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TALKING ABOUT MONEY

Leaders are being summoned to Chicago for a week-end parley on May 3rd to talk about more and better fund-raising for the Joint Defense Appeal of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League. Judge Proskauer of New York is doing the inviting. . . . Story is \$1,600,000 will be reported as result of first year's effort. . . . Main aim of conference is to deal with confusion in minds of contributors who see FBI carting enemy agents off to jail but yet hear anti-Semites yelling louder than ever. . . . That should give the American Jewish Congress, meeting in the same city two weeks later, an equal chance to put across its story of present work and post-war planning. . . . The two conferences are likely to lead many to wonder why the groups are still apart and why some big shots don't want American Jews to be saved unless it's done their particular way and why some New York boys who felt especially hurt by Milton Mayer threaten to withdraw support if Stephen Wise is in the picture.

\$4,000,000 of \$32,000,000 drive being launched by USO on May 11th will be used for Camp Shows, Inc., itinerant troupes entertaining the soldier boys. . . . Funny how every generation has to go through the whole business all over again. Anybody remember what Raymond Fosdick reported to Secretary of War Newton D. Baker after the last war in talking about recreational facilities of civilian agencies in Army camps? "It seems to me," he said, "that the lesson of the war in social work involves therefore perhaps three points: the elimination of sectarian auspices, reduction in the number of agencies employed, and the transfer to the Government itself of much of the activity hitherto left to private initiative."

MORE MAYER

All the Jews who loved Jerome Frank in the Satevepost hated Milton Mayer in the same sheet. . . . Wonder if Zeta Beta Tau will expel him from membership because he took seriously the Hebrew meaning of its initials that righteousness shall be founded on justice. . . . Most of the sharp blasts at the University of Chicago graduate were based on the idea that at 33 he wasn't dry behind the ears yet and had no right to shoot his mouth off. . . . What do they say about 33-year-old Robert Nathan, brains of the War Production Board "thinking committee?" . . . Nothing got the American Jewish Committee and Anti-Defamation League so mad as an apparently unfounded allegation that representatives

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MACMICHAEL RETURNS TO PALESTINE

Jerusalem, May 18 (Palcor) -- Sir Harold MacMichael, High Commissioner for Palestine, returned to his post yesterday by airplane from London. Sir Harold had gone to England to confer with Lord Cranborne, new Colonial Secretary.

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ENGLAND HAS £75,000 IN KEREN HAYESOD DRIVE

London, May 18 (Palcor) -- English Jewry has already raised £75,000 (c.\$300,000) toward a goal of £100,000 for the Keren Hayesod, it was announced today by Lavy Bakstansky, Director of the campaign, at a luncheon tendered to Mrs. Archibald Silverman, Zionist leader, of Providence, R. I., who came here to help in the drive.

Mrs. Silverman, who was welcomed by representatives of the Jewish Agency, the British Zionist Federation and various women's groups when she arrived here this week-end, after completing a trip by air from the United States via Lisbon, was present at yesterday's session of the Board of Jewish Deputies. Today she addressed representatives of the American and Jewish press at the Dorchester Hotel. After conveying greetings from the various Jewish and Zionist bodies in America, she described American Jewry's attitude toward developments in Palestine. She spoke particularly of the reaction to the Struma disaster, which had aroused all of American Jewry because of Britain's share in it.

She told the newspapermen that there was widespread concern that of 80 Jewish refugees who have been wandering about the Mediterranean on three small boats seeking refuge in Palestine, only 16 have thus far been allowed to land and these have been interned. Referring to the admission of many non-Jews to Palestine's shores in recent months, she cited these incidents as evidence of serious discrimination against Jews.

There is a general conviction in America that there can be no solution of the world's problems without a radical solution of the Jewish problem, with its basis in Palestine, the American leader told the correspondents, many of them from influential American dailies.

After addressing a great mass meeting in Whitechapel on Wednesday night on behalf of the campaign, Mrs. Silverman will leave London for a tour of the provinces.

In announcing the status of the campaign at this time, Mr. Bakstansky

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referred to the remarkable contribution that had been made to its success by the recent visit of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who, he said, had influenced all elements of British Jewry.

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BRITISH WOMEN RAISE FUNDS FOR PALESTINE

London, May 18 (Palcor) -- British Jewry, despite its many obligations, is prepared to respond generously to every worthy cause, it was indicated last night at a successful concert conducted at the London Coliseum on behalf of the Women's Appeal Committee for Jewish Women and Children of Britain and Palestine.

Hero of the occasion was Richard Tauber, noted singer, who served as conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra as his contribution to the event. During the evening, he also sang and conducted a special composition of his own.

Mrs. Israel M. Sieff, Chairman of the Committee, in thanking Tauber for his generosity, announced that £3,000 was raised by the function.

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DUKE OF GLOUCESTER REVIEWS JEWISH CONSTABULARY

Jerusalem, May 17 (Palcor) -- The Duke of Gloucester, brother of King George VI, inspected on Friday afternoon a detachment of smart Jewish settlement police as the first item of his program on a visit to Palestine, part of a tour of the Middle East.

Wearing their distinctive slouch hats and summer kits, the Jewish constabulary were in a representative parade of 300 British and Palestinian constables in all branches who turned out for the King's brother. Other Jewish constables were included in various other detachments, including the police band, led by one of the first Jewish officers who entered the force after the British Occupation.

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ROYAL NAVY UNIFORMS SEEN IN HAIFA PARADE

Jerusalem, May 16 (Palcor) -- For the first time, Jewish recruits could be seen in the uniform of the Royal Navy in the military parade in Haifa last Wednesday, it was permitted to be disclosed here today. The smart outfits created a thrilling impression for the thousands of Jews who crowded the sidewalks of Hadar Hacarmel, Haifa hillside suburban center. The marching Jewish sailors were given a thunderous ovation as they swung by.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, INC.,
HELD FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1942, IN THE BILTMORE HOTEL (ROOM 1052) MADISON AVENUE AND 43RD
STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y., AT FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.

THERE WERE PRESENT:

JACOB BLAUSTEIN
DAVID PODELL
MRS. ROSE JACOBS
JOSEPH WILLEN

GEORGE BACKER
ARTHUR J. GOLDSMITH
IRA YOUNKER
JACOB LANDAU

THE SECRETARY, MR. JACOB LANDAU, SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE
JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY:

"AMERICAN ENTRANCE INTO THE WAR HAS NOT AFFECTED THE SUPPLY OF NEWS OF THE JTA
SERVICE. OUR LONDON AND JERUSALEM BUREAUS CONTINUE TO FUNCTION NORMALLY AND TO PROVIDE
NEWS FROM EUROPE, THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND THE NEAR EAST. OUR CORRESPONDENTS IN SWITZER-
LAND AND SWEDEN CONTINUE OPERATING, WATCHING THE PRESS OF GERMANY AND THE OCCUPIED
COUNTRIES AND INTERVIEWING ARRIVALS FROM THOSE AREAS. SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO RESTRIC-
TION PLACED ON THEIR CABLING. OUR CORRESPONDENT IN ROME, HOWEVER, AN AMERICAN JEW, HAS
NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE THE AXIS DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. WE
TRUST THAT HE IS RECEIVING THE SAME TREATMENT AS OTHER AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS DETAINED
IN ITALY.

