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ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS HEIRLESS PROPERTY TO UNION OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES

ROME, June 1. (JTA) -- The Italian Government will promulgate tomorrow a decree transferring to the Union of Jewish Communities all heirless property left by Jews who were victims of Nazi or Fascist persecution after Sept. 1943.

The Union is authorized to use these funds as it sees fit for religious, welfare and rehabilitation purposes. Raffaele Cantoni, president of the Union, yesterday called on the Minister of Justice and expressed the thanks of Italian Jewry.

The Minister said the decree was aimed at "correcting the evil and injustices done the Jewish people," and was a recognition of the Union's activities on behalf of Jewish institutions, which benefit Italian Jews and non-Jews.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS WILL MEET IN LONDON THIS MONTH

LONDON, June 1. (JTA) -- The British National Council for Civil Liberties announced today that an International Conference on Human Rights will be held in London on June 13-16.

The agenda of the conference will be kept within the terms of reference of the Commission for Human Rights of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and the organizers hope that the conference will help to influence the activities of the U.N. Commission.

A study of anti-Semitism will be made by a special sub-committee of the Conference. More than 80 delegates from 36 national and international organizations are expected to participate in the conference, including the C.I.O., the National Lawyers Guild of America and the Congress of American Women.

CYPRUS INTERNMENT CAMPS ARE SO JAMMED REFUGEES COMPELLED TO SLEEP ON BARE GROUND

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- The internment camps for Jewish refugees on Cyprus are so overcrowded that hundreds of persons are without beds and compelled to sleep on the bare ground, it was reported here today.

The situation will be even worse tomorrow when nearly 400 immigrants who arrived in Palestine yesterday aboard the Yehuda Halevi are disembarked at Famagusta from the Ocean Vigor which is now en route to Cyprus. The Halevi passengers are mainly Sephardic Jews from North Africa.

An Irgun Zvai Leumi broadcast tonight denounced as lies British insinuations that members of the U.N. inquiry commission will be in danger from Jewish extremists when they arrive here. The broadcast said that the protesters will not be molested, but the Irgun will not refrain from attacking the British during the inquiry period.

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... the U.N. commission can prevail upon the authorities to cease deportations and aggressive measures against Jews."

The Stern Group today informed the press that it has sent a letter to the Chief Executive Committee, warning them that if they do not persuade a young Sephardic boy named Shimon Fraji to discontinue acting as an informer for the government, he will be liquidated." The Sternists said that they have taken no action against Fraji up to now, because of his extreme youth and the fact that he is the only son of a blind mother.

Voicing the generally favorable Arab reaction to the address of Foreign Minister Bevin at Margate, Dr. Hussein Khalidi, secretary of the Palestine Arab Higher Executive, said last night that "we agree with Mr. Bevin that the issue has become bitter and the feeling between Jew and Arab is so tense and high that it may lead to tragedy and catastrophe." He lauded Bevin's "frankness" in describing the situation in Palestine. Jewish reaction to Bevin's remarks was almost unanimously unfavorable.

SHARP OPPOSITION TO ANY FORMULA FOR PARTITION; CHARGES BEVIN IS SABOTAGING U.N. INQUIRY

PARIS, June 1. (JTA) -- Sharp opposition to "any partition formula" was voiced by Moshe Sneh, a member of the Jewish Agency executive, speaking at the Eighth Conference of the French General Zionist Organization.

Dr. Sneh denounced imperialism as "enemy No. 1," and accused Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of an attempt to sabotage the U.N. Palestine Committee by his declaration that he would accept only a unanimous solution. "meaning that which will be acceptable to himself and Arabs."

Reviewing the attitude taken by the various nations at the U.N. special session on Palestine, Dr. Sneh said the Soviet Union had been friendly and France, the Latin American countries and the Eastern European states had indicated that they might support the Zionist position. Urging an "Asiatic reorientation," he declared that it must not be overlooked that Zionism means a return of Israel to Asia, adding that Asiatic countries must not be neglected by the Jewish Agency.

FRENCH HALTING ALL JEWS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THEIR ZONE OF AUSTRIA FROM U.S. AREA

VIENNA, June 1. (JTA) -- In an attempt to prevent illegal immigration to Palestine from the American zone of Austria through the French zone, the French authorities are refusing to permit any Jews to cross the border, it was learned here today.

