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GROUP OF EXODUS REFUGEES TO BE LANDED TODAY; DISEMBARKATION DELAYED BY FOG

HAMBURG, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The Ocean Vigor, first of the three British ships returning 4,400 Jews to Germany to arrive here, was eased alongside her pier at 3 p.m. today, after lying anchored in the Elbe estuary since early morning fog made it impossible for the vessel to proceed.

Disembarkation of her deportee passengers, which was scheduled to begin at 4 p.m., was postponed until tomorrow morning, since British officials want to transport the Jews to internment camps the same day they are landed. Just before the Ocean Vigor docked, the refugees were told that they will be given an hour's grace after the official disembarkation hour is set to decide whether they will leave peacefully.

No sound could be heard from the Ocean Vigor as it entered the heavily barred dock area in a steady drizzle which kept most of the refugees in the crowded area below deck. Using field glasses, a JTA correspondent could see a few heads poke from the portholes. Several men were apparently singing but nothing could be heard.

British Assign Three Soldiers To Every Deportee

According to the latest British plan, about 4,200 soldiers will be used in the operation, if the refugees refuse to land voluntarily. The plan calls for the assignment of one soldier per passenger, then two, and finally, three, if they need to quell resistance. All troops have been issued 15-inch wooden truncheons, gas masks and sections of rubber tires for use as arm shields to ward off blows. Several soldiers to whom the correspondent spoke, made no effort to hide their anti-Semitism, declaring that the Jews were causing them a lot of trouble. Others, however, said frankly that they did not like the job.

The dock area is so heavily guarded that it is impossible to get anywhere near the pier where the Ocean Vigor is docked. Wire fences have been erected, completely penning in the area through which the refugees will pass after leaving the ships. When the correspondent attempted to enter this morning, before the ships had arrived, he was warned to stay out on pain of cancellation of his dock pass privileges for tomorrow and subsequent days.

The nearly 200 correspondents and photographers here were still bitter today concerning the sudden British decision to refuse to allow them to witness the beginning of the landings, on the grounds that their presence would encourage the deportees to resist. According to present plans, the newsmen will be allowed to enter the dock area after the disembarkation has begun, peacefully or otherwise.

The many occupation officials here in connection with the arrival of the transports spent a very pleasant week-end, which was highlighted by a special horse racing program. Local hotels are jammed.

4,000 JEWS AT BELSEN CAMP DEMONSTRATE AGAINST EXODUS LANDINGS; BURN EFFIGY OF BEVIN

BELSEN, Germany, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Nearly 4,000 Jews at the Belsen Camp today participated in an orderly demonstration to protest the imminent landing of the Exodus refugees.

The meeting was organized by leaders of the Jewish Central Committee to divert a threatened march on Hamburg by several hundred DP's who spontaneously began demonstrating this morning at the hour the first deportees were scheduled to have disembarked. Shouting "Let's go to Hamburg," crowds milled around the camp area, offices closed and all work ceased. Their leaders convinced them that a meeting was the most practical idea.

From an improvised platform on "Freedom Place," the camp's square, speakers, including Dr. Noah Barou, of the World Jewish Congress executive in London, and Marc Baum, French Zionist leader, addressed the throng. Hurriedly prepared banners called for "Justice for the Jewish People," "Open the Gates of Palestine," "Down with Bevin."

Later, another meeting in one corner of the camp burned an effigy of Bevin, and hoisted a Union Jack on which a swastika had been superimposed, despite pleas by the DP leaders that no action be taken that might provoke incidents. Joseph Rosenthal, chairman of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews, spoke at this meeting.

Displaced Jews in U.S. Zone Strike Today To Protest Exodus Incident

MUNICH, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- More than 100,000 displaced Jews in camps in the U.S. zone of Germany will go on a one-day strike tomorrow to protest the return of the Exodus refugees to Germany. A protest to the United Nations and the British Government against the treatment of the deportees was given U.S. military officials for forwarding to the appropriate authorities.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Prayers were recited today in all Negro churches in Brooklyn for the 4,400 Exodus refugees. British refusal to allow them to settle in Palestine was scored in a number of sermons.

PALESTINE TENSE ON EVE OF GENERAL STRIKE AND EXPECTED EXTREMIST OUTBREAKS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Palestine was tense tonight on the eve of tomorrow's general strike to protest the return of the Exodus deportees to Germany, as security officials prepared for outbreaks by the extremist groups, who are expected to strike as soon as word reaches here that the landings have begun.