"OUR LONDON OFFICE HAS ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINS CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE GOVERN-
MENTS-IN-EXILE IN ENGLAND AND RECEIVES THROUGH THESE SOURCES INFORMATION THEY OBTAIN
BY SECRET MEANS ON THE TREATMENT OF THE JEWS IN THE OCCUPIED COUNTRIES. THUS, OUR NEWS
TRANSMISSIONS FROM LONDON INCLUDE NEWS ON JEWISH DEVELOPMENTS IN POLAND, YUGOSLAVIA,
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BELGIUM AND HOLLAND, AS WELL AS ANGLO-JEWISH NEWS. THIS IS A VERY
VALUABLE SUPPLEMENT TO THE INFORMATION TRANSMITTED BY OUR CORRESPONDENTS IN THE
NEUTRAL STATES WHO FOLLOW CONDITIONS IN GERMANY AND THE OCCUPIED LANDS.

"THE JTA NOW IS ALSO RECEIVING AND DISTRIBUTING NEWS FROM MOSCOW THROWING LIGHT ON THE CONDITION OF THE JEWS IN NAZI-OCUPIED RUSSIAN TERRITORIES AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE POSITION OF THE JEWS IN RUSSIA AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF RUSSIAN JEWRY TO THE SOVIET WAR EFFORT. THE JTA HAS ALSO BEEN ENABLED TO REPORT AT LENGTH ON THE POSITION OF THE SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND POLISH JEWS NOW LIVING AS REFUGEES IN KAZAKSTAN AND OTHER DISTANT PARTS OF THE RUSSIAN STATE.

"DESPITE THE WAR-TIME HANDICAPS UNDER WHICH THE JTA HAD TO OPERATE SINCE 1939, THE JTA HAS SUCCEEDED IN MAINTAINING A SERVICE WHICH IS APPRECIATED BY THE ENTIRE JEWISH PRESS.

"ON FEBRUARY 6TH, THE JTA MARKED THE COMPLETION OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY. THE OCCASION WAS MARKED BY EDITORIAL TRIBUTES IN MANY JEWISH NEWSPAPERS AND ANGLO-JEWISH PUBLICATIONS AND BY NUMEROUS MESSAGES FROM JEWISH LEADERS HERE AND ABROAD.

"IN GENERAL, PRESS ARTICLES STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE JTA'S ROLE IN SUPPLYING THE WORLD WITH NEWS ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING THE JEWS DURING THE PRESENT EMERGENCY, AND EMPHASIZED THE NECESSITY OF THE JTA CONTINUING ITS MISSION OF COVERING AND REPORTING THE JEWISH SITUATION ALL OVER THE WORLD.

"JEWISH NEWSPAPERS AND ORGANIZATIONS ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT THE JTA IS THE PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES ISOLATED FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD BY THE NAZI REGIME. THE JTA REMAINS THE ONLY LINK BETWEEN THESE COMMUNITIES AND THE JEWS IN THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES.

"IN RECENT MONTHS, THE JTA HAS SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE TREATMENT OF THE JEWS IN THE OCCUPIED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ORDERS, RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER MEASURES WHICH WERE NOT EVEN PUBLISHED IN THE NAZI-CONTROLLED PRESS.

"THE JTA FIRST PUBLISHED THE NEWS OF THE EXECUTION BY THE NAZIS OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS IN THE CITY OF KIEV - NEWS WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED BY THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT. IT WAS THE ONLY AGENCY TO REVEAL THE FATE OF THE JEWISH COLONIES IN THE NAZI-OCUPIED UKRAINE. IT WAS ABLE TO REVEAL IN DETAIL THE TRAGIC STORY OF THE TREATMENT OF THE JEWS IN RUMANIA. IN ADDITION, THE JTA REVEALED EXCLUSIVELY NUMEROUS DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING THE JEWS IN SERBIA, CROATIA, HUNGARY, BULGARIA AND OTHER LANDS UNDER THE NAZI HEEL.

"THE JTA CONTINUES TO BE A POTENT FORCE ON THE 'HOME FRONT' IN DISPELLING THE IGNORANCE AND MISAPPREHENSIONS ABOUT JEWS WHICH ARE THE FAVORITE WEAPON OF THE ANTI-SEMITES. ITS STAFF IS CONSTANTLY AT WORK CHECKING ON LIBELS AND FALSE REPORTS HARMFUL TO THE JEWS AND REVEALING THEIR FALSITY. IT MAINTAINS REGULAR CONTACT WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AT WASHINGTON WHERE IT IS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S IMPORTANT AGENCIES.

"THE JTA NOW MAINTAINS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

- 1) NEWS BY CABLE AND WIRELESS TO THE DAILY PRESS IN AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA, GREAT BRITAIN, SOUTH AFRICA, PALESTINE AND OTHER COUNTRIES.
- 2) A DAILY NEWS BULLETIN OF JTA DISPATCHES SUPPLIED TO SUBSCRIBING JEWISH LEADERS, AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. (A SIMILAR SERVICE IS PUBLISHED IN LONDON.)
- 3) A SELECTIVE NEWS SERVICE SUPPLIED BY MAIL TO ANGLO-JEWISH WEEKLY PUBLICATIONS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.
- 4) A WEEKLY FEATURE SERVICE FOR THE ANGLO-JEWISH PRESS.

"PRACTICALLY ALL THE JEWISH PRESS AND SPANISH-JEWISH PRESS OF LATIN AMERICA DEPENDS ON THE JTA SERVICE WHICH IS TRANSMITTED PARTLY BY WIRELESS FROM NEW YORK AND PARTLY BY AIRMAIL.

"THE JTA NOW HAS CORRESPONDENTS FUNCTIONING IN MOST OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, REGULARLY SUPPLYING NEWS. THE SOUTH AMERICAN SERVICES HAVE ASSUMED SPECIAL IMPORTANCE IN RECENT MONTHS IN VIEW OF THE EMPHASIS ON THE 'GOOD NEIGHBOR' POLICY - A POLICY WHICH IS ALSO BEING PURSUED BY THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN THIS HEMISPHERE."

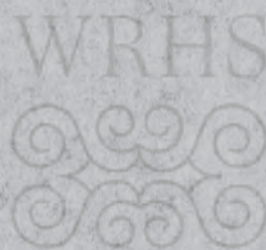
A DISCUSSION ENSUED ON THE VARIOUS PHASES CONTAINED IN ABOVE REPORT.

A DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ABOUT THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE AGENCY, AS WELL AS ABOUT THE VARIOUS NEGOTIATIONS OFFICERS OF THE AGENCY ARE CONDUCTING IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE AGENCY.

IT WAS DECIDED TO ELECT MR. FRANK L. WEIL AS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND HE WAS THEREUPON UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

JACOB LANDAU, SECRETARY



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GERMANS WILL RULE OVER DEPORTED SLOVAKIAN JEWS IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN EASTERN EUROPE

ZURICH, May 31. (JTA)-- Slovakian Jews, the bulk of whom are to be deported under the provisions of a law adopted last week by the Slovakian parliament, will be handed over to German authorities who will be in charge of concentration centers in the East (probably the Nazi-held section of the Ukraine) because "the Germans have more experience with this sort of work," it is reported today by the Grenzboten, Nazi-controlled daily published in Bratislava, the Slovakian capital.

