

TENSION IN MOLDAVIA USED BY ANTI-SEMITES TO PROVOKE ANTI-JEWISH INCIDENTS

BUCHAREST, Feb. 20. (JTA)--Reports received today by Jewish leaders here indicate that anti-Semitic elements in Moldavia are exploiting the tension prevailing in the famine area to instigate anti-Jewish incidents.

A number of incidents have already taken place and a wave of anti-Semitic outbreaks is feared unless the local authorities take energetic measures to check the mounting anti-Jewish propaganda, the reports stated.

The mistreatment of Jewish passengers on intercity trains was also reported today. In one case the Jews were mistreated by military guards who were stationed on the train.

Two Rumanian officers have been charged with attacking an eighty-two year old Jew, Lupa Glaser, while the latter was walking in the street. When brought to a police station, the officers shouted anti-Jewish and anti-government slogans.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT CRITICIZED IN PARLIAMENT FOR FAILURE TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM

BUDAPEST, Feb. 20. (JTA)--The government was severely criticized today during a debate in the Hungarian parliament for its failure to wage a more vigorous campaign against anti-Semitism.

The Budapest press has recently devoted considerable space to a discussion of the problem of anti-Semitism. The liberal daily Vilag published lengthy accounts of the suffering of the Jews in Nazi concentration camps, particularly Oswiecim. It attacked persons spreading anti-Jewish propaganda and paid tribute to the role of the Jews in reconstructing the economic and social life of Hungary.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT PLANNING VIRTUAL END OF DP CATEGORY IN GERMANY; JEWS EXEMPTED

LONDON, Feb. 20. (JTA)--The British Government is planning to end the category of displaced persons in the British zone of Germany in a move to cut down occupation costs, John Hynd, Minister for Occupied Territory, announced in Commons. Jewish DP's will be exempted from the plan, according to sources here.

The DP's will be given an opportunity to leave the zone, Hynd said, and those who remained would be placed on the same rations as the Germans and would fall under German supervision. For the 11,000 Jews in the zone, the government is understood to be providing a different plan, including the development of small-scale homework industry within the camps.

A Norwegian delegation is due in the British zone tomorrow to select 600 displaced Jews for settlement in Norway.

(An Associated Press dispatch from Berlin today quoted Brigadier A.G. Kenchington, British military government expert for displaced persons, as stating that 5,000 Jews now living in Palestine have applied for permission to return to Germany.)

BARTER TRADE PACT FOR \$4,000,000 IN GOODS REPORTED BETWEEN PALESTINE AND HUNGARY

BUDAPEST, Feb. 20. (JTA)--The conclusion of a trade pact between Hungary and Palestine involving the barter of \$4,000,000 worth of goods, was reported today by the Hungarian press. The agreement provides that Hungary export electrical and radio parts, agricultural machinery, bicycles, chemicals, medical supplies and spices and fruit pulp, while Palestine will send in exchange hides, chemicals, textile manufactures and religious articles.

BIG FOUR DEPUTIES AGREE HEIRLESS PROPERTY SHOULD GO TO REHABILITATION FUND

LONDON, Feb. 20. (JTA)--The economic section of the conference of Big Four deputies today agreed that heirless property in Austria and property which is not claimed within six months after the signing of the treaty with that country shall be transferred to organizations representing the original owners for the rehabilitation of other survivors.

The deputies, who are drafting treaties for Austria and Germany, differed, however, on whether the funds derived from heirless property are to be expended only in Austria or for Jews in other European countries. The United States delegates said that since so few Jews remain in Austria the money should also be used for Jewish survivors elsewhere. The French, Soviet and British delegates disagreed.

The American delegates also called for inclusion in the Austrian treaty of provisions guaranteeing the restoration of all the legal rights and interests of Jewish property owners and the return of property seized from them during the Nazi regime, despite the condition it may be in.

The other delegates also disagreed with this suggestion, proposing instead that in some cases, "fair compensation" be paid to Jews and other minority groups for losses incurred as a result of their being stripped of their property. Another American proposal would require Austria to seek out and return moveable property taken from Jews.

A U.S. spokesman said that the provisions on which there is still no agreement will be reconsidered, and it is possible that agreement will be reached before the negotiations are transferred to Moscow next month.

LIE AGREES TO GIVE SOME U.N. FUNDS TO I.R.O.; AMERICAN NAMED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

GENEVA, Feb. 20. (JTA)--U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie today cabled to Henri Ponsot, chairman of the IRO Preparatory Commission, agreeing to make available to the commission advances from the U.N. working capital fund. M. Ponsot had warned that refugee work might have to be abandoned if such funds were not forthcoming.

Arthur J. Altmeyer, Commissioner of the Social Security Administration in the U.S. Federal Security Agency, was tonight named executive secretary of the Preparatory Commission. Altmeyer was proposed by U.S. delegate Alvin Roseman and his nomination was seconded by Sir George Rendel, the British delegate.

GEORGE BACKER LEAVES FOR EUROPE; WILL DIRECT EXPANSION OF TRADE SCHOOLS FOR DPs

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA)--George Backer, president of the American ORT Federation and the World ORT Union, sailed last night on the Queen Elizabeth for Europe where he will direct the expansion of trade schools conducted for Jewish refugees and displaced persons by ORT. He was accompanied by Dr. David Lvovitch, vice president of the World ORT Union.

Mr. Backer's principal task will be to arrange for the integration into the ORT program of the vocational training projects supported heretofore by the Joint Distribution Committee. These projects were recently turned over to ORT with a minimum grant of \$2,000,000 for 1947.

PRESIDENT OF COLUMBIANS ON TRIAL IN GEORGIA FOR USURPATION OF POLICE POWER

ATLANTA, Feb. 20. (JTA)--The trial of Emory Burke, president of the Columbians, on charges of usurping police power went into its second day today as the jury heard reports of the organization's plans for action against Negroes and Jews.

