

plained, the UJA would be enabled to provide only \$12,000,000 for relief and rehabilitation in Hungary, which would mean a daily food allowance of only 34 cents a day per person.

Contrasting the "bleak and unhappy picture of Europe today" with "the land of hope and promise - Palestine," Morgenthau told the conference that the Jews of Palestine had given "top priority to the expansion of the country's industries and agriculture to make room for additional hundreds of thousands of newcomers from Europe.

#### Emphasizes Self-Sufficiency of Palestine Jewish Community

Morgenthau emphasized that the Jewish community of Palestine is completely self-sustaining and requires no financial aid for itself but, he added that "Palestine's Jews cannot be expected to carry along the burdens of restoring to health and providing homes and jobs for Europe's immigrants." Pointing out that over 26,000 European Jews reached Palestine in 1946 under immigration quotas, he said that the same number, and "we hope many additional thousands," will enter Palestine this year. He said that about \$18,000,000 is needed for the immigration relief and housing of European refugees.

The United Service for New Americans, one of the three UJA agencies, will require \$8,000,000 for the reception, retraining and resettlement of refugees and DP's who enter the United States, Morgenthau reported. A total of 15,000 came here in 1946, and some 2,000 Jews from Europe and Shanghai arrived in American ports in January, 1947. A similar and perhaps higher number is expected in the coming months, according to Morgenthau.

Improved American consular activities overseas and the end of the serious bottleneck in trans-Atlantic shipping have increased the number of refugees reaching the United States in recent weeks, William Rosenwald, national chairman of the UJA and honorary president of the USNA, reported at last night's session. Jewish war refugees and DP's may enter this country at the rate of 2,000 a month or more in 1947 "if we are ready to help these tired, beaten people adjust to a strange land and strike new roots," Rosenwald said.

Other speakers included Dr. Israel Goldstein, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, Mrs. David M. Levy, Reuven Dafni, a Palestinian war hero, Harold J. Goldenberg of Minn. and Samuel Rothberg of Peoria.

#### MYSTERY SURROUNDS WHEREABOUTS OF BLOCKADE RUNNER; AUTHORITIES CLAIM SHIP NOT CAPTURED

HAIFA, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A great deal of mystery still surrounds the whereabouts of the refugee ship Ben Hecht, which was reported last night to have been apprehended off the Palestine coast. The vessel has been expected to arrive here this morning.

Military and civil authorities here claim that the ship has not been captured, but a wireless message from the blockade runner, which was picked up last night, indicated that it had been intercepted. The authorities say the message was destined for a private receiver here, but was picked up by government monitors and, as a consequence, destroyers were sent out to seize the ship, but have not yet located it.

Believed manned by an American crew, the Ben Hecht, which was originally called the Ulua, has been en route here by a devious course since it sailed from Goatsberg, Sweden on Jan. 24.

JEW GAVE BEVIN THREE ALTERNATIVES WHEN TURNING DOWN HIS PLAN, BUT ALL WERE REJECTED

LONDON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency delegation which conducted informal talks on Palestine with British officials offered Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin three alternatives when it rejected his final proposal. It was revealed here during the week-end with the publication of the text of the Jewish reply.

The alternatives, which were turned down by Bevin and Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones, were: 1. An independent Jewish state in all of Palestine. 2. An independent Jewish state in a partitioned Palestine along the lines suggested by the Jewish Agency last summer; or 3. Continuation of the mandate without restrictions pending a final solution of the entire issue.

The text of the reply states that the Agency executive would recommend acceptance of the partition proposal if it gave the Jews control of immigration and development and representation at the United Nations. It also pointed out that until there is a final solution, the Jewish Agency must insist upon the rights of the Jewish people to return to Palestine and set up a national home there.

Shertok Says U.S. Must Take Lead When Palestine Comes Before U.N.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Moshe Shertok, chief of the Jewish Agency's political department, arrived here today by air from London. He said that he plans to confer with American Zionist leaders this week and then leave for Palestine to attend the forthcoming meetings of the Jewish Agency executive and the Zionist Actions Committee.

Queried concerning the British decision to take the Palestine issue to the U.N., Shertok said he expected that the United States would have to take the lead when the question came before the General Assembly, since Britain has stated that it will make no recommendations.

PRE-WAR TERRORIST LEADER NAMED BY MUFTI TO COMMAND MERGED ARAB "ARMIES"

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Fawzi Bey el Kaukaji, Arab terrorist leader who conducted extensive anti-Jewish and anti-British activities here before the war, has been named by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem to command the recently merged Arab "armies," Najada and Futuwa, it was reported today.

Kaukaji, who spent the war years in Germany, arrived in Cairo yesterday. The plane in which he was travelling touched at Lydda airport, near Jerusalem, last night, but he did not disembark. After conferences in the Egyptian capital with the Mufti and other Palestine Arab leaders, Kaukaji is expected to fly to Syria, where he will make his headquarters. It was from Syria that he led terrorist bands into Palestine during the 1936-39 riots. Although the Palestine Government had stated that Kaukaji would be apprehended if he entered Palestine, no effort was made to seize him last night, although it was known he would land at Lydda.

Seventy Arabs who were arrested Friday when the busses in which they were returning from Egypt were found to contain arms were released over the week-end. All 70 were members of the Najada. A number of other arrests of Arabs for arms smuggling have been made recently, but were given no publicity.

HEAD OF ANTI-TERRORIST LEAGUE ATTACKED IN TEL AVIV WHILE DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Heinrich Sklarz, 62, secretary of the Anti-Terrorist League, was attacked tonight while distributing leaflets calling on the Jewish community to curb terrorists. He was rescued by the police.

