards, leaflets, and recorded greetings, which will be distributed by Army and Navy chaplains and by J.W.B. field representatives. In addition to matzoahs and wine the servicemen will receive canned gefilte fish, canned chicken, matzoh meal, salami, cheese, boraht, potato pancake flour, and macaroons.

In a special Passover message to the Jews in DP camps in Germany and Austria, which will be broadcast tomorrow morning, Dr. Israel Goldstein, in behalf of the American Jewish Conference, will pledge the determination of American Jewry "to do everything in our power to bring about a positive solution of the problems which face you."

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America, has issued a Passover message to American Jewry saying: "Not for decades has the great commemoration of our escape from the house of bondage in Mizrayim been so profound a personal experience of every true Jew still alive in the world as in this year."

The Synagogue Council of America in a Passover message emphasized that "this year we have good reason to be thankful for the victory of the Allies over the Nazi beast who defied human decency, challenged the laws of God and men, and endeavored to revive the most degrading practices of savagery and paganism."

American participation in the Jewish National Fund, which is expected to amount to \$24,000,000 in investments in Palestine lands this year, was stressed by Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the J.N.F. in America, as an important factor in resettling Europe's liberated Jews in Palestine. "Celebrating Passover, the first festival of freedom in recorded history, American Jews must rededicate themselves" to this task, he declared.

Civilians Will Join Servicemen in Passover Services in Pacific Area

HONOLULU, April 14. (JTA) -- Celebrating their first peace-time Passover in four years, Jewish servicemen, thousands strong, prepared today to mark Passover with seder and services in the major bastions of the Pacific. Upwards to 1,000 Jewish GIs, from all branches of the armed forces, are expected to attend a huge seder in the cafeteria of the McKinley High School in Honolulu. Chaplain Morris Matthews, of New York, will officiate.

Manila and other Pacific bases have also completed plans for the holiday. In the battered Philippine capital, where little more than a year ago bombs still fell, the Jewish Welfare Board is operating with the Chaplains Corps in preparation for the seder. Approximately 1,000 Jewish residents of Manila, many of them refugees, are expected to join with the servicemen in marking the holiday.

GERMAN JEWS, DP'S, ALLIED TROOPS TO MARK FIRST FREE PASSOVER IN BERLIN SINCE 1932

BERLIN, April 14. (JTA) -- The last minute arrival in the past two days of several truckloads of Passover food assures that the local Jewish community, the Jews in DP camps in this area and American and Allied military personnel will be able to observe in traditional manner the first fully free Passover to be celebrated in this city since 1932, the year before the Nazis came to power.

Distribution of various foodstuffs started early this morning when more than 5,000 people lined up in front of a Joint Distribution Committee warehouse. It is expected that distribution will have to be continued through tomorrow, because many of the Berlin community's 7,000 Jews have not yet been reached.

The community council was forced to abandon its plans for one huge communal seder because no building large enough to accommodate all the Jews was available. Instead the community will hold small family seders, while in the DP camps both family and communal seders will be held. The largest group seder in the camps will be one sponsored by U.S. Army Chaplain Joseph Shubow for Allied civilian personnel.

In a pre-Passover ceremony today, Elfrieda Lamprecht, a former inmate of Osececim, was married to Emil Caro, 64. Caro is a descendant of Joseph Caro, 16th century compiler of the Shulhan Arukh, Jewish ritual code.

MIXED RUSSO-CZECH COMMISSION EXAMINES STATUS OF CARPATHIAN JEWS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAGUE, April 14. (JTA) -- Jewish circles in Czechoslovakia are concerned over a new announcement that Carpathian Jews, who chose to retain Czechoslovak citizenship after the ceding of Carpatho-Russia to the U.S.S.R., have been ordered by Soviet authorities to report to repatriation centers.

Earlier the Czechoslovak Government ruled that Jews who gave their nationality as Jewish in the 1930 census would have their choice of citizenship. A mixed Soviet-Czechoslovak commission has now been appointed to examine and revise these declarations of choice during the next two months. It will be the job of this commission to decide whether the Carpathian Jews choosing Czech citizenship will be repatriated to the Soviet Union and whether the certificates issued by the Czechoslovak Government officially recognizing their choice will be invalidated. These Government certificates have, up to now, been considered the equivalent of Czechoslovak citizenship.

