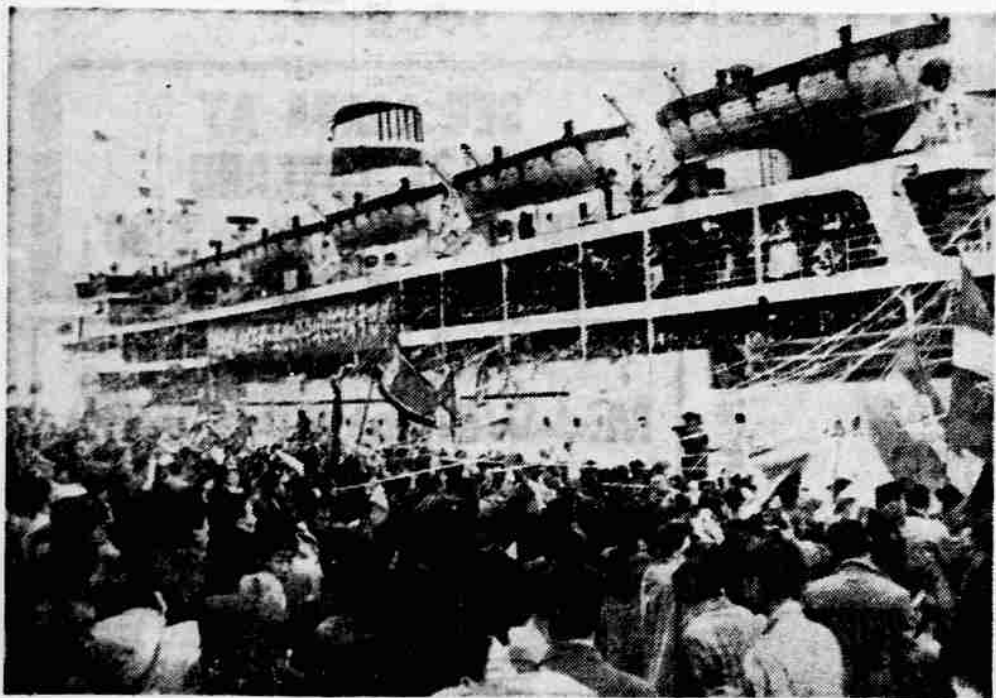




KOREANS RETURNING - Safely aboard the "repatriation" ship Kriyoon, one of the two vessels provided by the Soviet Union, Koreans who are returning to North Korea from Japan exchange last farewells with friends as the Russian Red Cross ship leaves Niigata, Japan, pier for Chonglin. The Kriyoon and the other ship, Tosolsk, carry the first emigration of 975 people from the non-Communist world to the Communist bloc. (UPI Telephoto)

Finland Asks Uranium For Reactor Assembly

Vienna (Science Service) - The government of Finland has requested the International Atomic Energy agency to supply enriched uranium for its planned Triga Mark II reactor and its critical assembly. IAEA Director General Sterling Cole said this was the first formal request to the agency for special fissionable materials. For the Triga reactor, completion of which is expected before the end of 1960, an estimated seven pounds of the isotope uranium 235 enriched 20 per cent is required. For the critical assembly, some eight pounds of an alloy of 10 per cent enriched uranium and zirconium hydride are needed to fabricate the 60 fuel elements and 10 spares.

Salem—UPI—The State Land Board has approved a survey involving a state claim to some land south of Corvallis along the Willamette river.

The population of the United States may double before the turn of the century, if present rates continue. Interest on the U.S. national debt comes to about eight billion dollars a year.

Plight of Palestinian Refugees Said Among World's Most Hopeless

Beirut (UPI) - Eleven years ago a Palestinian farmer named Yusuf and his family joined thousands of their countrymen in an exodus from Palestine during the Arab-Israeli war. The departure was a speedy one and there was no promise of a speedy return.

Today Yusuf is one of the more than one million men, women and children known as Palestinian refugees whose problem apparently is among the world's most hopeless. But Yusuf is not without some hope.

With encouragement from Arab governments, he believes the vanished Palestine must be recreated and that he will return to it. The United Nations has promised him compensation for his losses or repatriation. He demands only the latter. He has neither.

Relief Agency Set Up To take care of Yusuf's immediate needs and to help him and his fellow refugees start life anew, the U.N. in 1950 set up the U.N. Relief and Works Agency as a temporary solution. On that basis it has been continued, receiving contributions from U.N. member nations that have amounted so far to about 263 million dollars.

The present five-year mandate for UNRWA expires next June 30. There is no real doubt that its life will be extended, as asked by U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, by the refugees and by the host Arab governments.

But the problem illustrated by Yusuf and his family remains. When he fled his farm in Palestine in 1948 he took with him his wife, an aging uncle and an eight-year-old son. Now his family is bigger.