FORMER AUSTRALIAN PREMIER ATTACKS GOVERNMENT FOR LIBERAL POLICY IN ADMITTING JEWS

CANBERRA, Australia, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Robert G. Menzies, former Prime Minister and leader of the Liberal Party, attacked the government's policy of admitting Jewish refugees from Europe in a statement issued here over the week-end.

Menzies' statement, which followed an attack on the government by another Liberal M.P. last week, expressed concern at reports that the refugees were experiencing less difficulty in entering Australia than Britons. He warned Australian Jews, who he said have an "honorable record," that if the number of Jews admitted to the country is disproportionate, anti-Semitism may develop. However, he condemned anti-Semitism which he said was not condoned by his party.

Jewish circles pointed out that the reports of discrimination in favor of Jews were untrue. Various Labor Party groups and trade unions condemned the attack in Parliament, while the clothing workers union issued a statement paying tribute to Jewish employers, who, it said, maintained better conditions in their factories than existed elsewhere in the industry.

DISPLACED JEWS BROUGHT FROM AUSTRIA IDENTIFY 40 FORMER GUARDS AT CONCENTRATION CAMPS

MUNICH, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Twenty-seven displaced Jews from Austria have identified 40 former S.S. officers and guards at the Mauthausen and Ebensee concentration camps, it was reported here today. The guards are awaiting trial at the Dachau camp.

The Jews were brought to Germany by an American war crimes officer after they had tentatively identified the Nazis from photographs. The officer brought hundreds of photographs of suspected war criminals to Austria in an attempt to gather evidence against them.

Among the photographs was one of Hans Euler, a former commandant of Ebensee, who was identified by some of the Jews. Euler had dispatched hundreds of Jews to German minefields where they were killed, just prior to the capture of the camp by advancing American troops.

NORWEGIAN MISSION ARRIVES IN GERMANY TO SELECT 600 JEWISH DP'S FOR IMMIGRATION

MUNICH, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A three-man Norwegian team is visiting displaced persons camps for Jews for the purpose of compiling a list of 600 Jews who will be permitted to enter Norway as immigrants, it was learned here today. It is not known what qualifications the DP's must possess in order to be declared eligible.

HIAS TO OPEN OFFICES IN ALL CAMPS FOR DISPLACED JEWS IN ITALY

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The HIAS will open offices in all DP camps for Jews in Italy, according to a cable from Lewis Neikrug, European director for HIAS which was made public by the organization's offices here today. The cable said that the decision was made at the suggestion of UNHRA officials in Italy.

TRIAL OF NAZI COMMANDANT OF OSWIECIM WILL OPEN IN WARSAW NEXT MONTH

WARSAW, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The trial of Rudolf Hoess, commander of the Oswiecim extermination camp, who is said to have admitted responsibility for gassing more than 2,000,000 Jews, Russians and Poles, is to begin March 11, Warsaw radio reported today. About 50 witnesses of several nationalities will give evidence.

ATTORNEY GENERAL TOM CLARK PLEDGES FIGHT ON COLUMBIANS, KU KLUX KLAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Attorney General Tom Clark, addressing the North Carolina Conference of Christians and Jews in Charlotte, N.C., during the week-end in connection with National Brotherhood Week, warned that fascist elements "before the war, during the war, and now are seeking to spread their poison of defeatism, anti-Semitism, and un-Americanism throughout our land."

He labeled as "seditious, scurrilous and servile copies of National Socialism" organizations such as the Columbians and Ku Klux Klan. Clark promised to fight such subversive elements "whenever they come into conflict with Federal Law." He pointed out that America had grown great through the efforts of "no single race, class or religion." He said descendants of immigrants, "of every nationality, of every creed, and of every color, have enriched and ennobled our national life for the greater good of all. Peace with our sister-nations is unobtainable if we cannot have peace at home. If we cannot be friends with our fellow-Americans we cannot be friends with the world," Clark concluded.

Clark also joined in presentation of the Carolina Israelite award "for distinguished service in the furthering of human rights and inter-faith amity" which was presented to Dr. Frank Porter Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, and a member of the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

GEORGIA WILL MOVE TO REVOKE COLUMBIANS CHARTER WHEN TRIALS OF LOOMIS, BURKE COMPLETED

ATLANTA, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Georgia authorities plan to proceed with their suit to revoke the charter of the Columbians, anti-Jewish and anti-Negro organization, as soon as all the pending charges against Homer Loomis Jr. and Emory Burke, leaders of the group are heard.

Burke was sentenced on Thursday night to three years in jail on charges of usurping police power, while Loomis received a one-year sentence earlier after being convicted of incitement to riot. Both face prosecution on charges of illegal possession of dynamite and Loomis has several other indictments pending.

(In a statement issued in New York yesterday, Richard E. Gustadt, national director of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, said that the state authorities, the jury and the people of Georgia are to be congratulated on the prompt action taken against these "native fascists.")

SIX JEWISH MARYLAND LEGISLATORS WALK OUT OF CHAMBER WHEN BRITISH AMBASSADOR VISITS

BALTIMORE, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Six Jewish members of the House of Delegates, Maryland's lower legislative chamber, walked out of the House last week when Lord Inverchapel, British Ambassador to the U.S., entered the legislature on a visit. The delegates later said they had boycotted the visit as a protest against the "British policy toward Palestine and their breach of faith with the Jewish people."

JAN MASARYK PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL IN PALESTINE NAMED FOR HIS FATHER

PRAGUE, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A Jewish delegation called on Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk today and urged him to accept the chairmanship of a drive for funds to establish a school in Palestine named for his father Thomas Masaryk, founder of the Czechoslovak Republic. Masaryk accepted the chairmanship, and promised to attend the ceremonies opening the drive in Kfar Masaryk, also named for his father.

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