According to the Guardista, organ of the Hlinka Guard, initial contingents of young Jews will be deported to these concentration centers to build accommodations for those who will follow. Once the camps are established, the Guardista reports, the Jews will be employed as tailors, shoemakers, etc, to supply the Nazi army in Russia. A Council of Elders will be set up with whom the Germans will deal exclusively, in matters concerning conditions at the camps, delivery of manufactured articles and payment for such products.

The Jews will be assigned food and household goods only in return for manufactured goods, the report states. They will be allowed to bring only 100 pounds of luggage with them to these camps. The State will receive first choice of all possessions which the Jews are forced to leave behind; the Hlinka Guard will have next chance at the confiscated goods; then the municipalities will be allowed to choose and, finally, tradesmen and public employees.

About 9,000 Jews, approximately 10% of the entire Slovak Jewish population, will be allowed to remain in the country, the Grenzboten discloses. These fall into the "economically indispensable" categories - such as doctors, professionals and their families - and baptized Jews, of whom there are about 2,500. All of these, however, will be governed by the "Jewish Code" and will have to reside on segregated streets.

GESTAPO RENEWS ANTI-JEWISH TERROR IN CZECH PROTECTORATE; TWO JEWISH WOMEN EXECUTED

BERNE, May 31. (JTA)-- Renewed anti-Jewish terror is reported today to have been launched throughout the Czech Protectorate as part of the Gestapo reprisals against the Czech people for the shooting of Reinhard Heydrich, deputy chief of the Gestapo.

Two Jewish women were executed yesterday, one in Prague and the other in Brno. In Prague, Margaretta Baumgarten, thirty-two years old was executed on unspecified charges, while in Brno, Alexandra Broidu, forty-three, was shot for refusing to give information concerning a person whom she was alleged to have sheltered after the attack on Heydrich.

At the same time, the Cesko Slovo, a Prague newspaper reaching here today, reports that illegal leaflets are being distributed throughout the Czech Protectorate branding as "national traitors" all those who indulge in anti-Jewish activities or propaganda.

LONDON TIMES EXPLAINS WHY CREATION OF JEWISH ARMY IS NOT ADVISABLE

LONDON, May 31. (JTA)-- The demands voiced in the United States in connection with the formation of a Jewish Army in Palestine are answered in an article from Jerusalem published in the London Times yesterday describing as "quite unfounded" the impression prevailing abroad that Palestine has a large body of potential military personnel which is not used because there is no conscription in the country.

Obviously inspired by the Palestine Government, the correspondent of the London Times in his cabled dispatch says that "the nationalist demand for a distinct Jewish Army, in addition to the 12,000 Jews who have joined the British armed forces and the 15,000 who are employed as temporary additional police, overlooks a number of important facts." He enumerates these "overlooked facts" as follows:

"1. The Jews have in fact won special recognition for the use of Hebrew and for the appointment of Jewish commanding officers wherever this is possible.

"2. It is not expedient to excite suspicion and unrest by giving arms to one part of a mixed population which is notoriously at loggerheads with each other.

"3. It is not wise to divert more men from industry and agriculture.

"4. The unwillingness of Jews and Arabs to serve in greater numbers unless the Palestine administration resorts to the doubtful policy of universal conscription."

"In view of the chronic and basic political problems which at present have been shelved only temporarily, it is more important to keep Palestine internally quiet and working on essential war industries than upset the situation by either conscription or favoring nationalistic ambitions of one of the rival races," the article in the London Times asserts.

COUNCIL ON EUROPEAN JEWISH AFFAIRS WILL BE FORMED AT NEW YORK CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA)-- An Advisory Council on European Jewish Affairs, comprising representatives of countries taken over by the Axis who are now in the United States, will be formed at a two-day conference summoned by the World Jewish Congress, to be held at the Commodore Hotel, beginning Saturday, June 6, it was announced here today.

The Council, when formed, will include the designated spokesmen of newly established committees from the various countries opposing the Axis, such as Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Latvia-Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

The week-end conference has as its objective the establishment of a united front on the part of representatives of European Jewish communities with respect to common problems relating to the efforts to win the war, win the peace, and bring about the post-war reconstruction of Jewish life at the end of the war. The conference will develop plans looking towards participation of the various groups in the common struggle for the maintenance of democracy, and in the promotion of better understanding on the part of non-Jewish groups of their respective nationalities with respect to the position of the Jews.

It will also discuss a plan for such assistance to the Jewish communities still in the countries of Axis domination, in accordance with the limitations imposed by the United Nations.

SECOND JEWISH WOMAN APPOINTED MUNICIPAL COUNCILOR IN TEL AVIV

JERUSALEM, May 31. (JTA)-- Dr. Esther Govorovski-Schulrichter was confirmed by the Palestine Government as a member of the Tel Aviv municipal council, the Palestine Gazette announces today. She is the second woman in the council.

NAZIS ORDER JEWS IN AMSTERDAM GHETTO TO SHARE ROOMS WITH DEPORTED FAMILIES

STOCKHOLM, May 31. (JTA)--The continual "evacuation" of Jews from the provincial cities in Nazi-occupied Holland to the ghetto in Amsterdam, has resulted in an order being issued by the Amsterdam Nazi authorities, making it obligatory for Jewish families in the ghetto to give shelter to Jews driven from the provinces. The order is published in the Joodsche Weekblad, organ of the Jewish Council in the Amsterdam ghetto, reaching here today.

The Nazi-censored Jewish newspaper states that the Jewish homes in the Amsterdam ghetto are so overcrowded with Jews deported from other sections of the country, that it is impossible to induce anymore any of the Amsterdam Jews to voluntarily give shelter to the "evacuated" Jewish families who continue to arrive. Under the new order of the Nazi authorities, the Jewish Council of the ghetto is compelled to house the "evacuated" Jews no matter how many people have to be crowded into one room.

In a broadcast on the Nazi-controlled Hilversum radio heard here today Ernst Voorhoeve, a Dutch Nazi leader, denounced Dutch girls who "ostentatiously walk the streets, arm in arm, with Jews wearing the Mogen Davids in order to display their hatred of the Nazis." Voorhoeve tacitly admitted that the Dutch people continue to resist the anti-Jewish laws, and reiterated that the Mogen David regulation was necessary "because it is imperative to be able to distinguish between Jews and Aryans."

JEWSH DEPUTY PROTESTS POLICY OF POLISH MINISTRY OF PROPAGANDA

LONDON, May 31. (JTA)-- Declaring that he hesitated to vote yesterday for the budget of the Polish National Council since he is dissatisfied with the policy of the Polish Government-in-Exile with regard to certain aspects concerning Polish Jewry, Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbart, Jewish member of the Council, in a statement today revealed that he is "especially opposed to the attitude of the Polish Ministry of Information towards the Jewish problem."

"During the debate on the budget at the Polish National Council, I openly expressed my complaints and asked for the modification of the policies of certain ministries. I finally voted for the budget only because this was primarily a war budget presented in a critical and historic time for Poland in her struggle for independence. I voted in the hope that my demands will be fulfilled," Dr. Schwartzbart said.

