

## Allegations by Chief of Unrra in Germany.

### "Secret Jewish Force Inside Europe."

#### Jewish Leaders' Repudiation.

London.

Lieut.-General Sir Frederick Edgworth Morgan, chief of Unrra in Germany, and formerly Deputy Chief of Staff to General Eisenhower, stated in an interview on Wednesday that a secret Jewish force appeared to be arising inside Europe with the object of organising a mass exodus of Jews to Palestine. He believed that exaggerated reports of atrocities against Jews in Poland were being disseminated as part of a Jewish plan to force the United Nations to give the Jews a permanent homeland.

Jewish leaders have repudiated these suggestions as untrue, and as a libel both on those Jews who have survived the Nazi gas-chamber and horror camps and on the 6,000,000 others for the murder of whom the Nazi leaders are now on trial.

General Morgan is reported as saying that he was unable to put his finger on the Jewish organisation of which he had spoken. He believed it was camouflaged.

"The Jews seem to have organised a plan which can become a world force—a weak force numerically, but a strong one for generating power for getting what they want. Their positive plan is to get out of Europe," he went on. He was more and more convinced that reports of pogroms and atrocities against Jews in Poland were based less and less on fact.

Trainloads of Jews were arriving in Berlin almost daily from Poland, he said. Most of them were well fed and well clothed, and had plenty of money. Their stories of being persecuted in Poland were notable for their similarity, General Morgan added. His representatives had been unable to find any concrete example of pogroms inside Poland.

#### CLANDESTINE ORGANISATION.

It was his opinion that a clandestine organisation was operating which seemed to be centred in Poland. There must, he said, be some motivating force or promise which was influencing these people to give up a comfortable living in Poland, as shown by their physical condition, dress and money when they reached Berlin.

The problem of displaced persons throughout Germany was nearing a crisis. Its outcome would be dependent on the United Nations, and particularly on American action in deciding the future of Unrra. The problem held in it the seeds of the next world war, if the United Nations failed to solve it satisfactorily, General Morgan concluded.

#### ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE JEW.

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only find it reprehensible in their fellow Jews because they themselves are on the *qui vive*, ready to turn upon their co-religionists a hyper-sensitive eye and ear to criticise them because they are Jews. This strained attitude of criticism arises in turn from their desire, induced by anti-Semitism, to make themselves as inconspicuous as possible.

Anti-Semitism is sometimes said to be caused by the fact that Jews gravitate to the professions, but this is inverting cause and effect, for it is more likely that Jews choose the professions wherein they will be independent and their own masters, through a feeling, whether conscious or otherwise, that anti-Semitism is less able to affect their livelihood, than it would if advancement in their jobs, e.g., the civil service, depended upon gentiles.

The main facts which emerge from Mr. Herman's survey is, firstly, that anti-Semitism has a deleterious effect on Jewish relations with non-Jews, often leading many Jews through constant awareness of its existence, and the lack of Jewish content in their own lives, to look at their own group through the eyes of the anti-semitic and to attribute to it vices and deficiencies which, even if possessed, are certainly not unique, and which in gentiles they overlook as unimportant, and secondly, although the subjects of the study must all have possessed intelligence (since they attended the University), yet knowledge of Jewish education, culture and achievements were woefully lacking and that such lack contributed in large measure to their attitude both towards gentiles and their own group. We should therefore endeavour to inculcate in our Jewish youth from the beginning an understanding of Judaism and Jewish life. We must give them a sense of group solidarity or belongingness, of the positive values of a Jewish life. These will give them a spirit of knowledge and pride and the balance they need to combat in themselves the harmful effects of anti-Semitism.

#### JEWISH LEADERS' REPLY.

Messages from New York quote Jewish leaders' comments on the above interview.

"General Morgan's statement is so palpably anti-Semitic that I would not deign to enter into any argument about it," said Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organisation and the Jewish Agency.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, President of the American Jewish Congress, declared that General Morgan's statement savoured of Nazism at its worst.

"It goes back to the 'Elders of Zion' forgery of a century ago," he said. "To speak of Jews living comfortably in Poland is a brutal and harsh disregard of the 50,000 to 75,000 Jews who cannot continue to live in a land which has become a nation-wide cemetery of their murdered people. General Morgan's statement is shamefully partisan, and does him and Unrra the greatest discredit."

