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ALL JEWS IN GERMAN TOWN GO ON HUNGER STRIKE TO PROTEST MISTREATMENT BY U.S. MILITARY

MUNICH, May 8. (JTA) -- The entire Jewish community of the town of Cham, 150 miles from here, has been engaged in a hunger strike since Monday afternoon in protest against the reportedly harsh treatment accorded them by the military in recent weeks.

More than 260 persons have refused to eat in the UNRRA kitchens at Cham in consequence of a series of incidents between the DP's and the military, which brought on an investigation last week by the Office of the Inspector General, but thus far no action has been taken.

The hunger strike began Monday after hostile local troops had surrounded a school where 13 children were performing gymnastics and singing, and marched them at the point of their guns to the jail yard through streets lined with jeering German civilians.

The DP's immediately sent a memo to the UNRRA authorities, together with the UNRRA kitchen keys, stating that they would refuse to eat until the situation had been clarified by the military.

Previously, an inspector investigated an incident on Thursday in the course of which two DP's were allegedly attacked by the military and which culminated in day-long outbreaks on April 30. At noon, on that occasion, two DP's were arrested in the station for defending a DP young woman whom the German police sought to arrest on the charge that she lacked the necessary special ticket to enter the station.

Jews Attacked By Soldiers; Displaced Jew Sentenced to Hard Labor

That evening Jews returning to their homes were attacked in front of a soldiers' beer-hall to which German girls had been invited. The group of those attacked ran to their house and called on the MP's. The military police asked the soldiers what had happened and were told by the men that they had been attacked by the home-going group.

The MP's then surrounded the house and arrested all the men. Two sisters of the youth grew hysterical and protested which, according to first reports, resulted in the choking and beating of the sisters in the scuffling while the youth was shot four times. He may lose two toes and he is still hospitalized.

All of the arrested men were later released, but only after another disturbance in the course of which one Moses Gutman, 32, was arrested when he sought to learn what had happened. He was subsequently accused by a soldier who said that Gutman had participated in the fighting. He was sentenced yesterday to eight months at hard labor solely on the soldier's testimony, despite the presentation of evidence that Gutman was nowhere near the fight.

These are only a few of a series of incidents. There are constant arrests of Jewish DP's by the military as well as the German police on phony charges.

UNDERGROUND ANTI-JEWISH GROUP UNCOVERED BY U.S. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, May 8. (JTA) -- Military intelligence officers today reported that they have uncovered a German underground organization in Southern Bavaria which engaged in anti-Jewish propaganda and in organizing attacks on Jews.

The organization is reported to be led by Martin Mayer, the German mayor of Oberrammingen, where about 130 Jews living in a school house were attacked by a mob of Germans shouting "Death to the Jews" and "Long Live Hitler." (See details on page 5, as reported by the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the U.S. zone in Germany to the American Jewish Conference.) The mayor himself headed the mob and participated in the beating of Jews in which scythes, knives, axes and shovels were used.

A number of Jewish witnesses filed statements with the military authorities describing the details of the attack. They charged the mayor with shouting that he intended to see "all Jews in town murdered this night."

FIVE JEWS KILLED NEAR CRACOW IN NEW OUTBREAK OF ANTI-JEWISH TERROR BY POLISH BANDS

WARSAW, May 8. (JTA) -- Five Jews have been killed in a new outbreak of terror by anti-Government, anti-Semitic bands at Nowy Targ, south of Cracow, according to a report reaching here today.

The five, all of whom were survivors of concentration camps, were dragged from a car in which they were riding by men dressed in military uniforms and shot.

Thousands of Jews and Christians, including representatives of the government, the army, all political parties and trade unions, attended a funeral for the murdered men at Cracow. Speakers at the graveside included Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the American Federation of Polish Jews.

A committee representing all six political parties in Cracow has issued an appeal to all citizens to cooperate in stamping out the groups responsible for the terror against Jews.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE VOTES AGAINST REDUCING IMMIGRATION QUOTA; SENDS BILL TO HOUSE

WASHINGTON, May 8. (JTA) -- The House Immigration Committee today eliminated by a vote of 10 to 7 the controversial Section 5 of the Gossett Bill, which proposed cutting immigration quotas by fifty percent for the next ten years. A substitute amendment which would have reduced the quotas by twenty-five percent for five years was also defeated.

