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YOUTH ALIYAH TRANSFERRED 45,000 CHILDREN TO ISRAEL SINCE 1934, AGENCY OFFICIAL REPORTS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The Youth Aliyah brought 45,000 children and youths to Israel since 1934, Moshe Kol, head of the youth immigration department of the Jewish Agency, told a press conference here today.

Reviewing his recent tour of transit camps for Israel-bound immigrants in Europe and North Africa, Mr. Kol reported that the main part of Youth Aliyah's work in Europe had been successfully accomplished with the transfer of all Jewish children from German, Austrian and Italian displaced persons camps to Israel. The movement's offices in these countries, he said, have been closed since the first of this month.

Mr. Kol reported that the group's work in Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria had also been completed while "unsparing efforts" were continuing in Poland to induce the Polish Government to permit the transfer to Israel of Jewish children orphaned during the war.

Mr. Kol asserted that a new chapter was now being written in the history of Youth Aliyah with the bringing to Israel of young Jews from the Middle East. He revealed that 2,000 Turkish, 900 Moroccan, 200 Tunisian and 800 Yemenite Jewish youths were absorbed in Israel during the past year. The next objective of Youth Aliyah, he stated, consists of bringing 1,000 children monthly to the Jewish state from North Africa. However, he said, these youths must first receive medical treatment in transit centers in France, which are being administered in cooperation with the Joint Distribution Committee. He reported that 1,300 youths were now in institutions in France where a new transit camp opened this month accommodating 400 youngsters.

All of these institutions, Mr. Kol explained, are staffed with instructors from Israel. He paid tribute to the Norwegian institution "Europe Hilfe," which, he stated, was taking care of 200 children prior to their transfer to Youth Aliyah authorities.

J.N.F. IN JERUSALEM SETS UP DEPARTMENT TO RECOVER JEWISH PROPERTY LOOTED IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem has established a department for the recovery and transfer of Jewish property looted during the Nazi rule in Europe, the J.N.F. here announced today.

The announcement added that "all claimants in the United States are requested to communicate with the representatives of the Fund in New York." The new department's work is "being conducted in consultation with the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency," it was added.

In placing its facilities at the disposal of individual claimants, it was explained, the J.N.F. was "motivated by the desire to salvage whatever resources we can for the reconstruction and building of Israel." To date, 8,000 claims emanating from individuals and groups in 17 countries have been processed in Jerusalem.

J.N.F. Parley in Jerusalem Calls for Increased Aid to Zionist Ideal

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- A proclamation calling on the "citizens of Israel and the people of Israel wherever you may be" to increase their endeavors and "recruit all their strength for the full realization of Zionism and the ideal of the national homeland" was issued during the week-end by the Jewish National Fund "Call of the Land" conference taking place here. The need for continued aid to newly-arriving immigrants, as well as for the programs of afforestation and rejuvenation of the Negov, was also stressed.

JDC PARLEY OPENS IN PARIS TODAY; ACCORD WITH JEWISH AGENCY ON WORK IN ISRAEL ANNOUNCED

PARIS, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee, on the eve of the opening here tomorrow of the annual conference of its directors in European and North African countries, announced today that an agreement to set up a \$15,000,000 fund to aid sick and aged Jews recently arrived in Israel has been reached by the Israel Government, the Jewish Agency and the J.D.C. The agreement -- details of which have not yet been worked out -- will cover a minimum period of 15 months.

One-half of the total sum will be provided by the J.D.C. while the other half will come from the Agency and from Israel. According to the announcement, the Israel Government will provide land and buildings and construction of installations to care for the new immigrants. The agreement also covers members of the so-called "hard core" group of refugees.

Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the J.D.C. who is now in Paris, said of the accord: "The accelerated pace of Jewish immigration to Israel has caused serious hardships to the thousands of newcomers arriving monthly in the Holy Land. Especially affected by the overcrowding in the immigrant camps in Israel are the 'hard core' cases -- the sick, the aged and the infirm, the halt, the lame and the blind."

Mr. Leavitt also noted that the J.D.C.'s new undertaking would mark a departure for it since up to now it has concentrated its welfare programs among Jews in Europe and North Africa and in aiding Jews to proceed to overseas points. The J.D.C. has been spending an average of \$2,000,000 monthly for transporting and maintaining Israel-bound refugees since the establishment of the Jewish state, it was pointed out.

POLISH COURT IMPOSES DEATH SENTENCE ON NAZI WED ORDERED MURDER OF 160,000 JEWS

WARSAW, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The Lodz appeals court imposed the death sentence on Alfred Stromberg, a German, for numerous war crimes, including responsibility for transporting 160,000 Jews to the Chelm extermination camp during the 1942-45 period.

Stromberg was also accused of directing the liquidation of the Lodz ghetto. The prosecution disclosed that while carrying out the mass murder of inmates of a Jewish children's TB hospital, Stromberg ordered his henchmen to throw more than 600 youngsters out of a second-floor window.

A demand that the former Gestapo chief for the Bialystok district, Col. S. Fromm, be extradited from the British zone in Germany to this country to stand trial for war crimes has been made by the Warsaw government. Fromm is accused of personally ordering the extermination of tens of thousands of Jews. Practically all official Gestapo orders issued during the war in Bialystok carried his signature.

GROUP OF IMMIGRANTS EN ROUTE TO ISRAEL FROM HUMANIA DELAYED WHEN VESSEL IS DAMAGED

BUCHAREST, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- A group of 234 Israel-bound Jewish immigrants who were scheduled to sail last night aboard the Israel transport S.S. Eilat from the port of Constanza, on the Black Sea, were held up when it was learned the vessel had been damaged in a Mediterranean storm and had been forced to put in at Istanbul for repairs. The Israel legation here was busy today seeking other means of transportation for the immigrants.