Mr. A. L. Easterman, Political Secretary in London of the World Jewish Congress, said that it was untrue that a secret Jewish force in Europe was organising a mass exodus. "The allegation is clearly designed to prejudice the findings of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine," he said. "The statement by General Morgan might well have come from any speech by Hitler and his gang."

Buenos Aires.

The Argentine Communist Party has issued a manifesto in which it says: "The attacks on Jews in Buenos Aires and other cities in the Argentine are typical of the Nazi-Fascist government of this country."

#### Prof. Solly Zuckerman.

Professor Solly Zuckerman appears in the New Year's Honours List as Companion of the Order of the Bath. During the war he held an honorary commission as Group Captain in the R.A.F. and was scientific and technical adviser to the Chief of Combined Operations. The citation describes him as "scientific director of the Royal Air Force Bombing Analysis Unit," and he receives the award "in recognition of distinguished service."

Prof. Zuckerman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Zuckerman, of Cape Town. He was educated at S.A.C.S. and the University of Cape Town. He has held appointments at Oxford, Yale and London Universities and at present holds the Chair of Anatomy in Birmingham University. He married Lady Joan Isaacs, daughter of the Marquess and Marchioness of Reading.

#### הסתדרות עברית

#### A CONVERSAZIONE

Under the auspices of the HISTADRUTH IVRITH will be held at the

TALMUD TORAH HALL,  
WHERRY ROAD, MUIZENBERG.

on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8th, at 8.15 p.m.

Prof. Rabbi I. Abrahams will deliver an address in English on "Hebrew Culture and its Significance in our times."

Musical Items, Refreshments.

All welcome.

## Soviet Closes Frontier to Jews Escaping from Poland.

Berlin.

After a decision by the Kommandatur representing the Allied military authorities, the Soviet closed the frontier by which Jews escaped from Poland and entered the Russian zone en route to Displaced Persons' camps in the Anglo-American zones. It was also decided to evacuate four thousand Polish Jews from Berlin to the three western zones in Germany. Eight hundred Polish Jews were arrested in the Russian zone and transferred to Magdeburg prison. Other Jewish refugees were arrested at the frontier.

The American Jewish Committee has wired to the State Department urging immediate steps to alleviate the distress of Polish Jews, also to instruct the military and civil authorities to provide a haven for them until further plans have been effectuated.

Washington.

The War Shipping Administration will provide ships for two sailings monthly between a German port and New York to carry displaced persons from the American zone to the United States under President Truman's directives.

## J.W.A. Relief Goods Reach Algiers.

Almost every day is now bringing fresh evidence of the effectiveness of the policy being followed by the J.W.A. of distributing relief goods to Jewry wherever they are needed. The latest news comes from North Africa, where Mr. Elie Gozlan, President of the Jewish Community of Algiers, confirms the arrival of a shipment of textiles and footwear from India, purchased by the J.W.A. This includes 15,000 yards of piece-goods to be made up into garments, and 1,000 pairs of boots and shoes, and 10 gross of reels of cotton yarn. The goods were despatched from Bombay to Algiers, from where they are being distributed to Algeria, Tripolitania, Tunis and Libya.

Arrangements have now also been completed for the sending of substantial new shipments to Jewish victims in Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The s.s. "Queda" has left Durban carrying 1,400 cases jam, 450 cases marmalade, and 2,880 boxes raisins and sultanas. The consignment is being divided equally between Hungary and Czechoslovakia and will be distributed by the J.D.C. offices at Prague and Budapest respectively.

## Scholarships for Students of Music.

Jerusalem.

The Palestine Conservatoire of Music has received £600 for six scholarships, collected by Mrs. Ethel Hayman of Johannesburg. The scholarships, valued at £50 a year, awarded for two years, are available to advanced students of music—resident in Palestine only—for completing their studies at the Conservatoire. Students of composition, singers and instrumentalists, with the additional knowledge of wind-instruments, will be given preference.

## Hankin Forest.

Jerusalem.

The decision to plant a memorial forest in the Gilboa Mountains in the name of the late J. Hankin was announced on 11th December by Mr. J. Kamini, speaking on behalf of the Jewish National Fund when the family and friends of the deceased as well as representatives of the national institutions visited Hankin's grave on the thirtieth day after his death. In a ceremony held at the graveside Mr. A. Harzfeld extolled the devoted services rendered by the deceased in the redemption of desolate land.

## Lists of Survivors.

Lists of Jewish survivors from Poland, Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Roumania have been received at the Relatives Information Service of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, 413 Security Building, Exchange Place, Cape Town.