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TRANSPORT OF JEWISH REFUGEES DETAINED IN ITALY; TAKEN OFF TRAIN BY LOCAL POLICE

ROME, April 18. (JTA) -- A transport of 116 Jews, said to be en route to Palestine, was detained today by local authorities at the Udine railroad station, in North Italy. They were taken off the train although they were in possession of railway tickets to Trieste.

EST 150 BERLIN JEWS WILL EMIGRATE TO AMERICA NEXT MONTH; MORE TO FOLLOW

BERLIN, April 18. (JTA) -- About 150 Berlin Jews will be included in the first shipment of immigrants admitted to the United States under President Truman's directive, Carlos Warner, American consul at Berlin, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

Despite a shortage of skilled personnel, office equipment and legal documents, which has existed for several months, emigration procedure will be speeded up after the first transport leaves early next month, Warner said. He stated that the full monthly quota would be dispatched to the United States in future months.

The first approved visa from the Berlin office was granted to three-year-old Bela Simons, who was adopted several months ago by American Sgt. Bert Simons. The sergeant, who is married and lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., found Bela in a Jewish orphanage, and, after a lengthy struggle with military and civilian authorities, succeeded in adopting her. The child will be cared for by an emigrating couple during the trip from Berlin to New York.

Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, director of the American Military Government, said today that Jewish DP's now employed by the AMG will not be affected by a new order providing that foreign nationals employed by AMG should be replaced by American citizens wherever possible.

Displaced Jews in the camps at Wittenau and Duppel and the Jewish community council here today expressed thanks to the Jews in the United States and other countries and the Jewish voluntary agencies who helped them observe their first free seder in many years. They decided to send cables to the JDC and other groups thanking them for the food and other services which permitted them to observe the holiday in almost as traditional a manner.

899 Immigrants Sail from Marseilles for Palestine; Half Are Children

MARSEILLES, April 18. (JTA) -- Eight hundred and ninety-nine Jewish immigrants sailed from here last night for Haifa, bringing to 1,069 the number of Palestine-bound Jewish refugees who have departed this week. One hundred and seventy left on the Cairo City on Monday. Both ships carried matzo and kosher food provided by the JDC. More than half of the 1,069 were children.

HANS FRANK PLEADS GUILTY TO MASS-MURDER OF JEWS IN POLAND AT NUREMBERG TRIAL

NUREMBERG, April 18. (JTA) -- Admitting that he had participated in the extermination of Jews, Hans Frank, Nazi governor-general in Poland, said here today that it will take 1,000 years for Germany to rid itself of the guilt for these crimes.

The first of the 20 defendants to freely admit his role in murdering millions of European Jews, Frank, in reply to questions by his counsel, asserted that during the five months of testimony which has been presented here since the trial began he has become aware of all the atrocities committed by the Nazis, and "I feel terrible guilt within me.

"If Adolf Hitler drove the German people to this course, the evidence of which we have seen, then I, too, must accept responsibility," he continued, adding that "I cannot allow that responsibility should be pushed on smaller men." The man who became known as the "butcher of Poland," denied he had been responsible for the establishment of concentration camps, but admitted he had ordered the creation of ghettos.

PRAGUE DECREE ON RESTORATION OF JEWISH PROPERTY WILL BE EXTENDED TO SLOVAKIA

PRAGUE, April 18. (JTA) -- The central government decree providing for the restoration to Jews of property confiscated by the Nazis, which up to now has been operative only in Bohemia and Moravia, is to be extended to Slovakia, it was learned today.

An agreement to this effect has been reached as a result of current negotiations between officials of the central government and Slovak authorities on a number of basic problems affecting Czech-Slovak relations.

The text of the agreement on property restoration will be submitted shortly to President Benes and his cabinet for approval. Slovak Jewish circles hope that it will result in speeding the return of Jewish property, which has been lagging in Slovakia.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL NOT HINDER DEPARTURE OF LA SPEZIA REFUGEES, SAYS PREMIER

ROME, April 18. (JTA) -- The Italian Government will not hinder the departure from La Spezia of the "Fede," on which 1,040 Jewish refugees plan to sail for Palestine, Premier Alcide de Gasperi today told a Jewish delegation headed by Dr. Umberto Machon, representative of the Jewish Agency in Italy. Instructions to this effect have been issued by the Ministry of the Interior, the Premier revealed.