Leo Rosenthal, Bratislava Jewish leader and head of the Palestine Office there, announced today that the Jewish Agency would allot immigration certificates to Czechoslovak Jews, but asserted that the Agency could not meet the demand for immediate immigration. Declaring that certificates are intended primarily for relatives of Palestine Jews, chalutzim, and orphans, Rosenthal said that of the last 25 certificates received by his office, 20 had been granted to Carpathian Jews because of the precarious legal position of their citizenship. He said that the Agency was offering all possible aid to the Carpathian Jews.

U.N. REFUGEE, DP COMMITTEES URGED TO SET UP SEPARATE DEPARTMENT FOR JEWISH PROBLEMS

LONDON, April 14. (JTA) -- The United Nations Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons was urged yesterday to create a special department for Jewish refugees and DP's which would work in close consultation with representative Jewish organizations. The proposal was made in a memorandum submitted jointly by the World Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Conference, and the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

The memorandum also asked that funds for resettlement of Jews be made available on unclaimed Jewish property in Europe. It pointed out that the majority of Europe's Jews were either refugees or displaced persons and that these Jews wished to migrate to Palestine.

ARGENTINE PROFESSOR REVIVES RITUAL MURDER LABEL; JEWS PROTEST TO GOVERNMENT

BUENOS AIRES, April 14. (JTA) -- The DAIA, central Jewish organization, today submitted a memorandum to the Government protesting against charges of ritual murder made against Jews by Benjamin F. Zaccheo, a professor of history at Normal School No. 10 in Buenos Aires. It asked that Prof. Zaccheo be dismissed.

According to the memorandum Zaccheo told his class on April 9 that ritual murders by Jews were an established fact and also lauded the activities of the Spanish Inquisition. Several newspapers, including the liberal "La Prensa," the Catholic "Pueblo" and the Peronist organ "Democracia," publish the DAIA memorandum.

U.J.A. ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF NON-SECTARIAN GROUP TO AID SURVIVING EUROPEAN JEWS

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- The formation of a non-sectarian group "to enlist the support of all Americans regardless of creed for the destitute remnant of the Jews overseas," was announced here today by Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the 1946 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. The committee will be headed by Nelson A. Rockefeller.

The organization of the committee was prompted by the desire of many non-Jews to take an active part in the campaign to help refugees and displaced Jews, Mr. Warburg said, adding that "they felt very strongly that this effort is not for Jews alone, that all mankind must share the responsibility for saving the surviving Jews overseas."

Mr. Rockefeller pointed out that the underprivileged of the whole world looked to America for help. "We have just finished a long and costly war against Nazism," he declared, "however, if a single additional Jewish life is lost, then Hitler has gained another victory."

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE PROTESTS BRITISH BREACH OF TRUST IN ADMINISTRATION OF PALESTINE

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 14. (JTA) -- Because the United States has failed to protest to Great Britain against the British proposal to divide Palestine in order to set up the allegedly independent country of Transjordan, "our Government has become a party to a breach of trust," Senator Robert M. La Follette, Jr., of Wisconsin, declared here tonight.

As a signatory to the Anglo-American convention of 1924, which ratified the British Mandate for Palestine, "the United States has every reason and every basis to protest this intention," Senator La Follette told a mass meeting in the Collingwood Y. M. C. A. here tonight. "It could do so, also, as a partner in the joint Palestine inquiry which is now proceeding. But it has not done so and by its inaction has become a party to a breach of trust."

Senator La Follette asserted that "British rule in Palestine is no longer based on law. It is a rule of force only, a rule of bayonets," he said. "At present, the legal status of a Jew in Palestine--in the country which is presumed to be his home--is inferior to his legal status in most other countries of the world."

PALESTINE IS THE ONLY ANSWER TO EUROPEAN JEWISH HOMELESSNESS, MCGILL TELLS UFA LEADERS

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- "Palestine is the only answer to European Jewish homelessness," Ralph McGill, editor of the "Atlanta Constitution," said at a special luncheon given in his honor on Friday by the board of directors of the United Palestine Appeal at the Hotel Commodore, upon his return from an extensive tour of Europe and the Middle East. During his trip Mr. McGill visited the displaced persons camps, and made a number of visits to the new Jewish settlements in Palestine.

PEPPER CALLS ON UN TO TAKE STEPS TO BAR REPETITION OF MASSACRE OF EUROPEAN JEWS

SCRANTON, PA., April 14. (JTA) -- Pointing out that the majority of Europe's 4,000,000 Jews who miraculously survived the years of Nazi brutality and oppression are still being persecuted and driven into ghettos, Senator Claude Pepper of Florida demanded today that the governments of the world keep faith with the six million Jews massacred by the Nazis, in an address delivered before 200 Jewish leaders attending the Northeastern Pennsylvania Conference of the UJA at the Hotel Casey here.