Recently, a Palestinian Jew was halted at the frontier and when ordered back to the American zone he demanded and received written acknowledgment of the order. It reads: "By order of Lieutenant Munsch, security officer in Kitzbuehel, the undersigned billeting officer Follet, chief of post in Waidring, certificates hereby that the gendarmes of this detachment are ordered not to allow Jews from the American zone into the French zone. (signed) E. Follet."

THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWISH WAR PRISONERS IN USSR EXPECTED TO BE REPATRIATED SHORTLY

BUDAPEST, June 1. (JTA) -- Among the 100,000 Hungarian war prisoners who are scheduled to be repatriated from the USSR by September are several thousand former slave laborers, most of whom are Jews, the Ministry of Welfare announced.

The first batch is expected to arrive shortly and Jewish groups have arranged to receive them. They will be supported by the Hungarian Jewish Relief Committee until they can be rehabilitated and work found for them.

J.C. PREFERS TRUSTEESHIP, BUT BACKS PARTITION IF U.N. VOTES TO TAKE FINAL DECISION NOW

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today informed the United Nations Palestine Committee that if a final solution of the Palestine problem cannot be found now, it favors partition along the lines proposed last summer by the Jewish Agency.

In a memorandum submitted to the U.N. inquiry body, the Committee stressed, however, that it opposed immediate determination of Palestine's final political constitution, and favored a U.N. trusteeship. Immediate independence, for the whole of Palestine, the memorandum said, would make of the Jews a "helpless minority."

The memorandum reaffirmed the right of Jews to immigrate and settle in Palestine and termed the British White Paper of 1939 a "breach of trust" which "must be struck down." It added that the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate did not merely record "a pious hope," but granted the Jews certain rights in the country. The statement reiterated that the European conditions which originally gave rise to the Mandate have been intensified and the survivors of European Jewry are in many cases living under conditions that, bluntly stated, are a disgrace to humanity."

It condemned as "wholly erroneous" Britain's requirement of an ultimate political solution for Palestine as a condition precedent to any decision on immigration, and continued: "We submit that it is not yet too late for Great Britain to recede from the intrensigent position that immigration on a large scale cannot be permitted until there is an immediate, final political solution."

The American Jewish Committee cited the Jewish achievements which have made of Palestine "technically and agriculturally, medically and culturally the most advanced state in the Middle East today." The statement paid a special tribute to the "selfless and unsparing efforts" of American Jewish women, working through Hadassah to improve medical care for all the inhabitants of Palestine, Arabs as well as Jews.

The memorandum, which was signed by Joseph M. Proskauer and Jacob Blaustein, president and executive chairman respectively, of the A.J.C., urged the following seven-point interim program:

1. Immediate granting of 100,000 immigration certificates for Palestine during 1947 for Jews in European displaced camps;
2. Subsequent facilitation of maximum Jewish immigration, and guarantee of Jewish land purchase rights;
3. Plenary power to the U.N. trusteeship council to determine the rate of Jewish immigration and the character of land ownership;
4. Steady development of local self-government under trusteeship council direction;
5. Complete provision for the sanctity of Holy Places of all faiths;
6. The United Nations to furnish adequate policing of Palestine at the request of the administering authority; and to reserve the right of policing the country even without such request.
7. Continuation of the trusteeship until the U.N. determines that the time for independence has arrived, with complete equality of all citizens guaranteed by a bill of rights.

AGENCY IMMIGRATION CHIEF SAYS WAVE OF REFUGEES WILL HIT PALESTINE SHORES THIS SUMMER

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- "An unparalleled wave of immigration into the Holy Land this summer, a wave that will surge onto the beaches of Eretz with or without the will or consent of the British Government," was predicted tonight by Moshe Shapiro, director of the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency.

Addressing a dinner commemorating the 35th anniversary of the Mizrahi Organization of America, Mr. Shapiro, who arrived here this week by air from Palestine, said that "in the name of the Yishuv and with the full authority of my position, I assert that no restrictions, no matter how severe; no obstacles, no matter how maliciously contrived, will stop the influx of our brothers into the Holy Land." He added that regardless of what the United Nations will decide...a Jewish state will be built."

