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FRANCE ISSUES NEW DECREES IN DRIVE ON PROPAGANDA AS RACIAL AGITATION CONTINUES

PARIS, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The Cabinet issued two new decrees today in its campaign against anti-French and anti-Semitic propaganda. One decree, designed to check distribution in the streets of anonymous pro-Nazi and anti-Jewish leaflets, makes it obligatory for printers to place their imprints on all literature intended for distribution in public places. The second edict extends to the French colonies the recent law controlling import of foreign press matter, which is aimed particularly against Fascist and Nazi propaganda.

New evidences of Nazi propaganda cropped out in France as the Government pressed its campaign against Hitlerite agitation. Latest developments were:

(1) Arrest of four Frenchmen in Dunkurque, military port on the English Channel, in an investigation of Nazi propaganda said to involve the possibility of espionage; (2) appearance of posters throughout Paris picturing Germany as a happy and peaceful country; (3) distribution in Paris of a large anonymous edition of "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," discredited record of a purported plot for Jewish domination of the world; (4) sentencing of a Frenchman for distributing anti-Semitic pamphlets on the streets of Paris in violation of the decree prohibiting racial agitation.

The investigation in Dunkurque began, according to Le Petit Parisien, when the local postmaster drew the attention of the authorities to the fact that hundreds of letters from Germany, addressed to a Dunkurque inhabitant, had been piling up in the post-office, undeliverable because the addressee had moved, and the landlord at the address remarked on the pro-Nazi inclinations of his former lodger.

The postal authorities decided to open some of the letters before returning them to Germany, it was said. The authorities found that the letters held a clue to part of the Nazi propaganda setup in France. Four persons were subsequently arrested. Although the police refused to disclose the results of their investigation, Le Petit Parisien said it had learned that the affair might be more serious than propaganda, possibly involving espionage, which is a capital crime under a recent law. The leading suspect, the addressee of the hundreds of letters, was said to have been working in Havre, Brest and Dunkurque, all of which are important French military ports.

Meanwhile, Paris inhabitants awoke yesterday to find all main streets, subways and other public places placarded with elaborate posters, picturing the Reich as a land of joy and beauty. Soon after their appearance many of the posters had been smeared by indignant Frenchmen with anti-Nazi slogans and inscriptions.

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At the same time, there suddenly appeared in Paris a "popular edition" of the "Protocols." The volume, which is prohibited under the anti-racial law, has had several previous editions in France, but the current one, entitled "Peril Juive" (Jewish Peril), is apparently intended for mass circulation. Booksellers on the grand boulevards found stocks of the book at their doors this morning, delivered anonymously and gratis.

The latest sentence in the Government's drive against racial incitement was meted out by the Paris Criminal Court to Francois Etienne, director of the news sheet, Pays Libre, for distributing anti-Semitic pamphlets in the streets. He was sentenced to a month in jail and fined 500 francs. The Court explained that a minimum sentence had been imposed because Etienne had promised not to repeat the crime.

Etienne, the leader of an extreme Fascist group, said he was not the author of the pamphlet but had been forced to distribute them by order of his party. He declared that he had destroyed many of the pamphlets following promulgation last April of the decree outlawing racialist propaganda. Newspapers today demanded an investigation into Etienne's financial backing.

Army Begins Examining Aliens for Military Service

PARIS, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The French military authorities today began examination of all aliens, including those in the "stateless" and refugee categories, who had voluntarily registered for military service. The action, taken under the recent decree regulating the rights of aliens to enlist in the French Army in wartime, breaks a long tradition that only French citizens could serve in the army. Hitherto, aliens wishing to serve in the French military forces have been limited to the Foreign Legion.

Joining the regular French military ranks does not bring automatic citizenship for the aliens. Newspapers reported today, however, that a new decree is expected soon which will regulate the military status of aliens in every respect. It is estimated that about 400,000 aliens of military age could be recruited for the army if all aliens residing in France, who number approximately 3,000,000, were made eligible for military service.

