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JEWISH LEADER MURDERED IN POLAND; KILLER LEAVES CARD IDENTIFYING HIS ORGANIZATION

WARSAW, June 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Michael Szcoglowski-Mehrer, a leader of the OSE, the Jewish Health Society, in Poland, was murdered by a member of an anti-Semitic underground group at his home in Katowice, which was located on the busiest street of the city.

The murderer brazenly left behind a card indicating that he was a member of the Polish Home Army, which is terrorizing the Jews and campaigning against the present Polish Government.

At his funeral today, which was attended by thousands of people, representatives of the government, of the Polish Medical Association and of other groups expressed their indignation at the terrorism.

Hans Bubow, commander of the Lodz ghetto where 209,000 Jews were murdered, and Rudolph Hoess, commandant of the infamous Oswiecim death camp, have been brought here from the U.S. zone of Germany by a Polish military commission to stand trial as war criminals. The commission was headed by Dr. Marjan Muszkat, vice-president of the Supreme Military Court and president of the CRT in Poland.

Bubow will be tried at Lodz where several hundred Jewish witnesses are expected to testify against him. Hoess' trial will take place in Warsaw, and witnesses from all over Europe have been assembled to testify.

Another war criminal brought here this week is Hauptsturmfuhrer Goetz, who liquidated the Cracow and Szesak ghettos and volunteered to wipe out the ghettos in Turnow and Buchnia. Goetz is charged with responsibility for the deaths of tens of thousands of Jews. He was in hiding in the U.S. zone of Germany for almost a year before being apprehended. Flown here with Goetz was Fritz Preuse, a SS leader who took part in the destruction of the Warsaw ghetto.

It was announced today that a court at Cracow has sentenced to death Joseph Aksat and Sofia Moskalova for betraying a Jewish lawyer named Humpert to the Gestapo in 1942. Humpert was killed by the Nazis.

20,000 Polish Jews Have Settled in Former German City of Stettin

Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Dr. Julius Brutzkus, president of the world OSE, arrived here during the week-end.

Their arrival is particularly welcome at this time because of the difficulties which the Jewish organizations here are facing in connection with the medical and other aid needed by tens of thousands of Polish Jews who are being repatriated from Russia.

The last transports of Jewish repatriates from Russia are being directed to the port city of Stettin which Poland acquired from Germany. There are already more than 20,000 Polish Jews in Stettin, the majority of whom are working on the reconstruction of the port. A large number of them are in need of food, clothing and medicine.

U.N. REFUGEE BODY OPPOSES INTERIM RELIEF MEASURES BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

LONDON, June 2. (JTA) -- The final session of the United Nations Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons yesterday defeated a motion by Chairman Sir Hector McNeill, British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, that the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee be authorized to undertake interim measures on behalf of refugees and DP's pending the establishment of a new international body by the U.N. Social and Economic Council.

McNeill's proposal was supported by the American and French delegates, but was strongly opposed by Soviet delegate Matov. The Russian representative said that his government planned to re-introduce several of the controversial questions which were bypassed by the committee, when the Social and Economic Council meets in September. The meeting adopted a resolution drawing the attention of the Council to the urgency of the refugee problem.

George Warren, the American delegate, said that the U.S. Government supported the committee's final report, which included a section analyzing the memorandums submitted by various Jewish organizations. It said that they revealed a "considerable degree of unanimity" concerning the need for the permanent resettlement of Jewish refugees and DP's, mainly in Palestine, and suggestions for alleviating the present plight of the refugees.

KING GEORGE TELLS ABDULLAH BRITAIN WILL NOT ACT ON PALESTINE WITHOUT HEARING ARABS

JERUSALEM, June 2. (JTA) -- King George of Britain has informed King Abdullah of Transjordan that the report of the Anglo-American inquiry committee is being carefully studied by British officials, who will take no action until they have considered the views of the Arab states, a report received here today from Amman, capital of Transjordan, discloses. King George's statement was in reply to Abdullah's protest against the recommendations of the joint committee.

At a mass meeting today called by the Palestine Arab Party, Jamal Husseini, chairman of the Arab Higher Committee, warned the audience of 3,000 that they must prepare "to defend their country with blood." He said that 80,000 members of the Haganah are ready to smash the Arabs, but in the neighboring countries there are underground groups who are training to come to the aid of the Palestine Arabs if necessary.