BULGARIA DEPRIVES JEWISH SHAREHOLDERS OF RIGHTS IN THE MINING INDUSTRY

ZURICH, May 31. (JTA)-- The Bulgarian newspaper "Dnevnik" reaching here today reports that Jewish shareholders have been automatically deprived of claims to any mining rights they hitherto possessed.

A report from Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, states that several thousand Bulgarian Jews who were sent as forced labor to construct roads, have been ordered to wear yellow armbands twelve centimeters wide in order to be easily distinguished by the Nazi supervisors who are in charge of the road building work.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR JERUSALEM, JEWISH AGENCY LEADER CALL FOR INCREASED RECRUITMENT

JERUSALEM, May 31. (JTA)-- Edward Keith-Roach, district commissioner for Jerusalem, and Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency, today shared the platform at a public recruiting meeting here. They both called for increased enlistment by those of military age. An exhibition depicting the development of Jewish war industries will soon open in Tel Aviv, it was announced here today.

BEN-GURION CALLS FOR REALIGNMENT OF ZIONIST FORCES IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA)-- Declaring that the present war must "result in full recognition of a Jewish State in Palestine," David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, in an address to the League for Labor Palestine Convention, last night called upon American Zionists to realign their forces so that they could more effectively strengthen the Zionist movement in the United States.

The League expressed its satisfaction with President Roosevelt's statement to the American Palestine Committee, lauding Jewish achievements in Palestine as a sample of democracy in action. A resolution expressing the hope that contact between Russian and world Jewry would soon be reestablished was adopted by the convention. A letter from Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, read at the meeting, praised the contribution of the Histadruth, Palestine labor federation, to Palestine's war effort. The League pledged to raise \$50,000 for the Histadruth. Dr. Herman Seidel was re-elected president at today's session of the conference.

450 JEWISH REFUGEES, INCLUDING 100 CHILDREN, HELD IN ELLIS ISLAND OF CUBA

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA)-- The difficult situation of 450 refugees who are detained at present in Tiscornia, the Ellis Island of Cuba, was described today by Charles H. Jordan, Director of the Joint Relief Committee of Havana, in an interview at the offices of the Joint Distribution Committee here. Mr. Jordan is in New York for a few days to consult with J.D.C. officers concerning the new problems affecting the status of some 6,000 refugees who have found asylum in Cuba.

"Some 450 people, including more than 100 children, are today in Tiscornia," Mr. Jordan declared. "Some of them have been there for as long as two months. Cuban regulations have held them completely incommunicado. They were not permitted to receive visitors, to send or receive letters, or to use the telephone or telegraph.

"While it is understandable that the Cuban Government wishes to check very carefully on the identity of all enemy nationals entering Cuban territory, it cannot be overlooked that the situation of the refugees in Tiscornia is far from good. The food is not suitable for European palates, and the more than 120 orthodox Jews among the refugees find it particularly difficult to get along. Among the refugees are also a number of pregnant women and aged people whose infirmities impose special hardships on them. Since the middle of May, the Joint Relief Committee of Havana has secured exclusive permission to visit Tiscornia and also to send certain foods into the community kitchen at Tiscornia, which offer additional nutrition to the internees," the J.D.C. representative disclosed.

ORT TRAINING CENTER OPENED IN REFUGEE INTERNMENT CAMP IN CANADA

MONTREAL, May 31. (JTA)-- The official opening of the first ORT training school at a civilian internment camp took place at Fort Lennox, Quebec yesterday. Lord Marley, British labor peer, was the principal speaker.

The camp is maintained for Jewish internees sent to Canada from England in the early days of the war because they were of German or Austrian nationality. On completing their training, the men will be employed in government plants reconditioning and repairing machinery.

Other speakers at the opening ceremonies were Dr. E. Coleman, Dominion Under-Secretary of State; Dr. David Lvovitch, vice-president of the World ORT; Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress; Morris Finestone, secretary of United Hebrew Trades, New York; Aaron B. Tart, executive vice-chairman of the American ORT, representing George Backer of New York, president of the organization; Samuel Marshal, technical adviser, and Louis Fitch, president of the Canadian ORT. A number of high-ranking Canadian army officers were also present.

Only items whose production has been introduced in this country since the outbreak of the war will be featured at this Show, which will demonstrate new methods of production and new raw materials being used.

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RECRUITING OF PALESTINE JEWS DOUBLED

Jerusalem, July 18 (Palcor) -- The recruiting of Jews in the British Army was equal in the first half of July to the entire enlistment in June and four times that in May, it was revealed yesterday by the Recruiting Department of the Jewish Agency.

In the first fifteen days of July, 924 Jews enlisted in the Army, including 107 women in the Auxiliary Territorial Service. In addition, about 400 Jewish volunteers are, at the moment, awaiting medical examination before induction.

The military authorities announced that a Jerusalem company is being formed in the Palestine Volunteer Force. Only candidates over 35 will be accepted.

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PALESTINE'S POPULATION INCREASE

Jerusalem (Palcor) -- There were 1,585,500 persons in Palestine at the end of December 31, 1941, an increase during the year of 40,015 persons, of whom 33,394 constituted natural increase and 6,621 net migration, it is disclosed in the latest Government figures, issued in June. This made a total recorded increase in the years since the 1931 Census of 552,185 persons, of whom 213,404 were Moslems, 299,496 Jews and 36,506 Christians.

The estimate of settled population at the end of 1941 included 906,551 Moslems, or 59.7 per cent of the total; 474,102 Jews, or 31.32 per cent; 125,413 Christians, or 8.3 per cent; and 12,881 others, or 0.8 per cent.

The Jewish community showed a preponderance of females in the estimates at the end of 1936, 1937 and 1938. In 1939, however, males overtook females and the new preponderance remained during 1941. Births among the Jewish community last year, at 9,714 (16.8 per cent) of the total (20.67 per 1,000), ^{were} the lowest on record since 1934, comparing with 44,009 (76 per cent) of the total among Moslems and 3,589 (6.2 per cent) among Christians.

Distribution of population showed that there were 475,800 persons in the four large cities -- Jerusalem, Jaffa, Tel Aviv and Haifa -- of whom, by Government figures, there were 139,900 in Tel Aviv, 138,800 in Jerusalem, 113,100 in Haifa and 84,000 in Jaffa. In smaller towns there were 234,300 persons, while in rural areas there were 789,300.

Haifa's Rapid Increase Recorded

With thousands of Jewish voters going to the polls at the end of June, 1942 for the new Community Council here, an opportunity has been taken to review the progress in the period since the last elections ten years ago. The Jewish sections of Haifa have grown, new suburbs have been added

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NON-ZIONISTS RABBIS ISSUE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES; DEFINE ATTITUDE TO PALESTINE

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 12. (JTA)-- A statement of principles by non-Zionist rabbis, declaring that "the Jews should have the democratic right to live freely under law, and in accordance with the dictates of their religious conscience, and in any part of the world," was made public here today by Dr. Louis Wolsey. The statement, which carries the signatures of eighty-seven Reform rabbis, follows:

"We, Rabbis in American Israel, who believe in the universalism of Judaism's ethical and spiritual teachings, express our hearty agreement with the following Statement drawn up by those who convened in Atlantic City, June 1 and 2, 1942, for the purpose of giving voice to our convictions and to discuss ways and means of securing wider recognition and appreciation of them among our neighbors.