So are other families. There were an estimated 720,000 refugees seeking temporary homes in 1948. Now, according to the latest UNRWA estimate, there are 1,087,628.

Yusuf (the Arab equivalent of Joseph) and his family live in Jordan, an Indiana-sized country that has become home for more than half of all Palestinian refugees. There are another 1000 Palestinians in Jordan, many of them professional men and skilled workers, who are not counted as refugees.

Home for 32,000 Yusuf lives in a camp near Jericho called Aqabat Jabber. It is home for more than 32,000 refugees and is one of four camps around the ancient biblical town. Altogether, UNRWA maintains 42 camps in Jordan, the United Arab Republic's Syrian region, the U.A.R.-administered Gaza Strip and in Lebanon.

Back in Palestine, Yusuf, like most of his fellow refugees, was a farmer. It is the only life he knows. Around Jericho he sometimes finds a few weeks' work in fields during the year. But most of the time there is nothing to do but sit idly, discussing with friends the day when all will return to their own land.

Yusuf and the others could choose to remain in Jordan. There they have been officially welcomed as full-fledged citizens - a status not accorded refugees in Syria, Gaza or Lebanon. But Yusuf does not choose to stay. He wants to go home.

Draw Rations Yusuf and his family draw rations from UNRWA whose workers distribute flour, rice and other staples regularly at the camps. The death of his uncle a few years ago has never been recorded and the old man's ration is still included in the family quota. But there are two younger children now, born in Jordan, who are not eligible for rations.

Neither are the other 105,000 refugee children born since 1951, although they receive other UNRWA services such as schooling, shelter and medical care.

Yusuf's family lives in two rooms, part of a string of concrete and plaster camp houses that stretch in long lines over the rocky Jordanian countryside. Some less fortunate refugees still live in tents but UNRWA hopes to have the last of these moved into more substantial housing by the end of this year.

Camp life offers Yusuf's family little diversion and the talk, like that of the other refugees, is mostly about Palestine - and how good things will be when they return. Half of UNRWA's million refugees are under 15 years of age; they have never seen Palestine or are too young to remember it first hand. But it is the youth who talk most avidly of "returning."

Good Old Days They have heard their fathers speak of the good old days. The enforced idleness of camp life leaves much time for meetings where the in-

easy joining of the Catholic and Labor parties. In Denmark, the socialists will make up the biggest single party but their majority has not enabled them to stay in office all the time.

In pre-war days, the socialists were powers to be reckoned with. In almost all European countries, they were the leading party. But not any more.

Not Down for Count All this does not mean that socialism has gone down for the final count in Europe. In some countries, the Communist Party has either swallowed the socialists, taken over as the dominant partner in a twosome or driven the socialists into a coalition with the right.

Why has socialism been rejected by European voters? In the period immediately following World War II, the socialists reckoned that the evils they saw had to be remedied by drastic changes in the economic order.

But they missed the trend. Europe was soon enjoying a wave of prosperity, and Europeans were in no mood to approve radical economic and social reforms.

As prosperity increased, the voters became still more alienated from socialist thinking. Conform To Trend The socialists themselves have had to conform to the trend. Britain's Labor Party, for example, has gradually whittled down its stand on nationalization. West German socialists threw nationalization overboard years ago.

To invigorate their parties and get into line with the electorate, the socialists have had to face the fact that they must embrace the existing economic and social orders of their countries—not disrupt them.

Only behind the Iron Curtain, under the heavy hand of the Kremlin, has socialism been "flourishing."

In 1793, a yellow fever epidemic took the lives of one out of every six persons living in Philadelphia.

creasingly rosy picture of the old farms is repainted. In UNRWA schools, children learn songs about their lost homeland and the day they will drive the Israelis into the sea.

Yusuf's oldest son is a bright boy who has learned his lessons well. He would like to go to college but knows there is no chance. The U.N. agency has managed to squeeze out enough funds for 375 scholarships but that means only about 100 can be awarded each year. Competition is overwhelming.

Jobs Unavailable "Of all the refugees, the plight of the 30,000 young people reaching maturity each year is the most distressing. For most of them jobs are unavailable. This lack of opportunity with its accompanying disappointments, frustrations and blighted hopes is even more tragic in terms of human values than is the need for improved food, shelter and clothing."

The attitude of Yusuf and his fellow refugees toward UNRWA is mixed. He is grateful for the food, his small house, school lessons for his children and medical care, although he doesn't consider it more than his due. The U.N. owes him a living, he feels, because it helped create is-

rael and make a foreign and unfriendly land of his former country.

On the other hand, Yusuf and the other refugees distrust one of UNRWA's basic objectives: rehabilitation and its implication of permanent settlement outside Palestine. He is unconvinced by the U.N.'s repeated promise that rehabilitation will not prejudice his right to choose eventually between compensation for his losses or returning peacefully to Palestine.

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