The entire Hebrew press tomorrow will publish the Jewish National Council's appeal to the Yishuv and world Jewry to protest the mistreatment of the Exodus Jews. It was learned in London that Dr. Chaim Weizmann yesterday made a vain appeal to top members of the British Government not to land the refugees in Germany.)

An Agency spokesman today flatly denied the British Foreign Office charge that the Hashomer Hatzair had abducted Jewish children in Hungary and placed them aboard the Exodus. The Hashomer Hatzair also issued a statement, branding the charge "fantastic," and recalling its work of rescuing Jews in Hungary during the German occupation.

The Palestine authorities today denied reports that the mayors of Jewish municipalities arrested last month, would be released tomorrow. An Irgun broadcast tonight accused the Haganah of "preparing the ground for something similar to the St. Bartholomew's Night massacres" and said that the Jewish Agency was plotting civil war. It attacked partition as "a national disaster."

FRENCH ARRESTING IRGUN, STERNIST AIDES AFTER EXPOSURE OF ALLEGED PLOT TO BOMB LONDON

PARIS, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- French police were tonight investigating all known Irgun and Stern Group representatives in France, following the arrest yesterday of Rabbi Baruch Korff, chairman of the American Political Actions Committee for Palestine, as he and two companions prepared to take off for London to bombard the British capital with leaflets warning of aerial bombing if Britain did not withdraw from Palestine.

A spokesman for the Ministry of the Interior, who revealed that Irgun and Sternist aides had been under surveillance for several days, said that the government would probably issue no further statements on the incident until tomorrow night or Tuesday, as the police were pursuing inquiries in many directions. Many Paris hotels were raided today.

Those arrested with Rabbi Korff were his secretary, Mrs. Judith Rosenberger, a native of Hungary, whose present nationality is unknown, and Reginald Gilbert, an English-born American citizen and former war pilot. All are being held incommunicado. Seventeen other persons have been arrested, but their names were not disclosed.

Korff and the other two seized at the air-field were questioned a good part of last night. Meanwhile, police are seeking the printer who prepared the leaflets found in two suitcases carried by the rabbi, and the persons who placed the plane at his disposal. They are also seeking to trace the persons who manufactured six improvised aerial bombs found in a house near the Paris abattoirs.

The leaflet, which was signed "Fighters for the Freedom of Israel," the formal name of the Stern Group, said in part that "we will carry the war to the very heart of the Empire. We will strike with all the bitterness and fury of our servitude and bondage. People of England, press your government to quit Eretz Israel now. Demand that your sons and daughters return home, or you may never see them again."

The promptness with which the police acted, and the scope of their raids, indicated that the Surete either had an agent planted in the ranks of the extremists or that one of the terrorists had betrayed his companions to the police.

Meanwhile, a Foreign Ministry spokesman told the J.T.A. here that British reports that the French Government had made a new proposal to admit the Exodus refugees to France were false. He denied a British news agency report, published on Friday, to the effect that the Quai D'Orsay had proposed to London that the Exodus deportees be taken to France until they could be admitted to Palestine. He said, however, that in earlier conversations on the subject, the French had suggested that the best means of persuading the Jews to leave their prison ships was to promise them early transfer to Palestine.

Two Jewish Extremists To Go on Trial in Belgium on Thursday

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Elizabeth Lazarus, 22, and Elias Jacob, a stateless Jew, will go on trial Thursday at Mons, on charges flowing from their capture last June on the French-Belgian frontier with a number of "letter bombs" hidden in their luggage and clothing, it was announced here yesterday.

Miss Lazarus, who was a heroine of the French resistance during the German occupation, and her companion were believed implicated in the sending of letter-bombs to prominent Britons. Both are reportedly members of the Irgun or Stern Group.

HAMBURG, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Four young displaced Jews were committed for trial yesterday by a British military court in Hanover on charges of being implicated in the attempted bombing of a British military train near Hanover, in July. An explosive charge was found on the tracks a half-hour before the train was due to pass.

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PRESIDENT OF VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY CHARGES GOVT. SABOTAGING RESTITUTION LAW

VIENNA, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- In an exclusive interview today with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the president of the Jewish community council, David Brill, charged that the execution of the restitution laws had become a public scandal. Brill asserted that the Ministry of Property and Custody was especially guilty of sabotaging the restitution of Jewish property.

He said that Jews who returned to Austria recently from Palestine and Shanghai, bringing the total number of Jews in this city to 8,000, were so disappointed and alarmed because of the situation that most of them were anxious to emigrate to the United States.