Referring to the rift in the Higher Committee, which has resulted in five parties forming a new group, he charged that he was unable to accept the dissident parties nominees for membership on the Committee, because two favored cooperation between Arabs and Jews.

(A Reuter report from Calcutta published in London today, says that the exult of Jerusalem has suggested to leaders of Indian Moslems that a world-wide Moslem conference be held to map ways of preventing Jewish immigration to Palestine.)

Diamonds valued at \$100,000 were today stolen from the Tel Aviv diamond factory in a daring robbery by three armed Jews. The thieves bound and gagged the cashier and watchman at the plant and escaped. They have not yet been apprehended.

SENTENCE OF RADU LECCA, RUMANIAN EX-MINISTER FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS, COMMUTED TO LIFE TERM

BUCHAREST, June 2. (JTA) -- Radu Lecca, Minister for Jewish Affairs in the pro-Nazi Antonescu Government, who was sentenced to death as a war criminal several weeks ago, has been reprieved and his sentence commuted to life imprisonment, it was announced here. Lecca was tried together with 16 other high Rumanian officials including Marshal Ion Antonescu, who was executed yesterday.

JEWISH GROUPS URGED TO BAR TALKS ON PALESTINE'S FUTURE UNTIL INQUIRY REPORT IMPLEMENTED

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- All Jewish groups were urged today by the closing session of the national convention of the American Jewish Congress not to enter into any negotiations concerning a permanent solution of the Palestine problem until the Anglo-American Committee's recommendation that 100,000 displaced European Jews be moved there immediately is carried out.

A resolution adopted by the several hundred assembled delegates also reaffirmed the Congress' "dedication to the Zionist ideal and the rebuilding of Palestine as a Jewish commonwealth." It denied that a Jewish state would mean domination of the Arabs.

Calling for the dissolution of all displaced persons camps in Europe, the convention resolved to "take all possible steps for the rehabilitation of Europe's Jews" and demanded further that "the doors of all other countries be opened to the victims of Nazi oppression who wish to emigrate from their lands of origin." The United States was asked to relax its present immigration quotas for a period of two years and to permit the immediate entrance into the United States of "all such unfortunate stateless persons who definitely possess the qualifications for American citizenship."

Citing recent reports that American troops stationed in former enemy countries have been "seriously influenced by Nazi and fascist propaganda and inoculated with the deadly germs of prejudice," the convention called for "a more effective system of orientation and educational training of these members of the armed forces."

Delegates Back Fight on Racial and Religious Discrimination

The delegates pledged support to the program against racial and religious discrimination conducted by the Congress' Commission on Law and Social Action. They called on the American Jewish Congress to "intensify its activities to the end that no educational institution in this country shall any longer be allowed to discriminate against any person because of his race, color or creed," and endorsed the action of the organization in preparing a model bill which would provide "adequate administrative procedure for removing the tax privileges of educational institutions guilty of discrimination and which would permit civic organizations to take action leading to the revocation of these privileges."

The convention further urged all American governmental agencies to take necessary steps toward the eradication of racial and religious discrimination and condemned the granting of public funds "to any group or agency which pursues a policy of discrimination because of race, creed or color."

Oppose Laws Curbing Labor's Rights; Back United Nations Unity

The convention opposed legislation curbing the rights of labor, which it said was "one of the major allies of minority groups in the struggle for the recognition and protection of their rights;" called for Big Four and United Nations unity and pledged cooperation with democratic veterans organizations.

Other resolutions greeted the Polish-Jewish delegation headed by Dr. Emil Somersstein, which is now in this country; commended the Polish Government for its efforts in combating anti-Semitism; voted to expand both its program under which American Jews "adopt" war orphans and destitute Jewish children in Europe and its Office of Jewish Information and decided to organize youth chapters throughout the country.

Speaking at a public session of the convention last night, James G. McDonald, member of the Anglo-American inquiry committee, termed the delay in the admission of

100,000 Jews to Palestine "a threat to the security and peace of the world." Describing the problem of the displaced persons in Europe as "one of the most acute sources of tension in that troubled continent," Mr. McDonald told the meeting that it could be "most quickly and effectively relieved by the immediate admission of 100,000 to Palestine." He declared that "by their delay the Governments of Great Britain and the United States are failing not only to ease the plight of the Jewish people, but to make a significant and important contribution towards easing the general tension in which the world finds itself today."