Opposition to Section 5 of the measure had been expressed in hearings before the committee by the American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations and other groups. Jewish organizations voiced their opposition jointly through Judge Nathan D. Perlman, who testified in behalf of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, which includes all major Jewish groups in the country. The revised bill was reported out to the House today by the committee.

SENATE HEARS ATTACK ON BRITISH DELAY IN ADMITTING 100,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, May 8. (JTA) -- Senator James M. Mead of New York and Owen Brewster of Maine assailed delay in the admission of 100,000 Jewish refugees to Palestine, in statements on the Senate floor today. Mead said that Prime Minister Attlee has "conditioned with almost insurmountable obstacles" the report of the Anglo-American Committee.

PALESTINE ARABS CALL OFF GENERAL STRIKE; WILL SEND DELEGATION TO VATICAN AND INDIA

JERUSALEM, May 8. (JTA) -- The Arab Higher Committee announced today, following a meeting here, that it will send missions to the Vatican and India to rally opposition to the report of the Anglo-American committee.

Dr. Izzat Tannous, secretary of the Committee, said that a delegation would also call on the Soviet Embassy in Cairo and submit a copy of the Committee's reply to Prime Minister Attlee's statement. Dr. Tannous denied, however, that the Committee had discussed any proposal to send a delegation to Moscow.

The Arab leaders decided, at the same time, to call off the general strike scheduled for this Friday. They revealed that the special meeting of the Arab League council to discuss the Palestine report, which is to be held on May 18, will meet at Bloudan, about 25 miles from Damascus, instead of in the Syrian capital as originally planned.

Oppose Attlee's Call for American Military Aid

Dr. Tannous said that the Higher Committee is preparing a reply to Prime Minister Attlee's appeal for American military aid in Palestine. He charged that Attlee's statement was an appeal for force, and stated that the Arabs would defend themselves by all means at their disposal.

(The United Press reports from Jerusalem that the Arab Communists have decided to participate in the emergency council of the Arab Higher Committee which is meeting to discuss the Palestine issue. They will be represented by Dr. Khali Buder, who resigned from the staff of a British hospital here, after ten years service, in protest against the report of the inquiry committee.)

The leading Hebrew newspaper Davar commenting today on press reports of the British public's anxiety concerning the Palestine situation, said that "these reports falsify the real situation in Palestine--British troops are stationed here not to protect the Palestine Jews, who can defend themselves. This fact is known to those contemplating attacks," the paper continued. "They will not attack unless they are absolutely sure that a third party will prevent the Jews from defending themselves. The admission of 100,000 Jews does not require troops or defense," Davar concluded.

The world central committee of the Mizrahi Organization, at a meeting presided over by Rabbi Meir Berlin, rejected the portion of the inquiry committee's report "which does not recognize Jewish historical rights to Palestine." It urged Jewish communities and men of goodwill everywhere to fight Attlee's conditions on immigration of 100,000 Jews, and to demand the admission of the more than 1,000,000 who remain in Europe. It also called for Anglo-American recognition of the Jews' right to live as a nation in their own homeland, and urged the immediate convocation of the Small Zionist Actions Committee to discuss the report.

REICHSBANK DOCUMENTS PROVE INSTITUTION DISPOSED OF VALUABLES STRIPPED FROM JEWS

MUNICH, May 8. (JTA) -- Concluding their case against Walther Funk, director of the Reichsbank, American prosecutors yesterday introduced two documents proving that the bank played an active role in disposing of valuables stripped from Jews by the S.S.

One document dated Sept. 19, 1942 was a statement to the Ministry of Finance from the Reichsbank showing that the Ministry had a credit of 1,200,000 marks for gold, silver and jewels taken from Jews and deposited in the bank. The other was a list of thousands of Jewish-owned gold articles, the weight of which totalled 115 kilograms, which had been sent to Berlin brokers for sale on the jewelers' exchange.

RESTITUTION OF JEWISH PROPERTY IN HUNGARY STILL LAGGING DESPITE GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

BUDAPEST, May 8. (JTA) -- Despite all assurances of Government leaders, despite conferences between officials and Jewish community leaders, and despite land and property reform laws introduced in the parliament, restitution of Jewish property in Hungary lags. A full year after VE-Day the Jews have not yet been recompensed for property stolen under the pro-Nazi puppet regime.