Brill said that Austrian authorities even prevent the former owners of now Aryanized property from being installed as the public administrators and protect the Jews in every possible way. They tell the Jews that there is no danger of the property running away. He cited the instance of an owner of a cardboard factory who returned from Shanghai and was not admitted to the plant by the public administrator. An Austrian collaborationist remains as the administrator of the factory, which is worth \$100,000. There are numerous cases of Jewish administrators who have been removed from their posts. In one instance, Franz Fuerth, a Jewish administrator, was removed from a carpet factory owned by his brother-in-law and replaced by Franz Herber who was imprisoned for three months as a war criminal.

Brill pointed out that this list of abuses can be continued indefinitely. He declared that there is an acute danger that the property of Jews outside the country will disappear.

He asserted that the government disregards American public opinion since it is "sure of the support of the United States." Asked about the attitude of the Russian authorities who refused, according to the American delegate on the Treaty Commission, to return Jewish property taken by the Nazis by duress, Brill refused any explanation, declaring that the Russians do not differentiate between property sold to the Germans by Jews or non-Jews.

The Jewish community, which formerly owned 216 parcels of property in Austria, has to date received only four, while six other properties which remained under Jewish control during the Nazi regime have also remained in Jewish custody. All ten of these hospitals, homes for the aged and administration buildings bring no revenue to the Jewish community.

ROMANIAN GOVT. EASES DECREE WITHDRAWING CUSTOMS EXEMPTIONS FROM RELIEF SUPPLIES

BUCHAREST, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Although the appeal of the J.D.C. for exemption of relief shipments from custom duties is still pending, the Finance Ministry has informed the JDC representatives that a recent shipment of 300 tons of foodstuffs from the United States, held up by the custom authorities, will be released for distribution.

The ministry also promised speedy action to provide Jewish institutions with funds for current operations. All money belonging to individuals or corporations has been frozen in connection with plans for stabilizing the Rumanian currency.

FOREIGN CONSULATES IN PRAGUE CLEAR VISA REQUESTS OF PALESTINE JEWS WITH BRITISH

PRAGUE, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Foreign consulates in Czechoslovakia are making it difficult for holders of Palestinian passports to obtain visas. The Swiss consulate refers applications to Berne, while the French and Belgian consulates submit visa requests to the British Embassy here. It is reported that this procedure was adopted following a British request to help prevent unauthorized immigration into Palestine.

INTENSIVE DRIVE TO REALIZE UJA GOAL PROCLAIMED AT EMERGENCY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for an intensive effort during the balance of the current year for the realization of the \$170,000,000 goal of the United Jewish Appeal and for the acceleration of collections of cash from those who have already made their contributions to the nationwide campaign for relief, rehabilitation overseas, for the upbuilding and settlement of Palestine and for assistance to refugees coming to the United States, was adopted today at the closing session of a two-day national conference which launched the UJA's fall campaign.

Former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, who presided at this morning's session; Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the UJA; Dr. Israel Goldstein, Dr. Jonah Wise and William Rosenwald, national co-chairman; Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee; Edwin Rosenberg, president of the United Service for New Americans, and others joined in calling on American Jews to rally to the UJA.

Emphasizing that the deportation of the Exodus refugees to Germany was "the heaviest blow to the hopes of European Jewry since the end of the Hitler regime," Dr. Goldstein said that at the present time the UJA represents the only major instrument for preventing the complete collapse of the morale of the "Jews who have suffered repeated disappointments in their anxious search for freedom and security. 'Unless the doors of Palestine are opened wide in the coming months, many of the remaining Jews of Europe will be doomed to the existence of outcasts and fugitives,' Dr. Goldstein said.

"The United Palestine Appeal is the organization upon which great new responsibilities will devolve in the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, particularly the provision for the immigration of 150,000 Jews to Palestine within the next two years," Dr. Goldstein added.

Mr. Lehman, former director general of UNRRA, warned the conference that a wave of "hopelessness" was sweeping "every Jewish community in Eastern and Southern Europe as homelessness and hunger continue to mount." He described the needs of Europe's surviving Jews as "far greater" than they have ever been in modern history. Stressing that "these poor people are suffering the pangs of hopelessness and helplessness that defy description," Mr. Lehman said that they "face a disastrous situation in the coming winter months" unless the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement programs of the United Jewish Appeal agencies are expanded to offset the reductions in intergovernmental relief programs.