Premier de Gasperi also told the delegation that he had ordered the Italian ambassador in London to call upon British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin to secure permission for the "Fede" to leave Italy.

STRIKE OF CIVIL SERVANTS IN PALESTINE CONTINUES; BRITISH TROOPS PLAN TO OPERATE RAILWAYS

JERUSALEM, April 18. (JTA) -- Plans have been completed for the British Army to operate Palestine's strikebound railways, it was understood in Jerusalem tonight. If the strike remains unsettled railway operating companies of the Royal Engineers will begin to move essential freight in a day or two.

The railway men began their strike on Monday in sympathy with telegraph, telephone and postal workers who stopped work on April 9 to press demands for better pay and conditions. Trains abandoned by their crews when the strike began are standing on main and branch lines and at deserted stations.

IS EXTERMINATED 1,500,000 JEWS IN BYELORUSSIA DURING OCCUPATION, MOSCOW REPORTS

MOSCOW, April 18. (JTA) -- More than 1,500,000 Jews were exterminated by the Nazis in Byelorussia during their occupation there, it was revealed today in a report released by the Soviet Jewish Information Bureau.

The report said that "of the 1,800,000 Jews who lived in Byelorussia before the war, there are now only about 300,000." It emphasized that the terror practiced by the Nazis in such cities as Minsk, Gomel, Vitebsk, Polotsk, Orsha and in other towns of Byelorussia, "are beyond human imagination."

The report added that large-scale rehabilitation work is now being conducted for the surviving Jewish and non-Jewish population in Byelorussia, and that similar work is going on in Lithuania, especially in the cities of Vilna, Kaunas, Klaipeda, Wilna and Ponievezh.

UNITED NATIONS BODY GETS JEWISH AGENCY VIEWS ON SETTLING OF REFUGEES IN PALESTINE

LONDON, April 18. (JTA) -- A seven-point memorandum outlining Jewish demands in regard to the refugee problem was submitted by the Jewish Agency to the United Nations Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons, it was announced here today. The memorandum asks:

1. All Jewish refugees and displaced persons desiring to go to Palestine, should be assisted by the United Nations to do so.
2. Steps should be taken by the United Nations to facilitate the immediate admission of 100,000 Jewish refugees to Palestine.
3. The United Nations should provide assistance to the Jewish Agency in obtaining travel documents, transit visas and transportation for refugees.
4. Jewish displaced persons should be supported from international funds upon their reaching Palestine, and until they can secure employment.
5. An adequate portion of the funds available from reparations should be set aside for immigration and settlement of displaced persons in Palestine, and that money should be at the disposal of the Jewish Agency.
6. Other financial sources, such as the property of Jews who died heirless, should be used to supplement funds from reparations.
7. Arrangements should be made for the Jewish Agency to act in an advisory capacity to members of the United Nations on all matters relating to the settlement in Palestine of displaced Jews, as well as to cooperate with the U.N. Economic and Social Council on matters concerning refugee immigration to Palestine.

LEAGUE TOLD U.N. ASSEMBLY WILL STUDY PALESTINE QUESTION IN SEPTEMBER

GENEVA, April 18. (JTA) -- The question of Palestine will be studied by the General Assembly, which is scheduled to open in New York in September, Carl J. Hambro, president of the League Assembly said today.

Hambro's statement came in reply to a demand by Egyptian delegate Darwiche Bey that Palestine receive its independence instead of being placed under a trusteeship. "It is the opinion of the Egyptian Government," he told the Assembly, "which goes out into existence tonight, that Palestine has intellectually, economically and politically reached a state where the country should not come under a mandate or trusteeship."

POLISH JEWS BEING REPATRIATED FROM U.S.S.R. BRINGING 300 TORAHS TO POLISH COMMUNITIES

MOSCOW, April 18. (JTA) -- Polish Jews who are now being repatriated from the U.S.S.R. to Poland are bringing with them 300 torahs in addition to many other religious books, which they acquired during their stay in the Soviet Union.