"The special reason for our gathering is in the growing secularism in American life, the absorption of large numbers in nationalistic endeavors and the tendency to reduce the religious basis of life to a place of secondary importance. At this time more than ever, all men for their own good and the good of mankind should give every emphasis to those moral and religious values and principles that transcend boundary lines and hold all men in a common bond of human fellowship.

"1. We believe that the present tragic experiences of mankind abundantly demonstrate that no single people or group can hope to live in freedom and security when their neighbors are in the grip of evil forces either as perpetrators or sufferers. We hold, therefore, that the solution of the social, economic and political problems of one people are inextricably bound up with those of others. To this general rule the problems of our Jewish people constitute no exception, though unhappily we Jews are often the first victims of the distemper of peoples and suffer most from the maladjustments of society.

"2. We declare our unwavering faith in the humane and righteous principles that underlie the democratic way of life, principles first envisaged by the Prophets of Israel and embodied in our American Bill of Rights. In keeping with these principles we hold that the Jewish people have the same right to live securely anywhere in the world and to enjoy the fruit of their labors in peace as have men of every other faith and historic background.

"3. Realizing how important Palestinian rehabilitation is towards relieving the pressing problems of our distressed people, we stand ready to render unstinted aid to our brethren in their economic, cultural and spiritual endeavors in that country. But in the light of our universalistic interpretation of Jewish history and destiny, and also because of our concern for the welfare and status of the Jewish people living in other parts of the world, we are unable to subscribe to or support the political emphasis now paramount in the Zionist program. We cannot but believe that Jewish nationalism tends to confuse our fellowmen about our place and function in society and also diverts our own attention from our historic role to live as a religious community. Such spiritual role is especially voiced by Reform Judaism in its emphasis upon the eternal prophetic principles of life and thought.

"It is incumbent, therefore, upon all of us, Jews and non-Jews alike, to stress to the utmost those teachings of our own religion that are all-inclusive, if we would permanently correct the evils that so often bring suffering to mankind. Reform Judaism, as we conceive it, is the contemporary manifestation of the eternal prophetic spirit of Israel, through which alone Judaism and the Jew live to witness to the universal God."

Jerusalem, August 14th, 1942

"In spite of the decisive importance" of the Jewish battalions which were announced by Sir James Grigg, British War Minister, in the House of Commons, "it must be emphasized that they alone do not suffice for effective participation by the Yishuv in the defense of Palestine," it was declared here on Wednesday by Moshe Shertok, political chief of the Jewish Agency Executive, in a broad-scale review of the Jewish military effort and the effect upon it of the new Government decision.

Pointing out that there are 16,000 Jews and Jewesses who enlisted in the forces "though remaining nameless," Mr. Shertok declared that all energies would now be concentrated on recruiting more Jews for the infantry battalions. He observed that the term regiment for the British does not involve "a fighting unit, nor has it a central command." The speeding up of military training for the Jewish Settlement Police and the broadening of opportunities for Palestine's Jews to equip themselves to resist the Axis were demanded by Mr. Shertok in giving his views to a largely-attended press conference here.

Mr. Shertok also disclosed that there is growing co-operation with the Revisionist-Zionists.

During the course of his statement, he expressed appreciation to Prime Minister Winston Churchill for the sympathetic reference to the Jews of Palestine contained in his message to the Madison Square Garden meeting in New York City on July 21. Mr. Churchill had then acknowledged "the eager support which the Jews of Palestine above all are already giving."

In his statement, Mr. Shertok said:

"About twenty days ago we heard words of appreciation, encouragement and sympathy from the great leader of the British nation, Winston Churchill.

"Since the beginning of the war, the Jew has been in it, both as a victim and as a fighter. But there were times when both his suffering and his active participation were largely ignored. It seemed as if the agonies of destruction through which our people went were regarded merely as our own concern. In the counsels of the leaders of world democracy, they seemed to have found no echo. The cries of despair of millions of our people appeared like a voice calling in the wilderness.

"Similarly, the war effort of the Jewish people in Palestine failed to be officially noted. It was our fate to join in the fight anonymously. The services of our young men were not credited to the people, in whose name and for whose sake they came forward to fight. Efforts made in those days to break down the wall of silence proved fruitless.

"The message addressed by the head of the British War Cabinet to the New-York demonstration and several pronouncements made just prior to that put an end to this state of things.

"Mr. Churchill, in his message, placed the Jewish people in the front rank of sufferers from Nazi aggression. He spoke appreciatively of the part played by Jews on all fronts of the struggle against Hitler. He emphasized particularly the enlistment of Jews of Palestine in the fighting and the defense forces.

"His appreciation of the Yishuv's military effort, addressed to the Jews of America, brings out the wider significance of that effort for the Jewish people as a whole. In all other countries, the Jews are fighting as part of the armies of their respective countries, and are not distinguished from the rest. It is only in Palestine that they appear as a distinct national entity, representing the Jewish people as such.

16,000 Palestine Jews in Army

"Sixteen thousand Jews and Jewesses, children of the Homeland who have joined up, though remaining nameless; thousands of Jewish temporary police who did guard service modestly, patiently, valiantly -- it is they who have gained public recognition and the appreciation of the Prime Minister. May their hands be strong! May blessings rest upon them!"

Analyzing the nature of the infantry battalions now recognized, Mr. Shertok said:

"By the transition of companies into battalions, which was announced by the Secretary of War a few days ago, our recruiting campaign has entered a new and important stage. This change affects only our infantry companies. They have hitherto been part of a British regiment of Buffs. They will now form part of a Palestine regiment.

"It is noteworthy that in the British Army, the term regiment has a different connotation from that which it has in continental armies. A British regiment is not a fighting unit, nor has it a central command. It is an administrative unit, comprising a number of battalions. It has its designation, service roll and registry. Seen from the angle of command and military action, the battalion is a self-contained unit. Battalions are combined into larger fighting units without reference to their origin, namely the regiment to which they belong.

"The existing Buffs companies and the infantry companies yet to be established will henceforth be formed into battalions of a Palestine regiment. Separate Jewish and Arab battalions are to be formed.

"As enlistment for the Palestine infantry companies increases, the number of battalions will also increase. It is up to us to provide men for more Jewish battalions for the defense of Palestine and for war on its borders.

"The announcement of the formation of these battalions was made in response to prolonged efforts and continuous representations. Now that this has been conceded, the position has been revised: it is from us that things are now demanded. Let us not be satisfied with what has thus far been done in the matter of recruiting. We have to enlarge its scope considerably.

"The fact that only the infantry companies have received this promotion justifies the special importance we always attached to enlistment in that force. It is a reward for and justification of the hard work put in by the soldiers of these companies who, day and night, did guard duty.

"The formation of companies into battalions means that this condition of isolated service has come to an end, that there is going to be higher training, more up-to-date equipment, a wider scope for all military activity and a greater measure of fellowship between the soldiers. The Jewish units of the other services have lost none of their importance. These units have gone through a difficult time. They rendered hard service and experienced dangers on the front line. All service branches to which they are attached are asking us for more recruits. Now that a new chance has been given, the infantry calls for a marked and speedy increase in the flow of recruits to this particular branch.

"Thousands of new volunteers for the Jewish infantry battalions -- that is the call of the hour! The increase in number of Jewish battalions will raise the level of the Yishuv's contribution to the military war effort and the defense of Palestine."