High Holidays Will See Special Campaign; \$105,000,000 Spent in 1947

In a nationwide radio broadcast over the American Broadcasting Company network today at 10 a.m., in connection with the conference, Mr. Morgenthau described the UJA campaign as "the instrument of hope and salvation for the homeless and the distressed among the Jewish people throughout the world and the foundation of the life-saving work in Europe, Palestine and the United States."

Speaking over the weekly "Message of Israel" program, Mr. Morgenthau stated that during the forthcoming Jewish High Holy Days, beginning on Sunday evening, September 14, the Jews of America will observe "Ten Days of Remembrance" as part of a nationwide mobilization to assure the reconstruction of Europe's surviving Jews through the full attainment of the 1947 United Jewish Appeal quota.

Addressing the conference last night, Mr. Morgenthau disclosed that the UJA agencies spent more than \$105,000,000 in Europe, Palestine and the United States since the beginning of 1947 to provide for the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement needs of 1,500,000 Jewish survivors of war and oppression overseas. The \$105,000,000 figure,

Mr. Morgenthau said, represents the largest sum ever spent by agencies of the UJA. Regarding the fact that the International Refugee Organization has been reducing its assistance to refugees in Europe, he declared that the agencies of the UJA were "hard pressed to make up the deficiencies in intergovernmental relief and rehabilitation since the liquidation of UNHRA on July 1st.

Morgenthau Says Situation of Europe's Jews Worse Than at End of War

"In many respects the situation of the Jews in Europe is worse than it was two years ago when there were no more than about 50,000 Jews in the D.P. camps as against 250,000 today," he declared. "Those who manage to get to Palestine arrive in pitiful condition, without any means at all and very often without any clothes on their backs." The UJA must have adequate resources to give the refugees who come to Palestine every opportunity to "take proper place in the constructive enterprise of building the Jewish homeland," he continued. Mr. Morgenthau also pointed out that United Service for New Americans must expand its programs to provide for the needs of refugees who are entering the United States at the rate of 2,000 a month.

Mr. Rosenwald told the Jewish leaders that "the entire world is watching the United States for a cue in dealing with the refugee problem on a just and humane basis. If we give asylum to our fair share of the homeless," he added, "other nations will be impelled to do the same. By providing for the wide geographic distribution of newcomers and their rapid adjustment to American life, the United Service for New Americans makes it possible for our country to keep its doors open."

A prediction that the colony of European refugees who have been stranded in Shanghai since before World War II will be practically liquidated in 1948 was voiced by Mr. Rosenberg. "Shanghai will be the first major Jewish refugee problem to be cleared up completely since the end of the war," he said. "Only the existence of the United Service program in this country is making that solution possible." Refugees from Shanghai are now arriving at the rate of 1,000 a month, Mr. Rosenberg reported, making San Francisco a new "port of hope" for survivors of Nazi persecution.

DIRECTOR RIENSENFELD NAMED CHAIRMAN OF NEW YORK FEDERATION'S \$30,000,000 CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Victor S. Riensfeld, prominent local businessman, has been appointed chairman of the 30th annual appeal of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, and will direct the activities of 10,000 volunteer workers in trades, boroughs and women's groups, it was announced today by Norman S. Goetz, president of the Federation. Through the campaign, which will get under way in mid-September, the Federation will seek to raise the funds to maintain and operate during the current year 116 affiliated medical, health and social welfare institutions and agencies.

AS AIDED 700 IMMIGRANTS FROM EUROPE DURING AUGUST, DIRECTOR ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The New York City pier service of HIAS received 11 Jewish passengers arriving on 40 ships and 14 planes during the month of August, it was reported today by Isaac L. Asofsky, HIAS executive director. During the same period, Mr. Asofsky said, HIAS entrained 101 passengers for destinations in other parts of the world, while 173 were brought to the HIAS Shelter in New York for food, lodging, and medical service until resettlement could be accomplished.

WAR VETERANS ENDORSE WAGNER-TAFT-ELLENDER NATIONAL HOUSING BILL

NEW YORK, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Support of the Wagner-Taft-Ellender Bill and a complete endorsement of Mayor William O'Dwyer's program to help solve the housing situation in New York, was voiced by Lee Price, Commander of the Department of New York, Jewish War Veterans, in a letter to the Mayor commending him on his views on veteran housing legislation. "The Jewish War Veterans," declared Commander Price, "are in complete accord with your views on the vital necessity for veteran housing legislation."