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### HAGANAH ISSUES "LAST WARNING" TO DISSIDENT GROUPS TO CEASE EXTORTING FUNDS FROM JEWS

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA)--The Haganah tonight issued a "last warning" to the dissident groups to cease extorting money from members of the Jewish community, or strong measures will be taken to stop them. The warning comes after yesterday's incident, during which the Haganah routed Irgunists who were attempting to extort money from a shopkeeper here.

Persistent reports from highly reliable sources say that the government is continuing its underground efforts to weaken the Haganah and to strengthen Arab extremists. Police officers have been distributing money and arms to Arabs, and their efforts to incite them against the Jews have been successful in some cases, the reports revealed. Arabs in the north are reported ready to launch wide-scale attacks, while those living in mixed Arab-Jewish regions are reluctant to stir up trouble.

The government is said to have a three-fold aim: weakening of the Haganah, so that it would be unable to fight effectively against either the Arabs or dissident Jewish groups; incite Arab-Jewish disturbances to divert Jewish attacks on the British; and provoke incidents which will aid the military recruiting campaign scheduled to open in England shortly. These reports indicate that the British Middle East military authorities plan to bring another 75,000 troops into Palestine on the pretext that more protection is needed for the Arabs.

Seven armed men, reported to be Jews, today robbed the Kupat Milveh Bank in Haifa of \$3,200. They escaped in a waiting car. Three of the attackers were stationed outside the bank, while the others forced the manager and cashier to open the vaults.

The Haganah said last night that immigration of visaless Jews, which it announced last month had been temporarily suspended, will be resumed shortly. A spokesman said that despite the many obstacles placed in the way by the British, both through naval blockades and the exertion of political pressure on European countries, the Haganah hopes to fulfill the largest part of its 1947 quota.

### "Americans for Haganah" Organized in the United States

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA)--The formation of an organization called "Americans for Haganah" whose aim is "to rally the moral support of the people in the United States behind unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine," was announced here today.

The announcement claimed that the new organization is "backed by major Jewish and non-Jewish groups." However, the Zionist Organization of America said that it has not yet taken any stand on the new group.

The president of the Americans for Haganah is Abraham Feinberg, a New York industrialist. Nahum Bernstein, a lawyer, is the secretary. The organization is planning to call a conference on Palestine immigration to meet in New York late this summer, the announcement said.

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ZIONIST LEADER ADVOCATES INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEESHIP WITH RIGHT TO BRING 1,000,000 JEWS

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA)--Replacement of the Palestine mandate by an international trusteeship, with the proviso that the Jewish Agency be authorized to bring to Palestine 1,000,000 Jews within a period of five years, will be proposed at the meeting of the Zionist Action Committee, which is scheduled to take place in Zurich at the end of next month, it was announced here.

The announcement was made by Dr. Moshe Shoh, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, prior to his departure for Europe. He said that he contemplates placing his proposal before the Actions Committee as an alternative to partition. At the expiration of the five year period, the United Nations should take a final decision on the status of Palestine, the proposal provides.

N. PALESTINE COMMITTEE COMPLETES THREE-DAY TOUR OF GALILEE; HEARING ON FRIDAY

ACRE, Palestine, July 2. (JTA)--The United Nations Special Committee on Palestine today completed its three-day tour of the Galilee district with visits to a modern government farm at Acre, the German-Jewish village of Naharia and the town of Nazareth.

Last night the delegates were taken on a moonlight sail on the Sea of Galilee and then visited the settlement of Ein Gab on the eastern shore of the sea. Here they were given refreshments set out on the grassward. Several of the delegates sat on the grass conversing in their native tongues with the polygot settlers. They were told that the community, which is ten years old, has 200 settlers, mainly from central Europe. Its chief occupations are agriculture and fishing. It builds its own boats, which fly the Jewish flag.

The committee is scheduled to begin public hearings in Jerusalem on Friday.

O.A. CONVENTION OPENS TODAY IN NEW YORK; WILL ACT ON PALESTINE SITUATION

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA)--Marking a half century of Zionist activity in the United States, the 50th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America will open here tomorrow at the Hotel Pennsylvania to discuss the major problems facing the movement and to adopt important decisions with regard to the future of Palestine.