Representatives of Jewish groups recently asked the mixed Polish-Soviet repatriation commission for permission to take the torahs and prayer books with them when they were repatriated. The commission agreed and issued orders to that effect to all frontier stations.

The majority of the torahs were obtained in the Altai region of southern Siberia. Many purchases were made in the cities of Irkutsk and Tobolsk. Some of the religious books were donated by the local Jewish residents. Polish Jews who lived in Bukhara are bringing with them 30 torahs, most of which were the gift of Bukhara Jews. The torahs have a great historical value. Jews from Samarkand are returning with more than 50 torahs.

More than 1,400 Jewish children from Polish children's homes in the U.S.S.R. are among the repatriates, the Central Committee of Polish Jews announced here. They will be placed in Jewish institutions in Poland. A new evacuation home for Polish and Jewish Polish orphans living with Russian families has been established at Zagorsk, near Moscow. From Zagorsk the children, who are chiefly Jewish, will be sent in parties to institutions in Poland.

PALESTINE JEWS WILL BOYCOTT GOVERNMENT CENSUS UNLESS OBJECTIVITY GUARANTEED

JERUSALEM, April 18. (JTA) -- The Palestine Jewish community will not participate in the population census for this Autumn unless it is given adequate guarantees that the census will be absolutely objective, the executive committee of the Jewish National Council has announced.

It revealed, at the same time, that it has suggested to the Palestine Government that a date be fixed for elections of officials of the Jerusalem municipality. The city has been administered by a Government-appointed board since last year when the municipal council was dissolved following failure of Jews and Arabs to agree on who should be named mayor of the city.

Chief Justice William Fitzgerald, who was appointed several months ago to act as a one-man inquiry committee to look into the machinery of the Jerusalem municipality, is known to have made his report, but the Colonial Office and the Palestine Government have so far not divulged its contents. It is learned, however, that he made the following recommendations:

Jerusalem should be divided into three independent boroughs - a Jewish, embracing the entire Jewish quarter in which there are about 90,000 inhabitants; an Arab, comprising the Arab quarter, which has about 30,000 residents; and an "international," taking in the Old City, in which there are approximately 30,000 Moslems and Christians, and 2,500 Jews.

Each borough would be headed by a person of the respective dominant nationality, with the "international" area administered by a Christian Englishman, assisted by representatives of Moslem and Jewish religious institutions. The three boroughs would be made a general municipal administration, with a budget to cover matters concerning the entire city, which would be headed in yearly rotation by an Arab, a Jew and a Briton.

SOVIET AUTHORITIES WILL PERMIT BEN GURION TO ENTER RUMANIA TO ADDRESS ZIONIST PARLEY

BUCHAREST, April 18. (JTA) -- Soviet authorities in Rumania today granted an entry permit to David Ben Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, who is now en route from Palestine to Paris. He will participate in the conference of the Rumanian Zionist Federation which will be held here next month.

The Rumanian Government has announced the restoration of all rights and titles to Jacob Rosenthal, formerly in the Rumanian diplomatic service in Washington, who is now in the United States. Mr. Rosenthal was dismissed in 1938 when the anti-Semitic Goga regime came to power.

COMMUNAL SEDERS MARK FIRST POST-LIBERATION PASSOVER CELEBRATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAGUE, April 18. (JTA) -- The first post-liberation Passover to be observed here, and the first free celebration since 1938, was marked by communal seders in Jewish communities and institutions throughout the country and family gatherings.

One large seder was held in the Jewish orphanage on Belgian Street here, where a kosher kitchen was established for the first time. Two hundred persons whose families were murdered by the Nazis attended an orthodox seder at a kosher restaurant, presided over by Rabbi Victor Vorband of the Vaad Hatzala of the United States.

In Slovakia the celebration had more of a pre-war atmosphere since more orthodox Jews survived in that part of the country, and supplies of Passover foods were more available despite the fact that there are thousands of impoverished Jews in Slovakia.

