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POLISH, CZECH LEADERS PLAN PROCLAMATION OF JEWS' EQUALITY; TALKS OPEN THIS WEEK

PARIS, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Steps to wipe out anti-Jewish legislation in Poland and former Czechoslovakia will shortly be undertaken by the exiled leaders of those two conquered nations, it was learned today. Negotiations toward that end, looking forward to the collapse of the Nazi regimes in the two countries, will be initiated this week among Jewish groups, ex-President Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia and Premier Wladislaw Sikorski of the Polish Government in exile.

The conferences are expected to be climaxed by issuance of special decrees both by Premier Sikorski and Dr. Benes ordering restoration of complete equality of rights for Jews when their countries regain their independence.

Meanwhile, Premier Sikorski went on the air last night with an address assuring "justice to all sons of Poland without distinction" as to race or religion. At the same time, a manifesto proclaiming equality of rights for all irrespective of origin or faith was issued by Dr. Stefan Osusky, Czech Ambassador to Paris.

One of the purposes of Dr. Benes' presence in Paris, it was learned, is to negotiate for the creation of a cabinet in exile similar to that recently set up by the Poles. Recognition of the Cabinet would be sought from all those governments which refused to acknowledge Germany's occupation of Czechoslovakia.

One of Dr. Benes' first steps upon creation of such a Government, this correspondent was informed, will be the issuance of a decree invalidating all the anti-Jewish laws introduced in the protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia since the German occupation.

The first step in this direction was taken by Dr. Osusky in his manifesto, which constituted a call to all Czech citizens to join the Czech army now in process of formation in France. Emphasizing the principle of equality for all Czech citizens, Dr. Osusky declared: "Every citizen is obliged to remain loyal to the Czechoslovak Republic and to serve her. Everybody without distinction has the same duties, but also the same rights. Everybody is equal before the law. Thus, no discrimination shall prevail among our citizens. We shall not allow racial origin, nationality, religious or political belief to be held against anybody."

Similar references to equality are contained in a manifesto under preparation by the Sikorski Government. The manifesto, designed for distribution to Poles throughout the world, will contain several paragraphs declaring that all citizens of Poland are equal irrespective of race, nationality or religion.

Meanwhile, a delegation representing the Federation of Polish Jews in France was received in the office of Wladyslaw Raczkiewics, Poland's new President. The delegation submitted a declaration of greetings and of Polish Jewry's loyalty to the new Polish Government.

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Falter Named to Polish Government Post

PARIS, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Alfred Falter, Polish industrialist and shipowner, has been named Undersecretary of State for the Finance Ministry in the new Polish Cabinet. Falter is of Jewish origin.

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18,000 Jews Join Allied Legions in France

PARIS, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- More than 9,000 Jewish aliens have registered for service in the French Foreign Legion in Paris alone, it was announced today by the recruiting offices of the Jewish War Veterans Association.

An estimated 8,000 Polish Jews have at the same time joined the Polish Legion which is being formed here. This number is growing rapidly, with the new Polish Cabinet's disapproval of the silent numerus clausus that some Polish Consulate officials had introduced against Jewish volunteers. The number of Jews in the Czech Legion being formed here totals about 1,000.

The Rothschild family has donated 800,000 francs to the French Red Cross, it was announced today.

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Jews' Services in Poland Praised

BUCHAREST, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The services rendered by Jews to Poland during the war were highly praised today by Paul Super, former national secretary of the Polish Y.M.C.A. and now Bucharest representative of the newly-formed American Commission for Polish Refugees.

In an interview with the J.T.A. Super also paid tribute to the aid given by Rumanian, Hungarian and Lithuanian Jews to Polish refugees regardless of their religion. In view of these facts, Super said, "I don't see how any Pole could ever be anti-Semitic again or leave the Jews in distress."

100,000 POLISH REFUGEES NEED AID, RED CROSS ASSERTS; FIRST \$25,000 SPENT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- A hundred thousand Polish refugees who fled into four neighboring countries are in urgent need of warm underclothing and medicines, the International Red Cross at Geneva and the League of Red Cross Societies cabled the American Red Cross here today. Many of the refugees are Jewish.

A \$25,000 contribution from the Red Cross sent several days ago has been expended, the cables said. Of this \$17,000 was for the purchase of underclothing and \$3,000 for the Hungarian Red Cross to provide for refugees within Hungary.

There are an estimated 85,000 interned Polish soldiers and 15,000 civilians in Rumania, Lithuania, Latvia and Hungary. A large number of the civilians are believed to be Jews who fled beyond the confines of the Nazi terror.

Several thousand chapters of the Red Cross are producing underwear and sweaters for the refugees, while voluntary contributions to the Red Cross total \$174,736 to date.

The Red Cross mission headed by Ernest J. Swift has reached Europe safely. Before sailing, Swift conferred with Paul Baerwald, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and the two organizations are exchanging information and working in cooperation.

POLISH OFFICERS INTERNED IN LITHUANIA DEMONSTRATE AGAINST JEWS

LONDON, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Forty civilian Jewish refugees from Poland and a large number of Jewish soldiers, including officers and members of the medical corps, have been interned in Lithuania camps, it was reported here today. The reports said that interned Polish officers have been engaging in anti-Jewish demonstrations against Jewish internees.