Other speakers included Leon Gellman, national president of Mizrahi; Rabbi Max Kirshblum, executive vice-president, and Gedaliah Bublick, honorary president. Mr. Bublick, who returned from Palestine last month, called on the Jewish spokesmen who will appear before the U.N. inquiry commission to demand a "whole undivided Palestine within the historic boundaries of the Holy Land, and to oppose any partition scheme." Messages of support were received from Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Mayor William O'Dwyer and Senators Robert F. Wagner and Irving M. Ives.

The 1,600 persons attending the dinner pledged that they would raise \$500,000 this year for the Mizrahi Education and Expansion Fund, to finance the activities of its nation-wide religious school system and for work in Palestine and Europe.

CHRISTIAN LEADERS ASK TRUMAN TO BACK ZIONIST PLEA FOR IMMIGRATION AND JEWISH STATE

HIGHLAND, Ill., June 1. (JTA) -- Christian leaders from 68 cities in 27 states today wired President Truman, Secretary of State Marshall and U.N. delegate Warren Austin to "take affirmative action to implement America's publicly declared policy in favor of unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine."

Resolution embodying this appeal and supporting the claims of the Jewish people to a democratic Jewish state in Palestine, was adopted by the delegates attending the third annual national seminar of the American Christian Palestine Committee at the Moraine Hotel in Highland Park, Illinois.

The telegrams further stated: "The failure of our government to fulfill its public commitments to the Jewish people would be a mockery of the solemn pledges we have made to them in our political party platforms and in a long line of Congressional resolutions and presidential declarations.

1,000,000 ACRES IN NEGEV COULD BE MADE TO FLOURISH, MACDONALD TELLS J.N.F. MEETING

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- There are at least 1,000,000 acres of arid land in the Negev, Palestine southern desert area, which can be made to flourish and support tens of thousands of families, Dr. James G. MacDonald, a former member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, said tonight, citing experiments carried out by Jewish scientists.

In an address to the Bikurim (First Fruit) Festival of the Jewish National Fund's labor department, held at the Hotel Commodore with 2,000 persons attending, Mr. MacDonald deplored the fact that while screaming headlines report the deportation of Jewish immigrants and the acts of terror, little publicity is given the "story of the unabated heroic efforts of the Jews to rebuild the Holy Land" in the face of the opposition by the Mandatory Government. Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the JNF, described Palestine Jewry's resistance to the British as "a struggle for land and water."

U.S. COMMUNITY MUST TAKE LEADERSHIP IN JEWISH CULTURE. SOCIAL WELFARE PARLEY TOLD

BALTIMORE, June 1. (JTA) -- The American Jewish community must be prepared to accept world leadership in Jewish culture and thought, Dr. Salo W. Baron, professor of Jewish History and Institutions at Columbia University, said today, calling for the broadening and expansion of efforts to assure Judaism a continued creative evolution in a modern world. He spoke at the opening session of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Other principal speakers at the initial meeting of the conference, which is being attended by 800 Jewish welfare and educational leaders, were Harold Silver, director of the Jewish Social Service Bureau of Detroit and president of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare, and Dr. Alvin Thalheimer, president of the Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore.

Dr. Baron outlined a four-point program of action which, he said, must supplement all present undertakings, if American Jewry is to assume the responsibilities of leadership. The program included: 1. The broadening of Jewish historical knowledge. 2. A fuller understanding of the contemporary situation. 3. The stimulation of creative thinking, writing and artistic endeavors. 4. The promotion of an understanding of Jewish cultural and religious values among the masses of Jews and non-Jews.

Dr. Thalheimer urged social welfare agencies and social workers to become a more important element in the total life of American Jewry. He said that "the social welfare agency has the opportunity to become the principal feature of the organizational structure within which Jewish life continues. To attain this status, however, not only must an ever increasing portion of the Jewish population take advantage of the expert guidance which the professional case-workers offer, benefit from the schools that are under the supervision of community agencies, and attend the settlement houses which have been transformed into community centers, but an even larger group must be imbued with a philosophy and share in the activities of our social welfare organizations."