Because of the great demand for matzo's and the many who could not pay for their rations, the price of matzo's in Slovakia was about 60 crowns (\$1.20) per kilogram, as compared to 25 crowns (.50) in Bohemia and Moravia, and wine was also more expensive. The Vaad Hatzala distributed free supplies of matzo's, eggs and other foods to many of the needy.

Passover Greetings from U.S. Jews Conveyed to Bulgarian Jewry by JDC Aide

SOFIA, April 18. (JTA) -- Passover greetings from American Jews were conveyed to the Jews of Bulgaria yesterday at a ceremony in the Central Synagogue here attended by 2,000 persons, which was addressed by Arthur Fishzohn of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Mr. Fishzohn disclosed that distribution of JDC supplies will begin here within a few days. He reviewed the present and war-time activities of the organization and questions concerning relief needs here.

MERGER OF GENERAL ZIONIST GROUPS IN PALESTINE REPORTED NEGOTIATED BY EMANUEL NEUMANN

JERUSALEM, April 18. (JTA) -- Emanuel Neumann, vice-president of the Zionist organization of America left here last night for London after a visit of two months during which he presented a memorandum on the country's economic potentialities, to leaders of the Anglo-American inquiry committee.

While here Neumann attempted to arrange a merger between the "A" and "B" groups of the General Zionists, and is understood to have met with some success.

WASHINGTON JEWS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST BRITISH PALESTINE POLICY; HALIFAX GETS PETITION

WASHINGTON, April 18. (JTA) -- A mass meeting and demonstration called today by the rabbinical council of Washington and sponsored by the Louis D. Brandeis division of the Zionist Organization of America was attended by large numbers of Washington Jews who adopted a petition for presentation to British Ambassador Lord Halifax.

The petition, which was presented at the British Embassy this afternoon by a delegation elected at this morning's meeting, read in part: "The Jewish community of Washington, together with all other Jewish communities in the land and in other countries, is outraged at the callous and heartless policy of the Government of Great Britain, the mandatory for Palestine on behalf of the League of Nations, in persistently violating the terms of the Mandate entrusted to it and in refusing the admission into Palestine Jewish refugees from Europe anxious to enter their national homeland."

While expressing gratification at the recent action of the British in promising La Spezia refugees entry into Palestine, the petition expressed the "prayerful hope" that the British Government may be inspired to change generally its harsh policy regarding the barring of Jews from their national homeland."

Copies of the petition are being sent to President Truman and both Houses of Congress.

II SAMUEL WOHL WILL VISIT LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO STUDY JEWISH LIFE THERE

CINCINNATI, April 18. (JTA) -- Rabbi Samuel Wohl, who has been active in American Jewish communal affairs for many years, will soon leave on a three-month trip to Latin American countries to study Jewish life there, it was announced here today. He is expected to start on June 10.

Rabbi Wohl, who is a member of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College and chairman of its planning committee, is the spiritual leader of the Isaac M. Temple here. Since 1931 he has visited most of the European countries, including Poland, and participated in many international conferences. He was a delegate to several World Zionist Congresses and attended the sessions of the Jewish Agency. He has made several visits to Palestine and was intimately associated with the leadership of Histadruth.

For ten years he has been National President of the League for Labor Palestine in the United States and Canada, and was formerly associate editor of the Jewish Front. He is also vice-chairman of the Commission on Public Affairs of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, a member of the Council of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, and deputy member of the administrative committee of the Jewish Agency. He is Cincinnati delegate of the American Jewish Conference, a member of the administrative committee of the American Jewish Congress and president of the Cincinnati Division.

III BECOMES FIRST LARGE COMMUNITY TO REACH 1946 UNITED JEWISH APPEAL GOAL

MIAMI, April 18. (JTA) -- The 1946 combined Jewish Appeal of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation this week became the first major community to announce the successful attainment of its goal on behalf of the \$100,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

The Miami 1946 allocation to the United Jewish Appeal has been fixed at \$500,000, which is three times the amount contributed by Miami to the U.J.A. in 1945. A major factor in the successful campaign was the Miami Beach hotel industry which contributed \$1,000--seven times the amount received from the group last year.

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