"In spite of the decisive importance of these infantry units, it must be emphasized that they alone do not suffice for effective participation by the Yishuv in the defense of Palestine.

"The Prime Minister, in his message to New York, and the Secretary of War in his announcement in the House of Commons, emphasized the importance of the local defense forces -- the local Jewish defense organization -- cite the words of the Prime Minister on a previous occasion. These are the temporary additional police and, more particularly, the Jewish Settlement Police.

"The Secretary of War announced that this force would be increased and its training improved. His statement on this point was not clear and we have to wait for additional explanations. In the meantime, we repeat our urgent plea that the Jewish Settlement Police be strengthened, trained and equipped to render Home Guard duties, should a major emergency arise.

"The improvements recently introduced in training must speedily be extended.

"The infantry battalions and the comprehensive organization of an effective Home Guard -- to be formed round an experienced nucleus of the Jewish Settlement Police -- these are essential frameworks for the co-operation of the Jews of Palestine in the country's defense.

"It is for the authorities to create these frameworks. It is for the Yishuv to fill them."

Reveals Harmony Move With Revisionists

During a question and answer period that followed Mr. Shertok's statement on the military situation, the Jewish Agency political chief revealed the nature of negotiations recently held with the Revisionist-Zionists and indicated that co-operation has been expanded.

In answer to one of the questions, Mr. Shertok emphasized that he by no means regarded the formation of Jewish battalions as the final stage of development in Yishuv participation in the war. He added that recently 150 Jewish officers

27 captains, apart from 80 medical officers and also military chaplains. All efforts, he said, will now be concentrated on extending the recruiting for infantry battalions.

Responding to a question as to the relation between the Jewish Agency program and the Revisionists, Mr. Shertok stated that some time ago the Revisionists had informed the Jewish Agency that a change had occurred in their stand toward recruiting and that they were adhering to the general attitude of the Yishuv and its supreme institutions, obligating themselves to enlistment in Jewish units. They had proposed to the Jewish Agency co-operation and co-ordination in this sphere.

The Zionist Executive had decided to call upon the Revisionists to return to the Zionist Organization in order to fulfill their obligations and enjoy all rights and had informed them that it would do all on its side to assure them of representation in the institutions of the Zionist Organization.

The Revisionists had replied that they appreciated the invitation and would submit it to their forthcoming convention. They suggested that the Zionist Executive furnish them with a declaration of its policy, but the Executive decided that it could not enter negotiations on a political program as a prior condition required that the Revisionists return to the Zionist Organization. Therefore, it informed the Revisionists it was best that they return and participate, with other sections of the Zionist movement, in determining its policy.

In the meantime, Mr. Shertok stated, the Zionist Executive had acceded to the request of the Revisionists to allocate moneys from the War Needs Fund to their recruiting campaign.

Mr. Shertok stressed that he saw "only one fundamental solution, as regards the Revisionists -- their return to the Zionist Organization as members having equal obligations and rights."

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REFORM LEADER WARNS RABBINICAL STUDENTS AGAINST ZIONISM

Cincinnati (JPS) -- A warning to the students of the Hebrew Union College, Reform theological seminary, against Jewish nationalism, inferentially described as a "loathsome mess of pottage," was the keynote of an address by Dr. Julian Morgenstern, President of the College, at the opening exercises of its 68th academic year.

Dealing with "Judaism's Contribution to Postwar Religion," the Reform leader declared that in the "struggle for world-conversion and world-salvation, not at all Christianity's enemy but its true ally and partner is its mother-religion, Judaism. Today, we realize as never before, since Christianity's birth, how intimate are the relations of the two religions, so intimate that they are truly, basically one, that they have a common descent, a common vision, hope, task, mission, face a common foe and a common fate, must achieve a common victory or share a common death."

For Judaism to fulfill its functions, Dr. Morgenstern told the student body, "our Jewish people must continue to survive as a people, as a people with a destiny, as a world-wide religious unity. This very survival as the Jewish people, the bearers of Judaism and its message of world-salvation, is an integral part of our service unto mankind and of our contribution to our partnership with Christianity, our daughter-religion."

During the last 75 years, he said, "anti-Semitism has been the most potent directive force in Jewish life. It has called forth assimilation in its extreme expression, a cowardly haste, even a panic on the part of cringing individuals to shake off the burden of the Jew by obliterating both their Judaism and their Jewishness. But equally anti-Semitism plus a not unnatural primary and largely emotional reaction to it has created Jewish political nationalism, the attempt on the part of a large section of the Jewish people to make itself once again what it was actually only during brief periods of existence, and with no distinguished achievement nor particular glory as such, a nation precisely like the other nations of the earth, with its own land, its own army, its own government, its own politics and its own politicians, its own international and interracial feuds to force Judaism and the Jewish people backward once again into the mould of nationalism."

"It would be one of the sardonic tragedies of world-history if the Jewish people, reacting in despair to the heavy pressure of anti-Semitism,

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should now forget the vision which it has beheld and which for 2,500 years it has faithfully proclaimed. It was not Jacob, but Esau, who sold his birthright for a loathsome mess of pottage; and should our history reverse itself now?"

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10% OF INSTITUTE GRADUATES IN ARMED FORCES

New York (JPS) -- Ten per cent of the graduates of the Jewish Institute of Religion are on leave of absence from their congregations to serve as Chaplains in the Army and Navy, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, its President, reported at the opening exercises of the school's 21st academic year. He pointed out that Rabbi Earl Stanley Stone, Chaplain of the American military forces in England, a graduate of the school, is the first American Jewish chaplain to have arrived and to serve abroad.

A review of "Some Jewish Contributions to Democracy" was the theme of the principal address by Dr. Francis J. McConnell, Resident Bishop of the Methodist Church. Dr. Wise welcomed nine new students.

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HADASSAH CHARGED WITH "UN-ZIONISTIC POLICIES" BY LIPSKY

Pittsburgh (JPS) -- Sharp criticism of the Zionist Organization of America administration for "its subservience to Hadassah political ideas" was expressed by Louis Lipsky, former president of the Z.O.A., speaking at a mass meeting of Pittsburgh Zionists at the Y.M.H.A. Rabbi B. A. Lichter, chairman of the district, presided over one of the largest district meetings held in past years.

Mr. Lipsky said that "American Zionists are not meeting adequately three major tasks arising out of war conditions. They are: (1) The extension of maximum material support of the Jewish National Home in serving the United Nations and preparing conditions for peace; (2) political effort to secure during wartime the recognition of the Jewish people as an organized ally of the United Nations in the war against Hitler; (3) working with all strength to secure recognition of the right of Jews to mobilize a fully equipped Jewish military force for the defense of Palestine and the Near East.

"The Zionists may be doing fairly well in the raising of funds for Palestine," he continued, "but they are handicapped by welfare fund alliances. The wishes of rank and file Zionists, however, are being frustrated in political matters by the subservience of Zionist leadership to the un-Zionistic policies pursued by the Hadassah National Board. This has been shown in connection with the propaganda on behalf of a Jewish military force and in the recent delayed protest against Dr. Magnes' undisciplined behavior in conducting political negotiations with the Palestine Arabs without the knowledge and consent of the elected Zionist leadership. It is obvious that support of a maximum Zionist policy is impossible so long as the Zionist Organization of America administration allows the Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization to dominate its policies. If the Z.O.A. is to lead in American Zionist affairs it will have to declare its independence of Hadassah influence."

