

BRITISH CONSIDER DISPOSITION OF BAGGAGE OF JEWISH DP'S SEIZED IN GERMAN PORT CITY

LONDON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Reports that baggage belonging to displaced Jews which was seized at Bremen August 6 on the Israel-bound vessel Dromit had been confiscated by the British authorities and handed over to the Germans for sale were denied here today. The cargo of the Dromit was seized by U.S. officials in the enclave in the British zone because some boxes labelled "household goods" were found to contain machinery being shipped without export licenses.

The denial of the charges that 90 percent of the baggage had been sold came in a letter to the World Jewish Congress from Joseph Rosenhaft, chairman of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the British zone of Germany. He disclosed that no disposition has been made of any baggage, that the British authorities are now investigating the question and that a decision will be reached in a few days.

GERMAN CHURCHES, POLITICAL PARTIES CHARGED WITH FAILING TO CHECK ANTI-SEMITISM

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The churches and political parties in Germany, as well as the occupational authorities there have been charged by Rabbi Wilhelm Weinberg, spiritual leader of the Frankfurt Jewish community, with failing to help check anti-Semitic sentiment which is now growing among the German population.

"The Christian Churches, Germany's political parties, military government--each could have done its part, but each has failed us," the rabbi told an editor of the Saturday Evening Post. "It takes propaganda to fight propaganda and there is no massive effort to combat anti-Semitism in Germany today," he pointed out.

Reporting this statement in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post, Ernest O. Hauser, the journalist who discussed the question of anti-Semitism in Germany with the Frankfurt rabbi, says that of the pre-war Jewish population of 28,000 in Frankfurt only 147 were found alive when the U.S. Army entered the city in 1945. At present there are 947 Jews residing there, more than a third of whom are 55 years of age, or over.

"There is little enthusiasm over the fact that the German authorities are rebuilding--at state expense--one of Frankfurt's main synagogues, burned down by the Nazis," Mr. Hauser writes. He quotes Jewish residents of the city as commenting: "What for? There will never be enough Jews to fill it."

PROPOSAL TO ADMIT 10,000 ARAB DP'S TO U.S. SUPPORTED IN PRINCIPLE BY N.Y. CONGRESSMAN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The proposal to admit 10,000 displaced Palestine Arabs to the United States under the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 was supported in principle today by Rep. Abraham J. Multer, of New York, in testimony submitted in his behalf to the Senate immigration subcommittee here. However, Rep. Multer, who is now in Europe, termed such a gesture "piecemeal and unrealistic."

The New York Congressman asserted that any attempt to "foist" the Arab DP's upon Israel is doomed to failure and warned that the return of the Arabs to the Jewish state would serve to increase friction in that area. He suggested that a happier and more practical solution would be for displaced Arabs to remain among their co-religionists in the Arab states. The New York Congressman also expressed hope that Gordon R. Clapp's economic survey mission will make possible a sound basis for resettlement of Arabs in Arab countries.