

JEWRY CELEBRATES V-E DAY

PARADES IN PALESTINE CITIES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

JERUSALEM, Wednesday.—The news of Germany's surrender created a wave of elation and joy throughout the Yishuv, but there were tears behind the rejoicing—that was the prevalent feeling in the Yishuv. On the one hand 80 per cent. of the Jews of Palestine hail from Europe where nearly all of them have lost members of their families. On the other hand, there is no other community anywhere in the world whose hatred of Nazism is so intense.

Wednesday was the Yishuv's V-E Day. Tens of thousands of Jews paraded the streets of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa on Wednesday afternoon. The parade served as a victory celebration as well as a political demonstration, voicing the demands of Jewry. Discharged soldiers and veterans of the last war, members of Youth Organisations, Labour Unions, students, civil defence workers carried flags and banners bearing slogans demanding unrestricted immigration and land development and the right of defence. The processions paraded through the principal thoroughfares, which were crammed with spectators.

In Jerusalem

In Jerusalem the processions left from four different parts of the city, later converging in the courtyard of the national institutions where Mr. Ben Zvi addressed the large concourse from the balcony, after which the crowd dispersed to the strains of Hatikvah.

The Zionist flag was flown throughout the Yishuv together with the flags of the "Big Three" and the other members of the United Nations. Conspicuous among the array of decorations were large emblems of the Jewish Brigade flash symbolising the Yishuv's identification with the part

played by the Brigade in the final struggle.

The Vaad Leumi sent congratulatory cables to Sir Harold Alexander, General Montgomery and Brigadier Benjamin.

The Orchestra Played

When the official proclamation of V-E Day was received in Jerusalem, the Palestine Orchestra was giving a concert at the Edison Hall under the baton of Louis Cohen, of the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.

When the great news was conveyed to the record audience, the whole gathering rose and the orchestra struck up the British, American and Soviet national anthems, concluding with the Hatikvah, which was played for the first time in a new orchestration. The entire audience sang vociferously, and Miss Dorothy Thompson, who had attended the concert, heartily joined in the singing.

The entire Hebrew press emphasised the triumph of the democracies over the forces of evil, and the great part played by the Jewish people in the struggle against Nazism.

Victory Forest

The Keren Kayemeth announced the planting of a victory forest, the funds for which would be raised during the Yishuv's Victory celebrations.

Youth Aliyah Workers Safe

LONDON, Monday.—The Youth Aliyah Office here has received information that Mrs. Melanie Oppenheim, former Chairman of the Youth Aliyah Committee in Denmark has arrived in Sweden. She was accompanied by her husband, a prominent member of the Copenhagen Jewish community, and their two children. They had been released from the concentration camp of Terezin (Theresienstadt). Mrs. Oppenheim refused to leave Denmark, although an opportunity to do so was offered to her on many occasions. She decided to stay with her wards up to the end. Finally she was deported by the Germans.

Bologna Community's Fate

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Rome, Monday.—Virtually the entire Jewish population of Bologna was wiped out by the Germans over a year ago, the Jewish Telegraphic correspondent with the Eight Army was told by Dr. Frank Patella, an American born physician of New York, who was stranded in the city.

Patella, who went to study in Bologna after the attack on Pearl Harbour, said that the Germans rounded up all the Jews they could find. They killed some and deported the others.

Repatriation of Refugees to Denmark

(From Our Own Correspondent)

STOCKHOLM, Monday.—The Jewish Refugee Committee here is preparing for the repatriation of 6,000 Danish Jewish refugees now in Stockholm.

A delegation of the committee is leaving for Copenhagen to study the Jewish position in Denmark.

SHERTOK'S LETTER TO HIGH COMMISSIONER

The profound relief shared by Jews throughout the world at the achievement of the decisive victory was emphasised in a letter sent to the High Commissioner, Field-Marshal Lord Gort, by Mr. M. Shertok, on behalf of the Jewish Agency Executive.

"While mourning the millions of their dead," stated the letter, "Jews rejoice at the defeat of the infernal regime which had singled out the Jewish people for oppression and destruction, and at the triumph of the cause of freedom and justice with which Great Britain had been so singularly identified.