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ICHUD PARTY ISSUES DECLARATION: NOT ANTI-ZIONIST BUT OPPOSES
JEWISH STATE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5.(J.T.A.) -- A statement clarifying the aims of the newly formed Ichud ("Union") Party, emphasising that the party is not anti-Zionist but opposes the policy of advocating the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State, was issued here today by the leaders of the new group. The statement reads:

"After the publication of Dr. Magnes' article on 'Palestine and Arab Union' in the 'Ba'ayet Hayem' in June, it was thought by a number of well-known persons in Palestine that some organized expression should be given to the main idea contained in that article. As a consequence, a meeting of about a hundred persons was held on August 11. The invitations to the meeting were signed by Prof. M. Buber, Mr. Goldwater, Dr. S. Hirsch, Henrietta Szold, Mr. Julius Simon, Mr. M. Smilansky, Rabbi J. Unna and Justice A.-Valere. Dr. Magnes addressed this meeting and as a result an interim committee was appointed to draw up a declaration to which those wishing to join the "Union" would adhere.

"It is seen from the declaration that the "Union" is not at all an anti-Zionist organization. It is, however, opposed to the present policy of the official Zionist leadership in advocating the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State. It is opposed equally to the establishment of Palestine as an Arab State. The "Union" is convinced that the problem of Palestine is inseparable from that of the Middle East, and that the problem of the Middle East is inseparable from the creation of a Union of Free Peoples in which America and England would play a leading part. The declaration is as follows:

"1. The 'Union' adheres to: a) The Zionist movement insofar as this seeks the establishment of the Jewish National Home for the Jewish people in Palestine; b) The struggle throughout the world for a New Order in international relations, and a Union of the peoples, large and small, for a life of freedom and justice without fear, oppression and want.

"2. The 'Union' therefore regards a Union between the Jewish and Arab peoples as essential for the upbuilding of Palestine and for meeting its basic problems. The 'Union' will strive for cooperation between the Jewish world and the Arab world in all branches of life - social, cultural and political - thus making for the revival of the whole Semitic world.

"3. The main political aims of the 'Union' are as follows: a) Government in Palestine based upon equal political rights for the two peoples; b) the adherence of the steadily growing Yishub and of the whole Jewish people to a Federative Union of Palestine and neighbouring countries. This Federative Union is to guarantee the national rights of all the peoples within it; c) a covenant between this Federative Union and an Anglo-American Union which is to be a part of the future Union of the free peoples. This Union of the free peoples is to bear the ultimate responsibility for the establishment and stability of international relations in the New World after the war."

NAZIS TRANSPORT LOOTED JEWISH PROPERTY FROM HOLLAND TO GERMANY IN SPECIAL CARS

LONDON, Nov. 19.(JTA)-- Strings of railway cars piled high with confiscated Jewish furniture and other articles are leaving daily from Holland for Germany, according to a report published here today by the Netherlands Government-in-Exile. The trains carry placards reading: "Gifts from the Netherlands people to the poor Germans who were bombed out of house and home by the English."

Information reaching London from the underground movement in Holland reveals that all Dutch railroad men, from conductors to high officials, are disregarding the Nazi laws governing Jewish travellers on the basis that their own regulations, which do not differentiate between Jews and non-Jews, must take precedence over the anti-Jewish rulings of the Nazi administration.

The Dutch Nazi weekly, De Storm, attacking the railroad personnel because of their "uncooperative" attitude, gives the following instances: When a Dutch Nazi boarded a train at Utrecht, he found a Jew seated in a third-class compartment, while all seats were occupied. He ordered the Jew to give up his place, but the latter refused. The train guard, when appealed to by the Nazi, "immediately got a fit of stupidity," said the paper. He declared he knew of no regulation compelling Jews to give up their seats.

Another example cited by De Storm concerned a Jew who was seated in a second-class compartment of a train from The Hague to Utrecht. When a traveller complained to the conductor: "I believe Jews are not allowed to travel second-class," he replied that he had no instructions to that effect. On arrival in Utrecht the traveller carried the matter to a high railway official who answered: "I am unaware of such an order. I do not know that Jews need travel permits, must give up their seats, or are obliged to travel third-class only. Under the rules of the Netherlands railways, a Jew is one of our clients and will be treated as such. What is decreed by the Reich's Commissioner does not concern me. That's the responsibility of the directors."

Jews in Holland Try to Help Themselves

Despite the bitter persecution to which they are subjected by the Germans, Jewish organizations in Holland are doing everything in their power to lighten the burden of their coreligionists, a report issued by the Netherlands Information Office states. The organ of the Amsterdam Jewish Council, Joodsche Weekblad, which is still permitted to appear fairly regularly, contains a column of letters from deported Dutch Jews as well as long lists of committees set up to help Jews, especially those who are to leave shortly for eastern Europe. The weekly appeals to its readers to aid such "travellers" with clothing, blankets, draperies and linens.

Advertisements assert that "out of your old smoking jacket or lounge coat we can make caps for travellers," and that "we make from an old coat a lumber-jacket, mittens and a cap, while from draperies we make sleeping bags." A picture of a cap with earlaps, similar to those worn by Polish Jews, accompanies the appeal for old jackets.

RUSSIA PERMITS MORE REFUGEE RABBIS TO LEAVE FOR PALESTINE

LONDON, Nov. 19.(JTA)-- Acting on representations made by the Chief Rabbi's Religious Emergency Council, Russian authorities have issued an additional number of exit visas to refugee rabbis in the U.S.S.R., permitting them to proceed to Palestine, the Council reported here today.

TEXT OF APPEAL TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SUBMITTED BY AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.(JTA)-- The full text of the appeal to President Roosevelt asking him to "institute action" against the Nazi massacres of Jews in Europe was made public here today following the visit of the Jewish delegation which submitted the appeal to the President at the White House. The appeal was made jointly by the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, B'nai B'rith, Synagogue Council of America and Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States. It reads:

"Mr. President: We come to you as representatives of all sections of the Jewish community of the United States. Within recent months all Americas have been horrified by the verification of reports concerning the barbarities against the inhabitants of countries overrun by Hitler's forces. To these horrors has now been added the news of Hitler's edict calling for the extermination of all Jews in the subjugated lands.

"Already almost two million Jews, men, women and children, have been cruelly done to death, and five million more Jews live under the threat of a similar doom. The record of these heinous crimes against the Jews in Nazi Europe is detailed in an attached memorandum. Every device of a perverted and malignant ingenuity is being employed to hasten the process of their destruction. The result is a crime so monstrous as to be without parallel in history.

"The victims of this brutality are guilty of no crime save that they are the children of the people through whose divine law and through whose prophets the world was given the ideas which constitute a basic part of the civilization that the Nazis seek to destroy. Through the bodies of these innocent and defenseless victims the Nazis strike at civilization itself. Death and destruction follow everywhere in the wake of the Nazi armies. Lands have been laid waste and their peoples destroyed or enslaved. In the midst of their suffering, however, the peoples of Europe are sustained by a hope that the victory of the Democracies will destroy the Nazi scourge and restore freedom to the world. European Jews share that hope. But will they live to see the dawn of this day of freedom? Unless action is taken immediately, the Jews of Hitler Europe are doomed.