Sen. Pepper called upon the United Nations to take steps to insure "that they will never again let any nation inflict such atrocities, such heinous wrongs upon any people anywhere even in their own lands." Such "a covenant with mankind by the powers of the world" would give a new sense of security to the uprooted and displaced Jews of Europe, he said.

"There are, unhappily, not too many lands to bid them welcome, not too many places where they are wanted, not too many places where the locked gates of prejudice, intolerance, envy, do not bar their way to the good places of the world," the Florida senator said. "So, naturally "the eyes of these people of Europe turned, like the eyes of innumerable generations of their forebears, toward Palestine." 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."

HECKLERS INTERRUPT DEBATE ON PALESTINE; SHOUT DOWN ANTI-ZIONIST SPEAKERS

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- Shouting and heckling from the audience consisting of Zionists and anti-Zionists interrupted a Town Hall debate last night on the Palestine question in which Jewish, Arab and Christian speakers participated.

Dr. Kalil Totah, of the Institute of Arab American Affairs, and Henry N. Hall, secretary of the Overseas Press Club of America, which sponsored the debate, were shouted down before they could complete arguments against the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine. Rabbi Beruch Korff, of the Political Action Committee for Palestine, was interrupted during the presentation of statistics on Palestine's capacity to absorb Jewish immigrants.

Other speakers included Louis Lipsky, of the Zionist Organization of America; Rabbi Elmer Berger, of the Council for Judaism; Kloussy Khair, of the Washington Office of the Arab League; Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution; and Frank Arvasi, writer and war correspondent.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION OF JDC FORMED; HYMAN STRESSES RELIEF ROLE OF U.S. JEWS

WILMINGTON, Del., April 14. (JTA) -- A Middle Atlantic Regional Organization of the Joint Distribution Committee was established here today at a meeting of 300 Jewish leaders from Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and the District of Columbia.

The meeting was addressed by Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the JDC, and Mme. Paulette Opert, director of a home for Jewish children maintained by the JDC in Paris. Dr. Hyman stressed that the Jews of the U.S. will decide the fate of the hundreds of thousands in Europe who are still homeless and starving. Fritz M. Gottlieb of Allentown, Pa., was elected chairman of the Middle Atlantic region.

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PASSOVER IN PALESTINE MARRIED BY STRIKES; GOVT. EXPECTED TO YIELD TO HUNGER STRIKERS

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- The Jews of Palestine will sit down to their seders tonight amid tension caused by the fourth day of a hunger strike by 15 Jewish leaders and by a wave of strikes of civil service workers which has tied up the postal, telephone, telegraph and radio services and which spread today to the government-operated railways.

The 15 Jewish leaders, who are determined to continue their hunger strike until the more than 1,000 Jewish refugees detained at La Spezia are permitted to proceed to Palestine, were reported today by physicians to be showing slight signs of fatigue. However, their general condition is satisfactory.

Palestine Jewry is awaiting impatiently an expected decision by the Government to grant 1,500 immigration certificates to the Jewish Agency with which the La Spezia refugees could enter the country legally. Dr. Bernard Joseph, legal advisor of the Agency, met today with John V. W. Shaw, Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government, and a meeting of the Government's Advisory Council was held to discuss the hunger strike.

Jerusalem Police Employees Join Strike of 2,500 Postal Workers

This morning civil service workers in the Haifa district and civilian employees of Jerusalem police headquarters also struck. Late last night the 2,500 postal employees, whose walkout precipitated the strike wave, rejected a compromise proposal drawn up by their representatives and government officials. On Saturday, the postal workers rejected a proposal that the dispute be submitted to the Colonial Office for settlement.

The Palestine public, both Jewish and Arab, although inconvenienced by disruption of postal and telegraph service, views the strikers demands with sympathy. One of the demands made by the workers is a revision of the basic pay rates for higher grades of postal employees, whose present maximum is \$60 per month, after a period of 20 years service.

One of the casualties of the strike has been the Passover messages which traditionally are received and go out from Palestine in the pre-holiday and holiday period.

Displaced Jews Mark Passover with Unveiling of Liberation Monument

MUNICH, April 15. (JTA) -- Passover, the holiday of liberation, was marked today by the liberated Jews in the British zone of Germany with the unveiling of a monument inscribed "Israel and the World will Remember the 30,000 Jews Exterminated in the Belsen Camp at the Hands of the Murderous Nazis."