Admission of aliens into the French Army, long opposed by many, today found no opposition. Even the Federation of Labor and extreme Right parties are backing the move. The only difficulty facing the military authorities is one of selection, since large numbers of aliens are Italians, Spaniards and Germans. While a majority of them are considered hostile toward the Fascist regimes in their native lands, sufficient care must be taken to insure that some are not working in the interests of these lands before they can be trusted as French soldiers. In this respect, Jewish refugees are considered an asset, since it is clear that no Jew would under present circumstances serve the Reich's interests.

Coincident with admitting aliens to the army, the authorities are giving serious consideration to the question of permitting increased immigration as a measure to add to the population and thus remedy a shortage of industrial and agricultural labor. With many French villages half abandoned and industry facing an apparent labor shortage which is bound to grow more acute, it is becoming increasingly difficult for coal, iron and steel industrialists, as well as farmers, to get French workers. The relative scarcity of men under 30 makes it possible for members of this age group to be more particular in their choice of work. Even the 3,000,000 aliens now in France could hardly fill the gaps created by the increased demands of industry and agriculture.

Encouragement of immigration, therefore, seems to many statesmen as the only solution to the situation. While there can be no question of unrestricted immigration, since white collar workers, professionals and tradesmen are not wanted, it is suggested that a sifted, canalized immigration is the only immediate means of restoring the balance that has been badly upset by the small family system. In this connection, some point out that there are hundreds of thousands of able-bodied Jews in Poland and Rumania who would be only too happy, if admitted to France, to work and live in restricted areas where industrial and farm labor is acutely needed.

REICH TO ALLOW MEMEL REFUGEES TO RETURN TO LIQUIDATE PROPERTY

KAUNAS, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Germany will permit Memel refugees to return to supervise liquidation of their property without interference by the German authorities, it was officially announced today. The process of liquidation, however, must be completed by Aug. 21.

The German Government, in a special note to the Lithuanian Government, declared its decision was taken under the terms of the German-Lithuanian trade agreement. The note gave assurances that Memel Jews would be permitted to return and would be treated as Lithuanian citizens, being allowed to sell their property, including houses, factories and goods, on the spot or through specially authorized representatives.

Money received for the refugees' property, it was stated, will be placed in a special account to be transferred to Lithuania through the usual clearing agreements in the form of goods and machinery.

First Concentration Camp in Danzig Opened

DANZIG, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The first concentration camp in the Danzig territory was opened yesterday at Guetland. The first inmates were 60-odd Jews unable to work under the Free City's anti-Semitic laws. It was expected that they would be put to work at construction of barracks, possibly fortifications later.

Rabbi Baeck Heads Reichsvereinigung

BERLIN, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Leo Baeck has been appointed president of the Reichsvereinigung, all-inclusive Jewish organization recently set by the German Government to speed emigration of Jews from the Reich, it was announced today. Dr. Baeck was president of the Reichsvertretung, former representative German-Jewish body.

Dr. Otto Hirsch, formerly chairman and director of the Reichsvertretung, has been named manager of the new organization. Leading members of the executive committee are former heads of the Reichsvertretung and the Hilfsverein, Jewish relief and emigration-aid organization.

REGULATIONS DRAFTED TO IMPLEMENT HUNGARIAN "JEW LAW"; PLAN LAND SEIZURE

BUDAPEST, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- A draft of regulations for implementation of Hungary's drastic anti-Jewish law, providing for restriction of Jews in the country's economic, political and cultural life, has been approved by the Cabinet and is now under consideration by the Justice Ministry, newspapers reported today.

The most important of the regulations concerns expropriation of Jewish property, for which purpose the Government is now carrying out a special land survey to establish which estates are owned by Jews. The final draft of the regulations is understood to contain 60 clauses. The section dealing with the definition of the term "Jew" is said to be particularly comprehensive.

The first regulations, which will be issued in the form of decrees, will deal with elimination of Jews from the press, it is reported.

In a lengthy article, Dr. Stefan Antal, Secretary of State in the Justice Ministry, declared that the anti-Jewish law would quickly solve the "Jewish problem." He said the law was quite capable of producing the intended result of eliminating Jews from business.