"In this hour of deepest anguish and despair we turn to you, Mr. President. You are the symbol of humanity's will to fight for freedom. Your voice awakened the conscience of the world to the great crime of Lidice. When hundreds of innocent French hostages were led to execution, yours was the prophetic word of democracy and human decency. We ask you now once again to raise your voice - in behalf of the Jews of Europe. We ask you once again to warn the Nazis that they will be held to strict accountability for their crimes. We ask you to employ every available means to bring solemn protest and warning to the peoples of the Axis countries so that they may be deterred from acting as the instruments of the monstrous designs of their mad leaders.

"We urge that an American Commission be appointed at once to receive and examine all evidence of Nazi barbarities against civilian populations, and to submit that evidence to the bar of public opinion and to the conscience of the world. It is our earnest hope that such action as you may initiate will be joined with similar action by all the United Nations. We are of the belief that you can speak the word and take such action as will strike fear into the hearts of the enemies of civilization and at the same time bring hope and faith to their victims. In this spirit, we appeal to you, Mr. President. Speak the word! Institute the action!"

MAGNES REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS IN AMERICA; WILL NOT RESIGN FROM UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7. (JTA)-- Dr. J. L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University, today issued a statement replying to the charge made by some Zionists in New York that his University post adds prestige to his political activities for Arab-Jewish rapprochement and therefore he should resign from the University.

"Evidently," Dr. Magnes said in his statement, "there are some who think that I am using the prestige of my position at the Hebrew University for the expression of my political ideas. There are others who think that the Hebrew University requires the prestige of my presence and my name. In any event, I have not the slightest intention of accomodating some howlers in New York or elsewhere."

DAVID SCHWEITZER NAMED HONORARY CONSUL OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN U.S.A.

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, Sept. 7. (JTA)-- President Rafael L. Trujillo today named David J. Schweitzer, a member of the Board of Directors of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, honorary Consul of the Dominican Republic in the United States. Mr. Schweitzer, who for more than two years supervised the colonisation of Jewish refugees in the Dominican Republic, left last week for New York.

NAZIS, FEARING EFFECT OF ALLIED DECLARATION, REPORT "ANGLO-AMERICAN ATROCITIES"

ZURICH, Dec. 20.(JTA)-- The Nazi Ministry of Propaganda, which has forbidden the publication in Germany and the occupied countries of the declaration of the Allied Nations on the Nazi massacres of Jews, today began disseminating statements abroad terming the declaration "a bit of typical British-Jewish atrocity propaganda."

At the same time the Nazi press in Germany denounced the so-called British-American atrocities in territories occupied by the Allied armies. These reports are aimed at counteracting the effects which the declaration may have on those persons in Germany who learn about it despite Nazi censorship.

The official Nazi news agency today sent out a report to newspapers in neutral countries saying that "the joint declaration is taken in Berlin political quarters as best corroboration of the German thesis that the governments of Washington, London, and Moscow depend to an exceptionally large extent on the political wishes of Jewry."

FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN AMERICA DENOUNCES NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.(JTA)-- A declaration of Christian concern over the fate of the Jews in Nazi-occupied countries and a condemnation of "the violence and inhumanity which Nazi leaders have publicly avowed toward all Jews" was made public today by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. The Council is arranging a conference with Jewish leaders for the purpose of considering ways in which the Christian churches can cooperate in the relief of the suffering of the Jews and in securing justice for them in post-war settlement.

"The reports which are reaching us concerning the incredible cruelties toward the Jews in Nazi-occupied countries, particularly Poland, stir the Christian people of America to the deepest sympathy and indignation," the declaration reads. "It is impossible to avoid a conclusion that something like a policy of deliberate extermination of the Jews in Europe is being carried out. The violence and inhumanity which Nazi leaders have publicly avowed toward all Jews are apparently now coming to a climax in a virtual massacre. We are resolved to do our full part in establishing conditions in which such treatment of the Jews shall end.

"The feelings of the Jewish community throughout the world have recently been expressed in a period of mourning, fasting and prayer. We associate ourselves with our Jewish fellow-citizens in their hour of tragic sorrow, and unite our prayers with theirs. We confess our own ineffectiveness in combating the influences which beget anti-Semitism in our own country, and urge our constituencies to intensify their efforts in behalf of friendly relations with the Jews. We urge that all plans for reconstruction in Europe shall include measures designed to secure full justice for the Jews and a safe and respected place for them in western civilization. For those who, after the war, will have to emigrate from the war-ridden lands of Europe, immigration opportunities should be created in this and other lands."

Twenty Churches in London Offer Prayers for Jews in Europe

LONDON, Dec. 20.(JTA)-- Twenty churches in London today offered special prayers for the Jews in Nazi-held Europe.

LONDON BROADCASTS ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE TO JEWS IN NAZI-HELD LANDS

LONDON, Sept. 11. (JTA)-- A Rosh Hashanah message of sympathy and encouragement will be broadcast to the Jews in Nazi-held territories today over the London radio, directed to all countries on the European continent. The broadcast will be given in all European languages and in Yiddish.

PALESTINE CLOSES YEAR MARKED BY UNPRECEDENTED PROSPERITY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11. (JTA)-- Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Herzog and the Jewish National Council of Palestine today issued Rosh Hashanah greetings to the Jews of the world expressing their conviction in the victory of the United Nations and in the realization of the visions of the Jewish prophets.

Unprecedented economic progress in Palestine marked the year ending today despite the fact that the country was in constant fear of military developments in the Middle East, it was emphasized today in a review of Jewish achievements here during the past year.

Only one percent of the 508,000 Jews now residing in the country was unemployed during the year. Approximately \$64,000,000 dollars have been invested in new industrial plants producing war materials with an annual value of \$80,000,000. Jewish deposits in Palestine banks today total more than \$96,000,000.

More than \$2,500,000 were spent by the Yishuv for health service alone, the review reveals. Approximately the same sum was spent for Jewish social welfare. A total of \$2,100,000 was expended for Jewish education, excluding yeshivoth and religious schools. The Jewish educational system in Palestine now maintains 437 institutions attended by 62,800 pupils. During the three years of war about 25,000 new immigrants entered the country, including 1,500 in this past year.

In the political field, the year was marked in Palestine by a number of outstanding events, including the establishment of contact with the Jews in Russia which culminated in the first visit of Soviet diplomats to Palestine, the general strike carried out in protest against the Struma tragedy, the rapprochement between the Jewish Agency and the New Zionist Organization and the establishment of the new Ichud party by Dr. J. L. Magnes, which though indicating a rift in Jewish political life in the country is generally inclined to postpone all political disputes until the war is over.

\$200,000 CONTRIBUTED BY J.D.C. FOR PALESTINE EMERGENCY RELIEF

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA)-- An extraordinary grant of \$200,000 for war relief purposes in Palestine has just been made by the Joint Distribution Committee, it was announced here today. The grant was made at the request of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and various Zionist organizations.

"Despite the heavy demands which are being made on our funds from numerous quarters of Europe, Latin America and other areas, we of the Joint Distribution Committee recognize the vital necessity of upholding the hands of Palestinian Jews at this critical juncture," a J.D.C. statement declared.