The monument was unveiled on the site of the notorious Bergen-Belsen camp. The ceremony was arranged by the Central Jewish Committee in the British zone, which represents all the displaced Jews there. It was attended by representatives of the Allied forces. The unveiling of the monument coincides with the first anniversary of the liberation of its inmates.

JEWISH REFUGEES THROUGHOUT ITALY MARK PASSOVER AT SEDERS; BROADCAST OVER ROME RADIO

ROME, April 15. (JTA) -- A special Passover message was broadcast to Jewish refugees throughout Italy today by Lec Garfunkel, chairman of the Jewish Refugees' Organization. His address, which was in Yiddish and Hebrew, was broadcast over the Rome and Bari radios.

Seders were scheduled to be held in every DP camp and training center in Italy, with matzo's, wine and other foods provided by the Joint Distribution Committee.

MOST CZECH JEWS HAVE SUFFICIENT PASSOVER SUPPLIES, ALTHOUGH WINE MATZO'S ARE RATIONED

PRAGUE, April 15. (JTA) -- Most Czech Jews have been able to obtain some matzo's for use during the Passover week, although there is a shortage of the unleavened bread here. Jews desiring matzo's are required to surrender half of their bread ration coupons.

The matzo's, most of which came from abroad, were distributed free to the needy, as was wine which is also rationed. About one quart of wine has been allotted each family.

OSWIECIM COMMANDER BOASTS AT NUREMBERG TRIAL OF EFFICIENCY IN EXTERMINATING 3,000,000

NUREMBERG, April 15. (JTA) -- Rudolph Hoess, former commandant of the Oswiecim death camp, boasted before the International Military Tribunal today that he had organized the camp so efficiently that most of the 2,500,000 persons murdered there between the Summer of 1941 and the Autumn of 1944 never knew that they were going to their death.

Hoess, who is to be taken to Poland shortly to be tried as a war criminal, was called to testify by counsel for Ernst Kaltenbrunner, former chief of the Nazi Security Police. He told the court that in the little over three years that he commanded Oswiecim 3,000,000 persons died there, of whom almost all were Jews. About 500,000 died of starvation and diseases, while the others were gassed.

Of the Jews, Hoess said, 100,000 came from Germany, 400,000 from Hungary and the others from all occupied European countries. Although some of the adults who arrived at Oswiecim were sent to forced labor, all children were immediately destroyed, he testified.

Hoess related how in the Summer of 1941 he was told by Heinrich Himmler, Gestapo chief, that he was being assigned to Oswiecim to carry out Hitler's order for a "final solution" of the Jewish problem. By "final solution," Himmler explained, meant the total extermination of all European Jews.

Before assuming his duties at Oswiecim, Hoess continued, he visited the death camps at Treblinka and other places to observe how they were operated. He found Treblinka badly organized, he said. It was too small for the number of people to be gassed and the people destined for extermination were aware of their fate.

At Oswiecim, its former commander explained, he arranged it so that the persons to be killed thought that they were entering a shower bath, instead of a gas chamber. He also introduced the use of "Cyclon B" gas, which, he said, was more effective than the monoxide gas used in Treblinka, and caused death in three to fifteen minutes.

CZECH JEWS IN DANGER OF BEING DEPORTED TO GERMANY; CLAIMED GERMAN NATIONALITY IN 1930

PRAGUE, April 15. (JTA) -- Czech Jews who claimed German nationality in the 1930 census are in danger of being deported to Germany, as a result of pressure by the Czech Communist Party, which is urging that no distinction be made between Jews and "aryans" in deporting German nationals.

Originally the Czechoslovak Government ruled that Czech Jews who gave their nationality as German in the 1930 census can apply for Czech citizenship together with German anti-fascists. Of 19,000 such applications, about 2,500 came from Jews. However, due to pressure by the Communist Party, several hundred applications of known German anti-fascists in Prague have been rejected, including many applications from Jews.

The rejections are still going on. Political parties that disagree with the attitude of the Communists are unwilling to intervene because they fear that they may be charged in the approaching elections with protecting German nationals.

CHARGES AGAINST MUFTI ARE NOT EXTRADITABLE OFFENSES, BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE SAYS

LONDON, April 15. (JTA) -- The charges against the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem are not extraditable offenses under the Anglo-French extradition treaty and, therefore, no useful purpose would be served by demanding his extradition, Hector McNeill, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs told the House of Commons today.