In some instances, particularly in Budapest, real estate has been returned, but under such conditions as to leave the owner still on the J.D.C. relief rolls. Rents received from such property are out of proportion to prices in Hungary's runaway inflation economy. (At the last figure quoted the American dollar was worth 22,-000,000 pengoes.) Where rents are collected they must first be devoted to the reconstruction of war damage--most houses in Budapest have been bombed or partly demolished during the battle for the city. Although rents have been increased, the new charges added by the Government are in the nature of a tax and the revenue is collected by the Government.

The return of farming land is another matter. This property was seized by the Fascist Government during the war and either sold to non-Jews or given to Nazis. After the liberation, land reform measures were passed, but very few Jews were able to move back to their farms. In many cases the Jews were either outside of Hungary or had been forced to change residence--some going into hiding and others enslaved in labor gangs. They did not return in time to reclaim their land and the new owners were never ousted.

Where the new owner now has a title which can be supported, at least on a quasi-legal basis, the Government has offered the Jews land in some other part of the country. This has been rejected by most Jews as unsatisfactory because they wish to return to their own homes and till the soil which is familiar to them and which they have improved through years of labor.

Movable Property Is Most Difficult to Recover

Movable property is perhaps the most difficult to recover. In many cases property which was not looted outright was given by the Jews to non-Jewish neighbors to hold for them. Many non-Jews are now either unable, because of war damage or looting by Fascist troops during the occupation, to return Jewish property or do not want to surrender it. Little can be done because of the difficulty of proving previous ownership. Besides, the Government takes the attitude that if the Jews had kept their movable property it would have been destroyed along with that belonging to their Christian neighbors.

The Jews have pointed out, but without much success, that although their neighbors may have suffered heavily during the war, they did not lose everything they owned as did the Jews. Even Jewish community property is in very poor condition. The public buildings, if not destroyed during pogroms, were used as military billets and stables and have to be renovated completely before they can be used as schools and synagogues.

The property of Jews is under the care of the same government department that handles "abandoned" property, including the possessions of Nazis who fled to Germany after the collapse of Hungary. No distinction is made between the claims of litigants who are Jewish and those who fled with the Germans, and a special tax is levied on those few who recover their property.

Property which belonged to Jews known to be dead may be claimed by next of kin, but in most cases entire families are missing. The Government has set up three



Alternative solutions in such cases: recognizing the claims of distant relatives; handing the property over to the Jewish community; or giving the property to recognized political parties. The latter procedure is under fire by Jewish circles, which insist that all unclaimed Jewish property go exclusively to Jewish community projects to be used to support destitute Jews.

### Red Tape Delays Recovery of Property of Deported Jews

If a deported Jew is claimed to be dead the problem becomes even more involved. It now requires about two years of legal proceedings to declare a Jewish deportee officially dead. All this, of course, holds up the restitution process, and the Jewish community has asked that the legal procedure be speeded up.

In the provinces even a living deportee has trouble reclaiming his property. The provincial department of the abandoned property division is staffed by men who are old-line reactionaries. It is reliably estimated that 90 percent of the division's personnel are left overs from the pro-Nazi regime. In addition to the sabotage by these reactionaries the offices are terrifically undermanned and could not do a good job if every clerk and administrator was honestly trying to help the repatriates. This situation has resulted in at least 75 percent of the Jewish population in the provinces applying for relief.

One last factor delaying the return of property is the often-expressed fear of government officials that if all Jewish property is taken from the present owners a new wave of anti-Semitism will result.

### JEWISH LEADER IN GERMANY WARNS OF RISING ANTI-SEMITISM; SAYS JEWS MUST LEAVE

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- Failure to start large-scale immigration to Palestine within the next few months will bring catastrophe to the homeless Jews in Germany, Dr. Zelman Grinberg, chairman of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the American occupied zone of Germany, warned in a communication received today by the American Jewish Conference.

Dr. Grinberg declared that conditions "are going from bad to worse" and that anti-Semitism among the German population is awakening as in former years, and every day brings reports about anti-Semitic excesses in various places." He charged local military authorities in Germany with lack of understanding and goodwill, stating that orders are interpreted against the interests of the displaced persons and that "good intentions and promises given in Washington are of little use if the executive authorities are not willing to carry them out."