Dr. Emil Sommerstein, who also spoke last night, said although the Polish Government was combatting anti-Semitism vigorously, by invoking the death penalty against all who commit acts of violence against Jews, six years of Nazi occupation have left deep marks on the attitude of the Polish population. "The daily murders of Jews within the sight of the whole Polish population led some less enlightened sections," he said, "to believe that Jewish life was completely worthless and may be destroyed with impunity." Dr. Sommerstein attacked the "centers of Polish reaction abroad," and specifically mentioned the staff of General Anders as the instigators of anti-Semitic violence through terrorist bands that roam the country.

As its final business today, the convention elected the following officers; Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president; Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the executive committee; Simon E. Sobeloff of Baltimore, chairman of the administrative committee; Max Bressler of Chicago, chairman of the council on organization and finance; Dr. Alfred J. Marrow of New York, treasurer, and nine vice-presidents.

#### LAGUARDIA SAYS UNRRA HAD NO RIGHT TO HALT ACTIVITIES OF JEWISH DELEGATION IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- Director-General Fiorello LaGuardia today told Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the World Jewish Congress, that UNRRA authorities in Germany had no right to halt the activities of a cultural delegation sent to the DP camps by the Congress.

The delegation, which is headed by H. Leivick, Yiddish poet and playwright, was ordered last week to leave Germany because its activities were allegedly not in harmony with UNRRA's principles.

LaGuardia was quoted by the Congress as stating that "I do not believe the entire story. UNRRA has no right to do such a thing. Submit all the facts to me and I will take the necessary steps."

#### JDC HAS APPROPRIATED \$25,000,000 FOR RELIEF ABROAD SINCE BEGINNING OF 1946

CHICAGO, June 2. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has appropriated \$25,000,000 for relief activities abroad since the beginning of 1946, Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-president of the JDC, revealed today at a meeting of 500 Jewish leaders in the Palmer House here.

The largest sum allocated to one country was \$4,000,000 assigned to meet the needs of the Jews in Poland, Dr. Hyman said. He stated that the most pressing relief problem in Europe today was that of the more than 100,000 Polish Jews returning to Poland from the USSR. He said these refugees deserve as much attention as the displaced Jews in Germany. Discussing the position of the 1,500,000 Jews in Europe, the JDC leader called on their respective governments to speed restoration of their economic and political rights so that they may be enabled to rehabilitate themselves.

The meeting voted to form a West Central Region of the JDC. Benjamin M. Loeb of St. Louis was elected chairman.

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM SUBMITS ITS VIEWS ON PALESTINE REPORT TO STATE DEPARTMENT

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism has endorsed all of the recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, including the provision for the admission of 100,000 displaced Jews into Palestine, and has urged the adoption of the report as a whole, as a humanitarian proposal designed to save and to safeguard Jews of Palestine and of Europe, it was disclosed today. The Council urged the early implementation of all of the recommendations.

Its views were expressed in a communication to the State Department submitted by Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the Council, at a meeting with Dean Acheson, Under-Secretary of State, and Loy Henderson, director of Near-Eastern Affairs, following an invitation extended to the Council by the State Department, asking it to convey its comments on the Anglo-American Committee's report. A similar expression of support has been communicated to President Truman.

The Council stressed the imperative need of adopting the report as a whole as providing a "realistic balance between contending forces." The rate of implementation of the specific recommendations, the Council maintained, "will necessarily vary depending upon their nature, but the policy implicit in the total report should be accepted by the adoption of the report as a whole. This would serve the important salutary purpose of indicating clearly the lines of policy which will guide our Government in its relationship to the problems dealt with in the report and will act as a restraint upon partisan interpretations. Partisan pressures," the statement adds, "which demand the acceptance of only those recommendations that are favorable will lead unquestionably to unsettled conditions within and outside of Palestine."

The Council endorsed the recommendation for immediate immigration of 100,000 Jews into Palestine and urged that every precaution be taken that "such certificates are not diverted from the displaced refugees." The Council further expressed its complete concurrence and support of the committee's recommendation that Palestine shall not be a Jewish or Arab State and asked that every effort be made to have the Jewish Agency, the Arab League and their constituent organizations accept this declaration.