JEWISH ANNOUNCER, ARAB ENGINEER DIE OF WOUNDS IN RADIO STATION BOMBING

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- A Jewess and an Arab died today of wounds suffered in yesterday's bombing of the Palestine Broadcasting Company premises here. The victims were Mrs. May Weissenberg, 29, of South Africa, announcer on a children's hour, and Adib Mansur, radio engineer.

Officials were unable to explain how the terrorists had entered the heavily guarded building. The bombs, planted in the studio where Mrs. Weissenberg was broadcasting and in the control room, did heavy property damage. The children of several British high officials in Palestine were to have participated in the broadcast, but arrived late, escaping possible death or serious injury.

A large delegation of Arab Sheikhs attended a reception in honor of the recently inducted Sephardic Chief Rabbi, Ben-Zion Uziel, given at Nathania by the Palestine Sephardic Council. A spokesman for the delegation expressed the hope that the Chief Rabbi's accession would prove to be a blessing for all the country's inhabitants, declaring that "we, too, pray to Allah, in honor of the Chief Rabbi that all the skies will clear in Palestine."

The Government today lifted the ban on use of international telephone lines, which had been in effect for a year.

CONGRESS LEGALIZES IMMIGRANTS WITHOUT RECORD OF ENTRY

NEW YORK, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Legislation that will considerably ameliorate the condition of immigrants who entered the United States prior to July 1, 1924, but who are unable to produce "records of entry," without which naturalization is impossible, has been passed by both Houses of Congress and is now awaiting President Roosevelt's signature, it was announced here today by HIAS.

The bill amends the Act of March 2, 1929, under which immigrants without records of entry who entered the United States prior to June 3, 1921, were given the opportunity to legalize their status and extends the legalization possibilities to immigrants of this category who entered the country prior to July, 1924, the date when the present quota law went into effect. The legislation has long been advocated by public welfare and immigrant aid bodies, including HIAS. The measure aims particularly at solving a number of "hardship cases" -- men and women who came to the United States many years ago, married and raised families but could not legalize their status.

WELLS WARNS JEWS THEIR TROUBLES WILL MOUNT UNLESS THEY ASSIMILATE

LONDON, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- H.G. Wells, in his new book "The Fate of Homo Sapiens," out today, predicts that the troubles being experienced by the Jews will intensify "until they are prepared to assimilate and abandon the chosen people idea." In a reference to the Jewish question, Mr. Wells declares: "Why should any country want these inassimilable aliens, bent on preserving their distinctiveness? Until they are prepared to assimilate and abandon the chosen people idea, their troubles are bound to intensify."

BARON ROTHSCHILD RECOVERED, PLANS TO LIVE IN LONDON

LONDON, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Baron Louis de Rothschild, who has made an excellent recovery in Paris from his experiences at the hands of the Gestapo in Vienna, was reported today to be preparing to settle in London. A house has been decorated for him in Bryanston Square.

ITALIAN STEAMSHIP LINE AGENT IN PALESTINE OUSTED UNDER RACE LAW

TEL AVIV, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The first application of the Italian racial laws in Palestine was revealed here today with the dismissal of Arthur Hochdorf, who for six years had been Palestine manager of the Adriatica Steamship Line. Hochdorf had yearly promoted tours in which an estimated 40,000 Palestine Jews visited Italy.

BELGIUM CRITICIZED FOR DECISION TO EXPEL 3,000 REFUGEES

BRUSSELS, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The Belgian Government's decision to deport 3,000 refugees who entered Belgium after April 30 was criticized today by the Antwerp liberal newspaper, Flandre, which declared that "Belgium will not become bankrupt if she decides to spend another 6,000,000 francs on 3,000 refugees."

The Journal de Malmedy reported that "heart-breaking scenes are taking place daily on the Belgian-German frontier, with whole families wandering along the border like hunted beasts seeking to cross into Belgium."

BRITAIN DENIES PLAN TO SEND NEW COMMISSION TO PALESTINE

LONDON, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The Colonial Office today emphatically denied reports appearing in the French press regarding the possibility that Britain would send a Royal commission to Palestine to study the economic consequences of her new policy for the Holy Land.