The conference, which is meeting in conjunction with the National Association of Jewish Center Workers and the National Council for Jewish Education, will continue through Wednesday, devoting itself to a series of lectures, panel discussions, and seminars.

DEVELOPMENT OF CREATIVE JEWISH LIFE IS MAJOR TASK OF U.S. JEWRY, EDUCATORS STATE

BALTIMORE, June 1. (JTA) -- The development of a creative Jewish life in this country is one of the major tasks facing American Jewry today, outstanding Jewish educators told the leaders of the American Association for Jewish Education and the National Council for Jewish Education at their annual meetings here.

Declaring that the "Jewish sense of security has been undermined" by the destruction of over one-third of the world's Jewish population, Dr. Emanuel Gamoran said that as a result "Jewish cultural activities have also been undermined. It is one of the major tasks of American Jewry to bring a creative Jewish life here."

Dr. Horace M. Kallen declared that the central communal agency for Jewish education is "a relatively new phenomenon in development of a creative Jewish life in this country." He said it emphasized a major American democratic principle, both ancient and modern, that the community has an interest in the education of the young everywhere. A community system of Jewish education does not imply the elimination of

ological differences, nor does it call for the separation of the congregational pool from the synagogues, he added. Dr. Kallen spoke at a dinner meeting sponsored by the Association as a tribute to the contribution to religious education made by Dropsie College of Philadelphia.

Dr. Abraham A. Neumann, president of Dropsie College, responding to the citation declared that "we have within us the means to create in America a Judaism that will be a synthesis of all past Jewish civilizations, not transplanted but created in the soil of America. It will be a Judaism that will spring from and be native to the land of America, making its contribution to the whole land."

CANADIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY NEEDS \$2,200,000 THIS YEAR FOR DOMESTIC, OVERSEAS PROGRAMS

MONTREAL, June 1. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress and the United Jewish Relief Agencies will require \$2,215,770 in 1947 to finance domestic and overseas programs, it was reported today at the Seventh Plenary Session of the Canadian Jewish Congress, meeting here with 400 delegates in attendance. The report revealed that in 1945-46 the Congress spent \$2,659,000, of which \$1,533,000 went for overseas relief.

Immigration, rescue and relief activities were discussed at today's meeting by Paul Hayes, executive director of the Congress; Dr. David Petergorsky, executive director of the American Jewish Congress; Philip Bernstein of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Fund, Dr. Nathan Reich, research director of the Joint Distribution Committee, and several others. Mr. Hayes reported that the Congress was negotiating with the Canadian Government for the admission of Jewish immigrants who could find employment in industry here.

Samuel Bronfman, president of the Congress, told the delegates at the opening session last night, that the organization is simultaneously active on the social welfare as well as rescue and relief fronts, and had helped to safeguard the civil, political and religious rights of Jews in Canada. Discussing the Palestine issue, Dr. Bronfman expressed the hope that "the U.N. inquiry commission will, at last, achieve the just solution which has eluded its predecessors."

EMERGENCY U.J.A. CONFERENCE TO BE HELD THIS WEEK-END; MCNARNEY, SCHWARTZ, KAPLAN TO SPEAK

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- A two-day emergency conference of Jewish leaders to consider the effects of the liquidation of UNRRA on the program for the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of displaced Jews in Europe, and to take definite action to deal with the problems confronting the United Jewish Appeal as a result of the movement of large numbers of refugees in Europe who are seeking a home in Palestine, the United States and other lands, will open in Wernersville, Pa., on Saturday, June 7, it was announced today by Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the U.J.A.

The conference will be addressed by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, former U.S. commander in Germany, who will discuss the situation of the displaced Jews; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, European director of the J.D.C., who is flying to the U.S. for the express purpose of reporting to the conference; and Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, who will report on Palestine developments.

PALESTINE COULD ABSORB 5,000,000 IF NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPED, GEOLOGIST ESTIMATES

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- Palestine could absorb an additional 5,000,000 persons if its natural resources were developed, F. Julius Fohs, Houston, Texas, geologist and expert on Palestine's natural resources, said today at the first annual conference of the American Society for the Hebrew Institute of Technology. A scholarship fund of \$10,000 in honor of William Fondiller, honorary president of the Society, was announced.

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