The four-day convention will map plans for action to follow the recommendations of the U.N. Special Committee on Palestine to the General Assembly in September. It will be attended by about 2,000 delegates representing 226,000 members from all parts of the country.

JEWISH DP'S RESISTING MOVE FROM AUSTRIAN CAMP ARE WITHOUT FOOD, ARMY CONFIRMS

VIENNA, July 2. (JTA)--Nearly 900 displaced Jews living in the Franz Josef camp, near Salzburg, have not received any food from the Army or voluntary organizations since June 27, as a result of their refusal to move to the Riedenburg Camp, Col. Robert Lowe, public relations officer of the U.S. forces in Austria, confirmed today. The DP's have been forced to live on whatever individual reserves they have.

Col. Lowe alleged that the DP's had broken an agreement with the Army and the JDC to move to the Riedenburg Camp. He asserted that Rabbi Philip Bernstein and JDC director Harold Trobe have gone to Salzburg to advise the DP's to move. He added that if the Riedenburg Camp proves too small, additional quarters will be found.

Rabbi James G. Heller, of Cincinnati, arrived here today with a mission of religious leaders invited by the Army to tour American-occupied areas in Germany and Austria.

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THE OCCUPYING POWERS SPLIT ON UNIFORM RESTITUTION LAW FOR ALL OF GERMANY

BERLIN, July 2. (JTA) -- Failure of the Allied Control Council's property control element to reach an agreement on a restitution law for the four zones of Germany has compelled the property control group to turn the problem over to the Control Council's financial division, which is the next highest body, it was learned today.

The chief obstacle to an agreement is reported to be the disposal of property belonging to Nazi victims who died heirless. The British and Americans favor having this property or the proceeds therefrom placed in a central rehabilitation fund, while the French and Soviets want the property returned to whatever German government is set up.

Should the financial division fail to reach an agreement, the issue will be submitted to the Control Council itself. There is also the possibility that the British and the Americans, operating through the newly constituted bi-zonal economic council, may promulgate a restitution law in their zones.

The German Council of States, which consists of the four Minister Presidents of the provinces in the U.S. zone, adopted a sweeping restitution law last March 12 at the insistence of the American Military Government. The Council recommended, however, that the law not be promulgated until agreement could be reached on extending its provisions to all of Germany. As a result, the AMG initiated the present Control Council talks.

GERMAN OFFICIALS IN BRITISH ZONE NOT INSTRUCTED TO VOID PROPERTY TRANSFERS UNDER NAZIS

LONDON, July 2. (JTA) -- German authorities in the British zone of Germany have not been instructed to make certain that property transfers made during the Nazi regime shall not be recognized as legal, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Christopher Mayhew told Commons.

He said that property transferred under duress was covered by a British Military government law prohibiting transactions in such property without military government sanction. When one member pointed out that many forced sales of property seemed legal on their face, Mayhew said that consideration was being given to this problem. He told another member that he could not promise at this time that the eventual treaty of peace with Germany would contain a clause covering such transactions, such as has been included in the peace treaties with the satellite nations.

FIRST JEWS TO BE GRADUATED FROM HEIDELBERG IN 14 YEARS RECEIVE DEGREES

MUNICH, July 2. (JTA) -- The first two Jewish students to be graduated from Heidelberg University in fourteen years received their degrees today.

The graduates, who received doctorates in medicine, are Nathan Wiener, 28, and Boris Anolik, 30, both former concentration camp inmates. Anolik and Wiener had almost completed their medical studies in Poland when the war broke out. They have been enrolled at Heidelberg for the past year.

ONLY 6,000 OF 70,000 HUNGARIAN JEWISH SLAVE LABORERS BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED

BUDAPEST, July 2. (JTA) -- Competent Jewish sources today estimated that of the 70,000 Hungarian Jews conscripted for slave labor during the war no more than 6,000 survived. Some 300 survivors were recently returned from the Soviet Union where they had lived following their capture by the Red Army.

LEHMAN, TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF ALL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS, ASKS ADMISSION OF DP'S TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, July 2. (JTA) -- Emphasizing that he was speaking "for virtually all Jewish agencies in the United States engaged in philanthropic and communal activities," Herbert H. Lehman today pleaded before the House Sub-Committee on Immigration and Naturalization for passage of the Stratton Bill, which provides for the admission of 100,000 displaced persons to the United States annually for a period of four years.

