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GOVERNMENT AND JEWISH COMMUNITIES SEEK TO COMBAT UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG JEWS IN RUMANIA

BUCHAREST, July 1. (JTA)--Jewish organizations have been cooperating with governmental bureaus in Rumania to solve the unemployment situation among Rumanian Jews who have been thrown out of work by the progressive socialization of the national economy and as a result of the war, it was reported here today.

The Government Labor Bureau, the State Planning Commission and the Federation of Jewish Communities, by their joint efforts, placed nearly 2,000 Jews in jobs during May, the report said. This total includes skilled and unskilled workers and businessmen displaced in the new economy.

A new system of retraining the economically displaced Jews was put into effect last month. The individuals are placed in factories for first-hand study and receive a wage from the first day they enter the plant, thus removing them from the relief rolls.

JEWS IN HOLLAND PROTEST AGAINST REGULATIONS PREVENTING RECOVERY OF JEWISH CHILDREN

AMSTERDAM, July 1. (JTA)--Government regulations covering the custody of children orphaned or lost during the war as a result of Nazi racial measures were sharply protested last night at a mass meeting here attended by 2,000 persons.

Speakers told the meeting that the regulations prevented the recovery of Jewish children placed in institutions and with private families during the Nazi occupation to protect them from the Nazis. The Jewish community wants these children placed in Jewish homes and raised in the Jewish faith.

The meeting followed intercession recently with the Minister of Justice seeking revision of the regulations promulgated by the Dutch War Orphans Commission.

LONDON POLICE ASKED TO BAN DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH CAUSE ANTI-JEWISH DISTURBANCES

LONDON, July 1. (JTA)--The mayor of the London Borough Hackney today called on the metropolitan commissioner of police to reimpose the recently-expired ban on political processions. The ban was imposed last March after followers of Sir Oswald Mosley, the British Fascist, created a series of anti-Jewish disturbances.

In his letter to the police commissioner, the Hackney mayor said that "recent events and representations made to me have made it quite plain that the time is not yet opportune for lifting the ban." He cited a number of recent cases in support of this statement.

GOVERNMENT IS URGED TO PERMIT JEWISH REFUGEES FROM SHANGHAI TO REMAIN IN U.S.

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA)--Special action to permit a group of between 200-300 Jewish refugees from Shanghai, now in the United States on transit visas, to remain in this country was asked today by the World Jewish Congress in a communication addressed to Attorney-General Tom Clark.

Pointing out that these persons would be eligible for admission as immigrants under Section 38 (2) of H.R. 4567 passed by the House of Representatives, but which has not yet been enacted into law, the W.J.C. asked that their stay be extended by a general administrative ruling until the bill became law.

RESTITUTION OF PROPERTY TO AUSTRIAN JEWS WHO ESCAPED ABROAD IS SOUGHT IN VIENNA

VIENNA, July 1. (JTA) -- Simultaneously with the resumption today in London of the Austrian treaty negotiations by the Big Four deputies, Jewish organizations here announced they would do their utmost to obtain a treaty clause providing for the restitution of property and other wealth lost to those Austrian Jews who succeeded in escaping abroad.

The number of Austrian Jews who succeeded in escaping before the Anschluss has been estimated at 65,000 although it should be underscored that any such estimates are hazardous. The majority of those who did circumvent the Nazis and escaped death ultimately reached the United States, about 30,000 altogether. The second largest group, about 12,000, are in Britain with the others scattered in Latin America and in China--where, incidentally, no visa was required of Jewish refugees.

Property restitution for those who survived the Nazi occupation and the extermination centers has progressed slowly but at least has been accomplished in some degree. But there has been no restitution for those Austrian Jewish refugees who have remained abroad.

Jewish Leaders in Vienna believe that a clause would be inserted in any treaty that may emerge from the London talks guaranteeing the restoration of the property of those Austrian nationals abroad, and that this wealth should not fall forfeit to the state.