The statement further advanced the desirability of inviting the "native talent of the Palestinian people, Christians, Jews and Moslems, to assume a larger part of the official administration," and hailed the committee's recommendation continuing immigration opportunities into Palestine in accordance with the absorptive capacity of the country and that such immigration shall not be determined by racial or religious qualifications. The Council also supported the recommendation of the committee to remove discriminatory practices now in existence in Palestine which, it said, "tend to alienate one section of the Palestinian population from another."

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN MASS MEETING TO PROTEST DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING PALESTINE REPORT

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- Assailing the "unconscionable tactics" of the British Government and the U.S. State Department, which, he charged, are "designed to delay indefinitely the fulfillment of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry's recommendation that 100,000 European Jews be admitted into Palestine at once," Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the executive committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council, announced today that a mass demonstration will be held at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday evening, June 12, in order to "make the facts available to the public and give expression to the feeling of indignation shared by the Jews of America."

In a statement issued here, Dr. Silver warned that "an unprecedented catastrophe" is inevitable in the displaced persons camps, unless the doors of Palestine are opened to the remnants of European Jewry. "The British Government and the U.S. Department of State should understand that if there is mass-suicide in the displaced persons camps--as observers have predicted--the blood of these tragic people will be on their hands," he declared.

J.A. MEETING VOTES \$6,000,000 EMERGENCY CHILDREN'S CAMPAIGN TO START IN AUGUST

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- A \$6,000,000 Emergency Children's Campaign to get under way on August 15 was voted today by 1,000 delegates of Jewish fraternal groups attending a luncheon meeting of the Council of Organizations of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York at the Manhattan Plaza.

Dr. Emil Sommerstein, chairman of the Central Jewish Committee of Poland, who has just arrived in this country, described the present condition of the Jewish survivors in Poland. He asserted that the repatriation of 150,000 Polish Jews from Russia which is now taking place is accentuating the crisis confronting the Polish Jewish community, and that more assistance from the Joint Distribution Committee will be needed as a result. Other speakers at the luncheon included Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Judge Jacob J. Goldstein.

U.P.A. SPENT \$15,000,000 DURING FIRST THIRD OF 1946 FOR AID TO JEWS REACHING PALESTINE

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- Palestine agencies supported by the United Palestine Appeal spent more than \$15,000,000 in the first four months of 1946 for aid to Jewish refugees reaching Palestine during this period and in preparation for the settlement of other expected immigrants, it was announced by Rudolph G. Sonneborn, acting national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

DR. MORDECAI KAPLAN RESIGNS AS DEAN OF TEACHERS INSTITUTE OF JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Mordecai Kaplan, noted Jewish philosopher and educational authority, has resigned as dean of the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Seminary, announced. Rabbi Moshe Davis, registrar of the Seminary's rabbinical school and assistant dean of the Institute, has been named to succeed Dr. Kaplan.

Dr. Kaplan has been dean of the Institute since its establishment 37 years ago. He has been connected with the Seminary since 1902. Dr. Kaplan recently started a drive for the establishment of a University of Judaism and will devote much of his time toward the development of such a school. He will continue as professor of Homiletics at the Seminary's rabbinical school.

BALTIMORE WELFARE FUND DRIVE RAISES \$2,300,000; ORIGINAL QUOTA WAS \$1,500,000

BALTIMORE, June 2. (JTA) -- The Jewish Welfare Fund of Baltimore, at its final report meeting, announced that it had raised a total of \$2,300,000. Its original goal was \$1,500,000. This amount was over-subscribed at the first report meeting. The goal was then increased to \$2,000,000. Final results totalled \$2,300,000. This compares with \$622,000 raised by Baltimore in its last Welfare Fund campaign. Sidney Lansburgh is president of the Fund and Harry Greenstein is executive director.

DR. SLOVIN, JEWISH ATOMIC RESEARCH SCIENTIST, BURIED IN WINNIPEG; DIED DURING EXPERIMENTS

WINNIPEG, June 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Louis Slotin, Jewish scientist who died last week from the effects of radiation burns suffered as the result of an accident at Los Alamos, New Mexico, where he was engaged in atomic research, was buried here today. He was 35 years old.

When the accident occurred Dr. Slotin thrust himself between the exploding atomic material and seven of his co-workers. All suffered from burns, but Dr. Slotin's quick action saved the lives of the other men. Dr. Slotin took an active part in all the experimental work in the New Mexico desert and was to have participated in the Bikini Atoll experiment.

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