JEWISH DELEGATION DISCUSSES IMMIGRATION OF JEWS INTO CANADA WITH CABINET MEMBERS

OTTAWA, Feb. 20. (JTA)--A delegation of the Canadian Jewish Congress, headed by Samuel Bronfman, president, met with members of the Canadian Cabinet on the question of Jewish immigration into Canada and submitted the following suggestions:

1. The existing regulations by Order-in-Council admitting relatives of Canadian residents should be extended to relatives of wider degree of relationship. It was made clear to the government that the present Orders-in-Council are too restrictive to bring much relief to Canadians seeking to have the survivors of their families join them.
2. Canada should accept a number of displaced persons immediately as a contribution to the solution of the international problem of the displaced persons.
3. The permit granted in 1942 to the Canadian Jewish Congress to bring one thousand children into the Dominion should apply to those up to 21 years of age.
4. The present regulations giving preference to farmers, loggers and miners should be extended to include tailors, carpenters, operators and other artisans.

The Jewish delegation was received by Prime Minister William Mackenzie King; L.S. St. Laurent, Secretary of State for External Affairs; J.L. Hiley, Minister of Justice and Attorney General; J.A. Glen, Minister of Mines & Research, whose department controls immigration; Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare; J.J. McCann, Minister of National Revenue; Ernest Bertrand, Postmaster General, and J.A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce. The Prime Minister promised that the Cabinet would look into their suggestions.

Canadian Immigration Policy Criticized In Parliament

Meanwhile, members of all political parties joined in Parliament in severely criticizing the present immigration policy of the Canadian Government which has established categories of desirable and non-desirable immigrants.

"This country needs at the present time an immigration policy that can only be described as bold and imaginative," said David A. Croll, only Jewish member of the Parliament. Alistair Stewart, Cooperative Commonwealth Federation deputy and outspoken pro-Zionist, pointed out that the present immigration policy bars the doors to Jews on religious grounds. He urged the immediate removal of racial discrimination in any form.

A stern warning that Canadian delegates to the United Nations might be confronted with embarrassing questions if they went there while Canada's discriminatory immigration policy is still in force, was issued by M.J. Goldwell, leader of the C.O.F. Party. He urged opening of the doors of Canada to displaced persons now in camps in Europe.

ENGLAND'S FUEL CRISIS CLOSES DOWN ALL JEWISH WEEKLIES; 106-YEAR-OLD PAPER AFFECTED

LONDON, Feb. 20. (JTA)--England's fuel crisis, with the consequent closing down of a section of the weekly press, has left the country without any Jewish publications, with the exception of the Yiddish-language daily, the "Jewish Times," which circulates almost exclusively in London's East End.

Representations to the authorities by leaders of the rabbinate and the Board of Deputies of British Jews have been unavailing. One of the principal victims is the London Jewish Chronicle, which is now in its 106th year. It is not expected that the ban will be lifted for at least two weeks.

CULTURAL REHABILITATION OF EUROPE'S JEWS DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE CALLED BY UNESCO

PARIS, Feb. 20. (JTA)--The revival of Jewish cultural life in Europe was discussed here this week at a meeting of international voluntary organizations convened by the Cultural Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Section of the United Nations Economic, Social and Cultural Organization.

Among the 100 organizations attending the conference were the following Jewish groups: World Jewish Congress, British Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad, the ORT, OSE, Youth Aliyah and the World Union of Jewish Students.

The World Jewish Congress representatives, Dr. A.A. Steinberg and Mrs. A.R. Klausner, urged that UNESCO grant funds for cultural rehabilitation not only to states, but to cultural groups operating in more than one country. The ORT delegate, Dr. M.R. Lang, told the delegates of the great needs of the displaced Jews.

DUTCH COLONY IN SOUTH AMERICA WILLING TO ADMIT SOME JEWISH REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA)--The legislative council of Surinam, in Dutch Guiana, has approved a project for the settlement of displaced Jews in that colony, it was disclosed here today by Dr. I.N. Steinberg, secretary-general of the Freeland League for Jewish Territorial Colonization.

Dr. Steinberg said that on Jan. 28 the governor of Surinam submitted to the legislative council a memorandum on the proposed colonization project prepared by the Freeland League and urged that it be approved in principle so that negotiations with the League could be continued. A cable from the governor received this week invited a commission to come to Surinam and "to investigate local conditions and to discuss with this government all matters concerned."

VENEZUELA UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHES HEBREW CHAIR; NON-JEWS REGISTER AS STUDENTS

CARACAS, Venezuela, Feb. 20. (JTA)--The establishment of a chair of Hebrew at Central University here was announced today. Dr. David A. Gross of New York will fill the chair. The announcement said that among the students who have registered for Hebrew courses are twenty non-Jews.

Dr. Gross was formerly an instructor of Jewish history in the Herzlich Teachers Institute in New York. He is a graduate of Dropsie College in Philadelphia. Prior to his appointment to the University, he was the director of the Hebrew School in Caracas.

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORP. SUBSIDIARIES MAKING STEADY GAINS; QUARTERLY DIVIDEND ISSUED

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA)--Despite the partial disruption of Palestine economic life because of British military measures, subsidiary enterprises of the Palestine Economic Corporation are making steady gains, and the corporation is mapping plans for development of low-cost housing projects, investments in basic manufacturing industries and extension of credits for agricultural improvements, it was announced here today, by Robert Szold, chairman of the board of directors.

The occasion of the announcement was the issuance to the 2,000 stockholders of the corporation, which is wholly American owned, of a quarterly report. The stockholders were informed that a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share will be paid. Mr. Szold said that earnings would have been greater "under more normal circumstances."

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