KOSHER MEAT FOR ISRAEL TO BE CANNED IN POLAND; TEL AVIV RABBI TO SUPERVISE PROGRAM

WARSAW, July 1. (JTA) -- The canning of kosher meat for Israel will begin here soon under the supervision of a member of the Israeli rabbinate, it was announced at the annual meeting of the Association of Polish Rabbis. Rabbi G. Ephrusi, of Israel, who will supervise the canning program, spoke at the meeting on the procedures for freezing meats in accordance with Kashruth laws.

Polish Chief Rabbi David Kahane told the meeting that 65 Jewish religious communities are now functioning in Poland. He also welcomed a recent declaration by Minister of Culture M. Wolski guaranteeing religious freedom in this country. Rabbi Kahane reported that the Association of Jewish Cooperatives has instructed its branches throughout Poland to accord opportunities to religious Jews to observe the Sabbath. Where no Jewish cooperatives exist, he added, religious Jews are free to organize their own cooperatives with Saturday as the day of rest.

The meeting also heard a report that preparations are now under way to retrieve Scrolls of the Law which have been kept in the building of the Jewish Historical Society under conditions "amounting to desecration."

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN LONDON DECIDE TO FIGHT PROPOSAL FOR CALENDAR REFORM AT U.N.

LONDON, July 1. (JTA) -- An organization known as the Central Committee to Defend Jewish Religious Interests Against the Danger of Calendar Reform was established today at a joint meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Anglo-Jewish Association, the World Jewish Congress, Agudas Israel and the London Beth Din, court of the Chief Rabbi of the British Empire.

The meeting considered the appropriate steps to be taken in view of the recently announced intention of Panama to bring a calendar reform proposal before the United Nations Economic and Social Council, with which fear of the foregoing organizations have consultative status. Among other proposals discussed was joint action with other denominations having their own calendar, such as the Moslems, Hindus and the Greek Orthodox Church.

FIFTY-FIVE JEWISH DP CAMPS CLOSED IN EUROPE DURING LAST SIX MONTHS, MORGENTHAU REPORTS

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA) -- More than 151,000 Jewish refugee immigrants entered Israel and 9,400 came to the United States with the assistance of agencies of the United Jewish Appeal during the first six months of 1949, Henry Morgenthau Jr. disclosed today in a report to the U.J.A. national campaign executive committee. The bulk of these immigrants came from the DP camps of Europe, 55 of which have been closed, Mr. Morgenthau said.

Outlining what has been accomplished in Israel during the past six months with the aid of United Jewish Appeal funds, the general chairman of the U.J.A. declared that 65 new settlements have been established to provide homes and a means of livelihood for the newcomers to the Jewish state. Another 60 settlements are to be set up during the second half of this year.

Of the 151,000 immigrants who entered Israel since the beginning of January, approximately 84,600 have been enabled to obtain permanent or temporary residence in urban or rural areas, the report said. The remaining 66,400 are still living in immigrant reception camps because of the acute shortage of housing. There are 28 such camps, in various parts of Israel.

The majority of the immigrants who came to Israel and the United States were assisted to emigrate from Europe, or North Africa, by the Joint Distribution Committee, which carries on relief, rehabilitation and emigration services in Europe and North Africa with funds provided by the U.J.A. Mr. Morgenthau stated. The J.D.C. has assisted in the liquidation of 55 DP camps and aided their occupants to emigrate. In the 23 camps still in existence, the J.D.C. is currently maintaining an assistance program for 60,000 persons.

1,000 YUGOSLAV JEWS LAND IN HAIFA; 3,000 MORE PERMITTED TO LEAVE YUGOSLAVIA

HAIFA, July 1. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 Jewish immigrants from Yugoslavia arrived here today aboard the S.S. Radenik. Today's contingent represents the first group of 4,000 Yugoslav Jews who have been granted permission to leave their homes for Israel with their property.

The second group of Yugoslav Jews proceeding to the Jewish state will sail aboard the same vessel from the port of Reyta. According to the immigrants who landed here today, only 4,000 Jews will remain in Yugoslavia after the departure of this second contingent.