"In this solemn hour we fervently trust that in the shaping of the new international order, justice will be done to the Jewish people, and that its age-long yearning for national rehabilitation in the land of its origin will be fulfilled.

"In this hour of Victory, we remember the valiant part your Excellency played in the conduct of military operations during the most critical phase of the war."

Amnesty

JERUSALEM, Wednesday.—To celebrate Victory in Europe, Lord Gort, the High Commissioner, has liberated a number of political prisoners, both Arabs and Jews.

The official announcement does not specify the numbers liberated nor the proportion belonging to either community.

Lord Gort addressed a personal message to each of the prisoners urging them to always remember the occasion on which they had gained their liberty. He expressed the hope that they would resume their obligations as citizens of the country, and play their proper part within the community.

IN ENGLAND

(From Our Own Correspondent)

LONDON, Wednesday.—British Jewry, in common with the rest of the population, took part in the great Victory celebrations. Special thanksgiving services were held in all synagogues, and were largely attended by soldiers of the Allied armies, including South Africans. Jewish flags were hoisted on the Jewish Agency Building and the recruiting office of the Jewish Brigade. Jewish homes in Whitechapel were draped with a multitude of flags, including the Zionist colours and the Star of David.

Mr. Churchill's announcement of Victory was received with great enthusiasm by the annual conference of the Federation of Women Zionists of Great Britain. The whole gathering spontaneously burst into the singing of the Hatikvah.

IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Wednesday.—In America crowded synagogue services were a feature of the large-scale victory celebrations. There was a sober manifestation of joy at the cessation of hostilities in Europe, but Jews who had played such a glorious part in the achievement of the great victory, were not unmindful of the great tasks still facing them in the final struggle against Japan.

Jewish leaders in San Francisco emphasised that the complete defeat of Nazism imposed a special obligation on the Jews of the democratic countries to speed up the rehabilitation of Jewish life in devastated Europe, and to facilitate the emigration of the survivors to Palestine.



DOROTHY THOMPSON—now on a visit to Palestine, took part in the singing . . .

Brigade May Participate In Occupation of Germany

JERUSALEM, Tuesday.—It is important that the Jewish Brigade should be included in the army of occupation in Germany, in accordance with the statement made by Mr. Churchill at the time the Brigade was formed, declared Mr. M. Shertok at a press conference in Jerusalem.

Mr. Shertok said that as many men now serving with the Brigade were due to be released, it would be necessary to recruit new volunteers to enable the Brigade to carry out any new tasks assigned to it.

He believed that the terms of release of Palestinian soldiers would shortly be announced.

Extradition of Poland's Nazi Governor

(From Our Own Correspondent).

MOSCOW, Monday.—The Polish Government in Warsaw is demanding the extradition of Hans Frank, former Nazi Governor of Poland.

It is alleged that the £12,000,000 found in Frank's possession constituted the proceeds of property looted from Jews.

Reuniting Families in Holland

AMSTERDAM, Monday.—A Co-ordination Committee has been established to safeguard Jewish interests. A central registry office has been opened for compiling a register of all Jewish families who were resident in the Netherlands on May 10, 1940. This office will endeavour to re-unite such families and give them every assistance.

CABLES IN BRIEF

MR. BEN GURION and Rabbi Fishman are proceeding to America shortly, states the London correspondent of the "Zionist Record" Mr. Ben Gurion will visit France en route.

THAT they will go anywhere, but not to Germany was the statement issued by the Association of German Refugees in Britain.

DR. WEIZMANN left the nursing home on Sunday, and has gone to the country to recuperate. He expects to return to London shortly.

A REPORT received in London from Switzerland states that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem landed near Berne by air on Monday. He had come from Germany with two German pilots. The pilots were interned and the Mufti taken into custody. Later he was sent back across the German frontier.

IT is reported from San Francisco that Mohammed Badawi Pasha, Egyptian Foreign Minister, will shortly be received by President Truman. He will hand him, on behalf of the Egyptian Government, a memorandum demanding the implementation of the 1939 White Paper on Palestine, and emphasising that as long as the Palestine problem remains unsolved, complete peace will not prevail in the Middle East.

A fourth casualty list of members of the Brigade for the period April 6 to 13, gives the names of one killed in action, three died of wounds, three missing believed killed, and 17 wounded.

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