The former New York Governor and UNRRA head appeared on behalf of the National Community Relations Advisory Council and its constituent organizations, which include the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, Union of American Hebrew Congregations and a number of communities throughout the country. He emphasized that the American Jewish Congress, the major Zionist groups, the HIAS, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds with its more than 260 local Jewish communal organizations, the National Jewish Welfare Board, the American Council for Judaism and the National Council of Jewish Women all support the bill.

Pointing out that during the last fifteen years our immigration quota has never been filled, Governor Lehman urged "prompt action" to transfer displaced persons from their camps to permanent homes in the United States and other countries. He asserted that the world looks to the United States for leadership in meeting this problem, and urged the Congress to be mindful of the fact that "our years of greatest immigration have been our years of greatest national prosperity."

Says Jewish DP's Are Young and Would Make Useful Citizens

Reviewing the position of the displaced Jews, Lehman declared that even if many of them wanted to go home, for the most part there are no homes to which they could return. They have a special and unique claim on the sympathy and the charity of mankind, because they are of a people which made the costliest, percentage-wise the greatest, sacrifices in the war of civilization against Nazi barbarism, he said.

"As it happens," he continued, "the Jewish displaced persons are of a very young age group. More than seventy per cent of them fall in the adaptable ages between 18 and 44 and can, therefore, easily adjust themselves to conditions in a new country. That they are a vigorous element is proved by the fact that they have been able to survive the worst massacre and the most savage persecution in all history. Many of them are accomplished artisans, mechanics and professional workers."

The fear that admission of DP's will result in taking jobs from Americans is not well-founded, Lehman argued, stressing that "this fact has been recognized by leading labor organizations of the country, which are endorsing the present bill." He also pointed out that there is no possibility that any of these prospective immigrants would become a public charge, since relatives, friends and organized groups of diverse religious faiths have seen to it that none of those admitted thus far have become a charge on any American community.

In questioning Lehman, Rep. Frank Fellows of Maine, chairman of the subcommittee, brought up previous testimony by former Senator Gillette that passage of the Stratton Bill would not solve the overall Jewish question which is inextricably interwoven with Palestine. Lehman replied that obviously "the entire Jewish problem will not be disposed of because of passage of this bill, but it will go a long way in alleviating a most urgent situation," even though admission of Jews into Palestine is also "a most important factor."

Lt. Col. Jerry M. Sage, chief of the field contact section of U.S. Army headquarters in Europe, urged admission of a "substantial number" of DP's. He highly praised the character and willingness to work of the DP's. (See page 6.)



JEWS IN EUROPE FACE CRISIS BECAUSE OF INFLATION AND MASS FLIGHT, LEAVITT REPORTS

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- Fresh and continuing movements of Jews across Europe, coupled with spiralling inflation in nearly every country on the continent, are causing a crisis among Jewish survivors and are impeding assistance efforts in their behalf, it was stated today by Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, who returned Monday from a ten-week survey of the conditions in Europe.

Mr. Leavitt reported at a press conference that 5,000 Rumanian Jews are in an unorganized, panic-stricken flight from famine, fear and inflation in their native country, crowding the roads and refugee centers of Hungary and Austria. He stressed the danger that thousands more may be on the march in the near future.

"I met these Jewish men, women and children en route to the west from Rumania," he said. "Old people, youths, babes in arms -- all were in flight, owning nothing but the rags on their backs. Their plight is beyond description. The principal help which they receive at present is coming from the JDC, whose capacities are being strained to the utmost in an effort to clothe, house, feed and administer medical care to these wanderers."

JDC Spending \$1,500 Daily to Feed Rumanian Refugees in Vienna

Approximately 3,000 Rumanian Jews have reached Vienna on their flight through Hungary and Austria, Mr. Leavitt revealed. But because the U.S. Army is unable to aid newcomers entering after April 21, 1947, responsibility for providing full maintenance for the group has fallen to the JDC, he reported. Many are being cared for in the Rothschild Hospice, which the Army has turned over to the JDC to care for the newcomers, he said. The JDC is spending \$1,500 per day for food alone for the refugees, Mr. Leavitt disclosed.

