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UNRRA DECIDES TO FURNISH RELIEF TO JEWS IN ENEMY AND EX-ENEMY COUNTRIES IN EUROPE

MONTREAL, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Special measures for relief of Jews in enemy territory as well as in the liberated countries of Europe will be taken by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration - with the consent of the occupying military authorities - under a resolution passed today by the Policy Committee of the UNRRA Council now in session here.

The resolution, as originally introduced by the British delegation, merely authorized the UNRRA to furnish relief to Allied nationals found in enemy and ex-enemy territory. Dean Acheson, leader of the United States delegation, however, proposed an amendment reading: "or to other persons who have been obliged to leave their country, or place of origin, or former residence, or who have been deported therefrom by action of the enemy because of their race, religion, or activities in favor of the United Nations."

In offering this amendment, Acheson emphasized that it was specifically designed to enable the UNRRA to help persecuted members of national minorities of whom ninety-five percent are Jewish. He added that the amendment did not cover the problem of repatriation. At a press conference he estimated that approximately ninety-nine percent of all the Jews on the European continent would come under the provisions of the amendment. The only Jews not covered by it, he said, would be those who had been allowed to remain in their homes in enemy territory.

Representatives of major Jewish organizations who are expected to be called for a hearing before the joint committee of the UNRRA dealing with problems of health, welfare and displaced persons, today formulated a unified program which will be presented to the joint committee on Monday. The program demands:

1. Repatriation and other aid for displaced persons in enemy and ex-enemy territory and for victims of the Nazi regime prior to the outbreak of the war.
2. Aid to victims of racial and religious persecution in enemy and ex-enemy territory.
3. Aid to displaced Jews who cannot or do not desire to be repatriated.

The organizations which agreed on this program include the American Jewish Committee, the Canadian Jewish Congress, the World Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Conference and the Agudas Israel. Their representatives also promised to support the demand that dietary and religious laws be observed in UNRRA relief activities for Jews.

It was reliably learned here today that the question of settling Jewish refugees in Palestine has not been considered by the UNRRA council. Representatives of the U. S. delegation made it clear that there is no basis for the impression prevailing here that the United States delegation had interested itself in the question of settling Jewish refugees in Palestine.

JEWISH UNDERGROUND RELIEF COMMITTEE IN BELGIUM FETES ALLIED JEWISH SOLDIERS

BRUSSELS, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The Committee for Jewish Defense - affiliated with the underground movement in Belgium - which since July, 1942 has been helping Jews find hiding places and placed Jewish children with Christian families to avoid their deportation by the Germans, marked the end of its underground activities by arranging a special luncheon for several hundred Jewish soldiers of the Allied armies now stationed here.

The lightning advance of the Allied armies into Belgium saved from deportation large numbers of Belgian Jews including 800 inmates of the Brussels Jewish Home for the Aged, the Socialist newspaper Le Peuple reveals. Preparation for the deportations had already been completed by a Gestapo officer named Burger, who boasted that he carried out wholesale deportations of the Jews of Greece within a few days, the paper says.

In addition to the inmates of the home for the aged, 520 Jewish internees confined in the Dossin barracks at Malines were slated for deportation. They were rescued a few hours before their scheduled departure by the Committee for Jewish Defense. The joy of the 800 aged Jews was indescribable when many of them found their sons among the Belgian units arriving in Brussels, Le Peuple also reports.

LARGE SCALE AMERICAN JEWISH RELIEF NEEDED FOR JEWS IN FRANCE, OBSERVER REPORTS

LONDON, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Large-scale American Jewish relief will be needed for the Jews in liberated France, it was predicted here today by John Sills, representative of the Jewish Welfare Board, who has returned from a ten-day visit to Paris.

Of the 25,000 Jews in Paris more than 10,000 are on the brink of starvation, Mr. Sills reported. The barbaric treatment of the Jews in France under the German occupation is beyond description, he said. Survivors, when they meet American Jewish soldiers, start crying as they relate their experiences.

Sills visited eight soup kitchens established for Jews in the poorer sections of Paris. He said that American Jewish chaplains together with Jewish soldiers are taking measures to alleviate the needs of the starving Jews wherever possible.

Almost all Jews in France are full of praise for the help given them by non-Jews during the occupation, particularly by Catholic and Protestant clergymen who hid Jews from the Germans and who provided them with food in their hide-outs, the JWB representative stated.