RABBI LEAVES BOMBAY TO SEEK AID FOR JEWISH REFUGEES FROM AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

BOMBAY, July 1. (JTA) -- Grand Rabbi Halberstam left here today by air for Europe and Israel to aid the Central Jewish Board of this city to solve the problem of several thousand Jewish refugees from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bahrain by obtaining assistance for the emigration of these DP's from India.

RABBI MORTON BERMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CHICAGO RABBINICAL ASSOCIATION

CHICAGO, July 1. (JTA) -- Rabbi Morton M. Berman was elected president of the Chicago Rabbinical Association succeeding Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, who completed the maximum two-year term in office. The Association is composed of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis in Chicago and its environs.

DR. WILHELM WEINBERG, CHIEF RABBI OF HESSE IN GERMANY, ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Wilhelm Weinberg, chief rabbi of Hesse, Germany, arrived here today. His trip, sponsored by the Synagogue Council of America, is part of the American Military Government's program for cultural exchange relations.

EDOUARD DE ROTHSCHILD, LEADING FRENCH FINANCIER, DIES; FOUGHT ABROGATION OF CREMIEUX LAW

PARIS, July 1. (JTA) -- Baron Edouard de Rothschild, financier, philanthropist, Jewish communal worker and sportsman, died here yesterday. He was 61 years old.

A member of the world-famous banking family, the Baron was active in top banking circles in France for many years. When the Nazis overran France, he fled to the United States with his wife. He later was deprived by the pro-Nazi French Government of his citizenship and his property was confiscated by the Vichy regime.

In the United States, where he arrived in 1940, he was active in war relief work, including the raising of funds for the Russian people. As president of the Consistory of the Jews of France he pressed the fight to restore the Cremieux law, which was abrogated by Vichy. The law, passed in 1870, guaranteed French citizenship to native-born Algerian Jews. When the Allied forces restored the Free French to North Africa, Gen. Henri Giraud, French High Commissioner, formally abrogated the Cremieux law again. Baron de Rothschild protested to the State Department and became embroiled in a controversy with the then Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles who defended Gen. Giraud's decree.

26TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF Hapoel Hamizrachi OPENS WITH 500 DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

ELLSBURG, N.Y., July 1. (JTA) -- The 26th annual convention of Hapoel Hamizrachi opened here today and will continue through Monday with more than 500 delegates from all sections of the United States and Canada in attendance. Principal speakers include Aubrey S. Eban, Israel's chief delegate to the United Nations; S.Z. Shragai, member of the Jewish Agency executive and Hapoel Hamizrachi leader in Israel who has just arrived here from Jerusalem; Dr. Henry Raphael Gold, president of Hapoel Hamizrachi of America; and Shlomo Heinowitz, mayor of the Kfar Etzion settlement which was destroyed by the Arabs last year.

One of the chief items on the convention agenda is consideration of the question of Hapoel Hamizrachi's relationship to the Orthodox Zionist bloc in the United States. The convention will officially open tomorrow evening when Dr. Gold delivers his presidential report to the delegates. Israeli Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Halevi Herzog will make a short-wave radio broadcast to the convention from Jerusalem.

A.D.L. DEMANDS FULL INVESTIGATION OF CITY COLLEGE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION CHARGES

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League today demanded a "complete public investigation" by the Board of Higher Education of New York City into the policies and procedures governing the administration of faculty at the City College of New York. The A.D.L. said it was "not prepared" to offer judgment in those cases where charges of racial and religious discrimination have been made against the college administration, but pointed out that "continued public controversy in these matters can serve to undermine the great reputation of New York City's great educational institution."

BRAZILIAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS DISCUSSED AT RIO DE JANEIRO PARLEY; ISRAELI GUEST HONORED

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 1. (JTA) -- Brazilian-Israeli relations were discussed today between Brazil's Foreign Minister, Dr. Raul Fernandes, and Moises Toff, an Israeli Foreign Ministry official. A dinner tendered in honor of the visiting Israeli diplomat was attended by high-ranking Brazilian political and cultural leaders. Mr. Toff, in a brief address, lauded the Brazilian Government.

BECAUSE OF JULY 4, THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL BE PUBLISHED ON TUESDAY