Barnett Janner, Laborite, and vice-president of the British Zionist Federation, pointed out that the Mufti had recruited forces for Germany to be used against Britain. George Thomas, Laborite, asked why he could not be indicted as a war criminal.

Replying to the latter question, McNeill said that technically the Mufti was not a war criminal, since he was not an enemy national and had not served in the armed forces of the enemy. The Foreign Office spokesman asked for more time to prepare his replies, when he was queried by Janner as to whether he would endeavor to obtain the Mufti "by some method or another."

He also evaded a question as to whether Britain had asked France to transfer the Mufti to British custody, and whether, if such a request has been refused, it will be repeated.

SECRET WAR ACTIVITIES OF RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS LAUDED AT LEAGUE OF NATIONS

GENEVA, April 15. (JTA) -- The open and secret activities of international relief agencies based in Switzerland during the war were lauded today by Sir Herbert Morrison, League of Nation's High Commissioner for Refugees, reporting to the General Committee of the League, which will go out of existence this week. He said that these groups had greatly aided persons in occupied countries.

Dr. Raffaele Cantoni, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Italy, sent a message this week to the Swiss Government expressing "profound gratitude" to the Swiss people for the welcome they extended during the war to exiled Italian Jews. The Jews were thus saved from certain death, Dr. Cantoni said.

FUGEE CONFERENCE IN MUNICH VOICES TO SEND UNITED DELEGATION TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

MUNICH, April 15. (JTA) -- A conference of the United Zionist Organization concluded here after deciding to send a united delegation to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. The delegation will attend the Congress in the name of the surviving Jews of Europe and will press for unity as the best means of achieving Jewish unity in Palestine.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT IS WARNED OF INCREASE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE COUNTRY

OTTAWA, April 15. (JTA) -- A warning that anti-Semitism is on the increase in Canada was sounded here by Alister Stewart, Socialist deputy for Winnipeg, addressing the Federal Parliament.

"Racialism," he said, "is one of the most deadly enemies of any democratic community. It not only hurts those against whom it is directed but warps and twists the minds of those who practice it. Yet we find it again in the Government service; in the Department of Immigration; we find it in the allegedly cultured places in this country, in universities such as McGill and Toronto.

"I am glad to see that racial discrimination has ceased in Manitoba but we should never rest until we have wiped it out from these other universities and give to the Jewish people the same rights and privileges that every other Canadian citizen has," he added.

REPORT OF ALLEGED COLLABORATION BY RUMANIAN JEWISH EDITOR PROVES FALSE

LONDON, April 15. (JTA) -- A report received by Rumanian Jewish circles here last July stating that Michael Landau, a former deputy in the Rumanian parliament and one-time editor and publisher of the Kishinev Yiddish daily "Unzer Zeit," had been sentenced to five years imprisonment in Bucharest for alleged collaboration with the Antonescu Government, was without foundation, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency established today.

Dr. Landau, the JTA learns, has been living for the last nine years in Palestine.

Jews in SO. AFRICA COLLABORATE WITH J.D.C. IN RELIEF ACTIVITIES; FLEDGE \$1,600,000

JOHANNESBURG, April 15. (JTA) -- The visit to South Africa of Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, chairman of the European Executive Council of the Joint Distribution Committee, has resulted in a "closer binding of South African and American communities in the great common endeavor to alleviate the desperate plight of our surviving brethren in Europe," Harry Landau, chairman of the South African Jewish War Appeal, has cabled to J.D.C. in New York.

"You may rely on our unstinted endeavors in bringing the maximum amount of help to our stricken people in the closest collaboration with your organization," Mr. Landau stated. The Joint Distribution Committee will receive \$1,600,000 this year from the South African Jewish War Appeal.

Vaad Hatzala NAMED IMMIGRANT CERTIFYING AGENCY; WILL SUPPLY AFFIDAVITS FOR 1,000 JEWS

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- The U.S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization today confirmed Vaad Hatzala as a certifying agency for the entry to the United States of 1,000 displaced Jews under President Truman's directive.

The Vaad Hatzala will supply a corporate affidavit for 1,000 emigrants, from among the displaced Jews in camps in the American zones in Germany and Austria. These affidavits will be given only to people who have neither friends nor relatives in the United States, the organization announced.

BECAUSE OF PASSOVER THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON THURSDAY