DEPORTATIONS OF JEWS FROM HUNGARY CONTINUE; JEWS APPEAL FOR VISAS TO SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Recent complaints in Nazi newspapers about the "increasing audacity" of Jews in Hungary are merely "camouflage for further German measures against Hungarian Jews," the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter reports. It adds that despite Swedish intervention, thousands of Jews are still being deported from Hungary.

The paper says that a Hungarian scientist now residing in Sweden receives daily telegrams from Hungarian Jews appealing to him to procure safe-conduct and other papers for them from the Swedish foreign office.

The Bratislava radio reports that Jews confined in a concentration camp at Novaky have been liberated by Slovak guerrillas.

INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES INTO FRENCH LIFE SOUGHT; WORKING RIGHTS ASKED

PARIS, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- A meeting between high French resistance leaders and members of the Centre d'Action et de Defense des Immigres (CADI) today decided to seek the integration of refugees and immigrants into French life.

A. Alperin, president of the Jewish Unity Committee, represented the Jews at the meeting which adopted resolutions asking that refugees be given the right to become French citizens after ten years of residence and that immigrants holding identity cards be granted the same working rights with the same pay and the same social insurance protection given French citizens.

JEWISH AGENCY OPENS ENLISTMENT OFFICE FOR MEN DESIRING TO SERVE IN JEWISH BRIGADE

LONDON, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- By arrangement with the War Office, the Jewish Agency for Palestine today opened an office in London for preliminary registration of men desiring to serve in the Jewish brigade being formed by the British Government.

Registration offices will also be opened in provincial cities throughout England. Zionist youth organizations, including the Hechalutz, Hahonim, Hashomer Hatzair, will hold conferences during the week-end to organize enlistment of their members in the brigade.

Brigadier Edmund C. W. Meyers, 38-year-old veteran of the Middle East campaign, is favored for command of the Jewish brigade group, the Evening Standard reports today. Meyers, who has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order, commands a detachment of sappers.

Other possibilities for commander of the brigade the paper says are Brigadier W. R. Beddington of the Royal Armored Corps, Major-Gen. R. H. Lorie, Brigadier E. F. Benjamin and Col. R. H. A. Lucas. It also states that Major Wellesley Aron who commands Jewish units in Italy is almost certain to be transferred to the brigade. All appointments will be submitted to South African Prime Minister Jan Smuts, long-time advocate of a separate Jewish fighting force, before they are made, the Standard adds.

The liberal New Statesman and Nation in an editorial today hailing formation of the brigade, declares that "for four years the policy of appeasing the Arabs has stood in the way of a Jewish Army. Late though the announcement comes," it continues, "we welcome this victory over anti-Semitic prejudice."

Palestine Jews Congratulate Weizmann on Fight for Jewish Force

JERUSALEM, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the Jewish National Council today cabled to Dr. Chaim Weizmann and Moshe Shertok in London congratulating them on their efforts to obtain a separate Jewish fighting force, which were successfully culminated this week with announcement by the British War Office that a Jewish brigade group is to be established.

Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Council, declared in a statement issued to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that creation of the brigade "strengthens our confidence that even the post-war world will recognize our right to national independence within our own homeland." Similar sentiments were voiced in editorials appearing in all the Hebrew dailies yesterday and today.

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM PROTESTS FORMATION OF JEWISH BRIGADE BY BRITAIN

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Formation of a Jewish brigade group by Great Britain was protested today in wires sent to Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Secretary of War Henry L. Stinson by Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council for Judaism.

"Newspapers report a British Government decision to form a so called Jewish Brigade under a so called Jewish flag," the wires read. "We hereby protest against that action and designation. We urge that our military and civil officials be warned against that error and instructed to use the accurate designation of Zionist Brigade and Zionist flag. Americans of the Jewish faith are and always have been in the American armed forces. The flag of Americans of the Jewish faith is the Stars and Stripes."

SECRETARY MORGENTHAU CALLS UPON AMERICAN JEWS TO HELP LIBERATED EUROPEAN JEWRY

CHICAGO, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Liberation of Jews in Europe by the Allied armies will multiply opportunities for American Jews to be of service to their needy European brethren, Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, stated last night addressing a meeting of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, attended by more than 2,500 persons.