To illustrate the resurgence of anti-Semitism and Nazism in Germany, Dr. Grinberg revealed details of an attack upon Jews in the town of Oberammergau, near Augsburg. The attack was preceded by a series of incidents, during which anti-Semitic leaflets were distributed, a Jew who sought admittance at a public dance was told "Juden Eintritt verboten" (admission to Jews is prohibited) and a delegation of Germans demanded removal of the Jewish blue and white flag from the building which housed the office of the local Jewish organization.

The attack which culminated the incidents was headed by Martin Mayer, burgomaster of the town of Oberammergau. It started when David Barwinger, chairman of the local Jewish committee, and his companion, Abram Lukawiec, were on their way on a motorcycle, to the office of the German mayor. Their road was blocked by nine Germans, who set upon them and beat them with wooden staves. Barwinger managed to seize hold of

one of the assailants, and brought him to the mayor, who at first refused to file a complaint, declaring that he was not obliged to press charges brought by a "verflucht-er Jude" (damned Jew) but later did prepare a complaint.

An hour later trumpet signals from the church steeple called the town's German residents to the square. The mob, which was headed by the mayor and was armed with scythes, shovels, axes, and cudgels, beat and wounded Jews, and smashed windows in the school building in which the Jews lived. The slogans with which the mob was incited were the old Hitler catchwords: "Death to the Jews;" "Long Live Hitler"; "Today We Shall Kill All Jews." German police and American MPs arrived late. Bur-gomeister Mayer was detained, but was released shortly afterwards.

#### JEWISH REPATRIATES FROM USSR RECEIVE J.D.C. RELIEF AT SOVIET-RUMANIAN BORDER TOWN

SIRET, Rumania, May 8. (JTA) -- Jewish repatriates streaming into this border town from Russia are receiving prompt relief from a team of Joint Distribution Committee workers stationed here to provide cash, food and clothing assistance.

In addition to a grant of 50,000 lei per person, the J.D.C. is distributing men's, women's and children's clothing as well as sugar, condensed milk, cheese and other foodstuffs to the refugees who are coming from the Soviet province of Bucovina. It is estimated that 15,000 Jews from that province, principally from the capital city of Czernowitz, are returning to Rumania with the permission of the Soviet authorities.

For the poor, the aged, the sick, the children and orphans now coming across the frontier into Rumania, the J.D.C. is providing medical aid and emergency housing. Many children are now living in a nearby orphanage supported by the J.D.C. A special grant was recently made available to the Skulianer Rabbi in Czernowitz for relief there.

#### SURPLUS U.S. ARMY RATIONS USED FOR FOOD PACKAGES FOR NEEDY IN SEVEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- Thirty-pound packages of necessities, each costing fifteen dollars, are now available through C.A.R.E. (Cooperative for American Remittance to Europe), a non-profit agency designed to help feed the needy people of Europe. The organization consists of 24 voluntary agencies, including the JDC.

The packages are exempt from foreign customs, duties and rationing regulations. They can be sent by Americans to friends in Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Italy, Norway, Poland and Holland. Each package consists of surplus U.S. Army 10-in-1 rations and provide an average of over 40,000 calories. It contains enough food for thirty meals on the basis of the high food values provided American soldiers during the war. Meat, cereals, jams, vegetables, sugar and candy, beverage powders, evaporated milk and preserved butter are included in each parcel, in addition to food, chewing gum, matches, toilet tissue, paper towels, soap, water purification tablets, can openers and similar items.

Application blanks are available at local banks in most communities and are being distributed by relief, fraternal, professional, social and religious organizations as well as cooperatives and labor unions. Alexander A. Landesco, comptroller of the JDC, is treasurer of C.A.R.E.

#### MEXICAN JEWS LAUNCH DRIVE FOR 2,000,000 PESOS FOR JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

MEXICO CITY, May 8. (JTA) -- A 2,000,000 peso drive for the Jewish National Fund - the largest ever proclaimed in Mexico - was launched here at a dinner presided over by T. Resnikov, J.N.F. president for Mexico and Central America. The sum of 300,000 pesos was raised at the dinner.