The JDC official described two other movements of Jews in Europe which, he pointed out, are also necessitating the JDC to provide extensive help which is straining the Committee's capacity as a voluntary agency. "Each month sees 1,500 Jews from the DP camps of Germany and Austria come into France, and a similar number into Italy," Mr. Leavitt said, and the JDC must feed, clothe and house them.

Spiralling inflation in every European country in which the JDC operates is making relief needs much greater and at the same time is substantially increasing the cost in dollars of JDC aid, Mr. Leavitt pointed out. "In every area of Europe today we must spend far more than we anticipated at the beginning of the year, when the 1947 JDC budget was drawn, to maintain the same level of services."

Problem of Displaced Jews Most Serious in Europe

The most serious emergency problem in Europe today remains the situation confronting the Jews in the displaced persons' camps, Mr. Leavitt emphasized. He reported that the Jews in the German and Austrian DP camps are closely following the investigation of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine. "They are holding their breaths in the hope that the investigation will yet result in some escape for them from the oppressive atmosphere of the camps to Palestine," he said. "At the same time, the deterioration of morale in the camps is so great that it is almost a physical thing."

Turning to the brighter aspects of the European picture as they affect Jewish survivors, Mr. Leavitt told of the "remarkable comeback" which the remaining Jews of Poland have made in recent months. The Polish government has been most cooperative in helping the JDC reestablish the shattered life of Jews in Poland, and Jews are working in factories, in mines and on farms, particularly in Silesia, in a courageous effort at reconstruction, he said.

B. JEWS CHARGED ON HOUSE FLOOR WITH SEEKING TO DESTROY IMMIGRATION LAWS

WASHINGTON, July 2. (JTA)--American Jews were accused on the floor of the House of Representatives today by Rep. Ed. Gosset, Texas Democrat, of attempting to tear down the country's immigration barriers and to "control the press and radio for selfish ends."

The charge was made in a brief address scoring the Stratton Bill, which Gosset attacked as Jewish-inspired. He also accused Jewish groups of using non-Jewish groups and individuals to achieve their own "obviously selfish purposes."

Eschewing anti-Semitism and lauding the contributions made to the nation's development by Jewish immigrants, Gosset warned U.S. Jews that "when they band themselves together in Jewish organizations, when they use their power and influence for obviously selfish purposes, when they seek to control the press and radio for selfish ends, when they conspire to destroy immigration barriers, they stimulate and promote anti-Semitism within this country to the serious detriment of all."

"Unless they desist and refrain from such activity, they will bring great sorrow upon this nation," he added. "For the sake of all the Jews, as well as the rest of us, they must not become a minority pressure group in this country."

PROSPECTS FOR IMMIGRATION TO LATIN AMERICA ARE POOR, W.J.C. PARLEY HEARS

BUENOS AIRES, July 2. (JTA)--The prospects for Jewish immigration into the countries of Latin-America in the near future are poor, Marc Regalsky, editor of La Presse, Buenos Aires Yiddish daily, yesterday told the Latin-American Conference of the World Jewish Congress, meeting here.

The conference heard reports on the general situation of the Jewish communities in the various South American nations. M.S. Goren of Chile reported that 10,000 Jews live in that country on an equal basis with other citizens. What anti-Jewish agitation there is emanates from an organization of ex-Nazis which operates under an anti-Communist front, he said. S.B. Wechsleman of Peru disclosed that there are less Jews living in that country now than before the war, but it is extremely difficult for residents to bring in relatives from Europe.

LOUIS SOBEL LEAVES J.D.C. POST TO BECOME ADMINISTRATOR OF JEWISH CHILD CARE ASSN.

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA)--Louis H. Sobel, secretary of the American Joint Distribution Committee, today resigned to become Administrator of the Jewish Child Care Association of New York, one of the largest child care organizations in the country. He has been with the J.D.C. for five years. Previously he served as executive director of the Federation Employment Service in New York.

"Mr. Sobel will actively assume the post of Administrator on August 1," Chester Rohrlieh, president of the 125 year-old child placement agency, announced. He has had a long and successful career in social work and brings to the Jewish Child Care Association the fruits of that long experience, as well as qualities of character and intellect which have won the highest praise from those who have worked with him."

BECAUSE OF THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY, THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON SUNDAY