The meeting was also addressed by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee and Dr. James G. Heller, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal. The JDC and the UFA derive their funds from the United Jewish Appeal. Judge Ulysses S. Schwartz, president of the Jewish Welfare Fund, presided.

Describing the activities of the War Refugee Board, Mr. Morgenthau told the meeting that "with a small staff in Washington, with a handful of able representatives in strategic neutral countries, the Board has carried on a host of activities in relief, rescue and psychological warfare - all designed to save the lives of oppressed peoples."

Mr. Morgenthau emphasized that Jews in America, who have been spared the horrors which Jews have lived through in German-occupied countries, have a solemn obligation to those who experienced them. "We have an obligation to those millions whom the war will have left homeless and hungry, uprooted and driven to distant places, bereft of any means to start their lives anew," he stated. "We cannot turn our heads aside and look the other way."

The meeting was also addressed by Elmer Stevens, president of the Community and War Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, which will begin its campaign for \$12,980,000 early in October. The Jewish Welfare Fund this year will receive \$1,500,000 from the Community and War Fund of which it is a part.

JEWISH AGENCY CONFERS WITH SOVIET EMBASSY ON RELIEF SHIPMENTS

LONDON, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- A representative of the Jewish Agency has approached the Soviet Embassy here in connection with securing facilities for the Palestine Jewish Rescue Committee to send relief to liberated areas of Eastern Europe. The results of the meeting with a Soviet official are not known.

A number of Palestinian Jewish women serving in the Auxiliary Territorial Service will shortly be discharged in order to join the Balkan mission of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, it is learned here.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE SUBMITS MEMORANDUM ON JEWISH RIGHTS TO STATE DEPARTMENT

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Nullification of all discriminatory laws and measures enacted against the Jewish population by the Axis authorities, and the restoration of all rights formerly enjoyed by Jews immediately upon the liberation of any European area by the Allied forces was urged today in a memorandum submitted to Secretary of State Cordell Hull by the American Jewish Conference.

In addition to the restoration of rights for individuals, the memorandum called for the reinstatement of all the rights of communal, religious and cultural organization, which the Jewish population enjoyed after the first world war.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS FOR RETURN OF CONFISCATED PROPERTY TO RUMANIAN JEWS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The British Embassy here today released the text of a letter addressed to it by the World Jewish Congress expressing the hope that the Allied governments will exercise "an unremitting watchfulness through the Allied Control Commission to ensure the faithful execution of the terms of the armistice" with Rumania.

Emphasizing that the Congress hopes that the same pattern will be followed in future armistice agreements, the letter expresses satisfaction with the terms of the armistice which provide for the immediate abrogation of all racial legislation in Rumania and for the release of all persons detained owing to their racial origin, but urges at the same time that "the right to the return of confiscated property which is expressly safeguarded in the case of Allied nationals, should be enforced in the same way for all persons, irrespective of nationality, or racial origin."

STATE DEPARTMENT STUDIES RIGHTS OF EAST-EUROPEAN JEWS IN LIBERATED FRANCE

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The State Department today notified Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, that careful consideration is being given to suggestions contained in a memorandum submitted by him to Secretary of State Cordell Hull asking for the complete restoration of rights and property to East European Jews who lived in France prior to June 1940, when the Germans occupied Paris.

The Jewish Labor Committee's memorandum also called Mr. Hull's attention to the problem of repatriation which will soon confront a large number of unnaturalized French Jews who were deported, or escaped from France. The document also proposed that just compensation be given to those whose property was confiscated or destroyed as a result of the anti-Jewish decrees and that a scheme be devised to enable these persons to recover their property or receive proper compensation without undue delay.

FELIX WARBURG HOME TO BE CONVERTED INTO MUSEUM OF JEWISH CULTURE

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Plans have been filed with the Department of Housing and Buildings here for conversion of the former home of the late Felix Warburg into a museum of Jewish culture. About 4,000 historical and cultural objects will be transferred to the building from the Jewish Theological Seminary to which the Warburg home was given earlier this year by Mrs. Frieda Schiff Warburg.

B'NAI B'RITH NEW YORK LODGES SOLD \$15,000,000 WORTH OF BOND IN 5TH WAR LOAN

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith lodges in the metropolitan area sold over \$15,000,000 worth of war bonds in the Fifth War Loan Drive, more than doubling their original quota of \$7,000,000, it was announced last night at a dinner given by the war service committee of the B'nai B'rith Metropolitan Council at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.