Reports reaching London said Polish Nazis have been supplied with the names of thousands of refugees who fled to Poland from Germany prior to the war and have been subjecting them to persecution.

HUNGER REPORTED IN SOVIET-HELD POLISH AREA; MANY TAKEN TO RUSSIA

BUCHAREST, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- United States Vice-Consul William Morton reported today that near-famine conditions prevailed in areas occupied by the Red Army as a result of flight of Polish shopkeepers, many of them Jewish, into Rumania before advancing Soviet troops. He had been stationed in Warsaw and arrived here after spending a week in eastern Poland.

Morton said Soviet officials at Zaleszczyki posted placards advising the public to "remain calm, continue your work and open your shops." The signs said the zloty would serve for currency on an even basis with the ruble. "But most of the businessmen," Morton said, "had already fled into Rumania before the arrival of Soviet troops, and food began to give out. On Sept. 20 my party could obtain only four pieces of bread, which we shared with stranded newspapermen."

The vice-consul also told how Soviet officials received delegations of workers and peasants, many of them Jewish, to decide who should remain in Poland and who should be transported to the interior of the Soviet Union.

Jewish State Theater Opened in Wilno

PARIS, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- A radio broadcast from Moscow announced today that a Jewish state theatre has been opened in Wilno.

The broadcast also stated that thousands of Jewish youths in Soviet Poland are inquiring with the Soviet authorities as to the possibility of their proceeding to Biro-Bidjan autonomous Jewish territory in Soviet Siberia.

MEASURES AGAINST JEWS INTENSIFIED IN VIENNA

BRUSSELS, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Private reports from Vienna said today that Jews were forbidden to leave their homes after 8 p.m., were permitted to shop only between 2 and 4 p.m. and were prohibited from having telephones and radios, among other recent anti-Jewish measures.

SENATOR LOEW BARRED FROM COUNCIL OF HUNGARIAN CITY

BUDAPEST, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Senator Emmanuel Loew, aged Chief Rabbi of Szeged, has been stricken from the list of members of the Municipal Council on the basis of the Hungarian anti-Jewish law, it was learned today.

A street in Szeged is named after his father, Dr. Leopold Loew, who was an army chaplain in the War of 1848. In 1911, Rabbi Loew declined the post of Vienna Chief Rabbi when the Szeged Municipal Council adopted a resolution asking him to remain "as the personification of patriotic Hungarian Jewry."

PRELIMINARY TALKS ON REFUGEES HELD IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The State Department has begun conferences with representatives of the British, French, Brazilian, Argentinan and Netherlands embassies as a preliminary to the meeting of officers of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees here Oct. 16 and 17. An agenda is being perfected under which the first problem to be considered by the committee will be that of diagnosing the magnitude of the whole European refugee situation.

ARABS FOUND HOSTILE TO NAZIS

PARIS, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Failure of the Nazis to undermine Arab loyalty to the Allied Powers is indicated in newspapers reaching Paris today from all parts of the Arab-speaking world.

The Beirut newspaper Nahar declares, for example: "We are not foolish enough to believe in German intrigues. We know well that Germany not only does not like us, but has relegated us to the 16th place among human races." The Cairo newspaper Al Wafd el Misri states: "Germany alone is responsible for the war of 1914 and that of 1939. The democracies, on the other hand, exerted every effort to avoid war."

Warning against "German insincerity, which violates signatures and tears up treaties," is sounded for the benefit of the Soviet Union in the Baghdad newspaper Djem-Houriat. A similar warning to Premier Mussolini is voiced in Le Jour of Beirut, which declares that "Italy's true enemy is Germany."

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING INCOME TAX

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Imposition of an income tax to make up for a decline in customs and the wartime restriction of grants-in-aid by the United Kingdom is being considered by the Palestine Government, it was officially announced today.

Jews are already subject to an income tax ranging from one to 20 per cent, proclaimed as an emergency measure by the Jewish National Council, representative body of the Holy Land's 460,000 Jews.

KFAR WARBURG TO BE LAUNCHED TODAY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Kfar Felix Warburg, named in memory of the American Jewish philanthropist, will be launched tomorrow near the Beer Tuvia colony in southern Palestine. The new settlement, which will consist of 70 farms, is being financed by a \$350,000 allocation of the Emica Association.

MORE JEWS GET SOVIET TRANSIT VISAS

LONDON, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Another group of Palestinians in Latvia have been granted Russian transit visas and are sailing from Odessa on Oct. 19 for Haifa, it was reported here today.

WELFARE LEADERS URGE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL JEWISH COORDINATING COUNCILS

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Establishment in each community of a local coordinating group "to cooperate with the General Jewish Council and its affiliated agencies and thus develop a coordinated local-national policy" dealing with civic protective problems was recommended yesterday by delegates from 20 communities, at the sixth annual Up-State New York and Ontario Conference of Jewish Communal Agencies.

The conference, sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, called for "the united and coordinated efforts of all our resources" to improve relations between Jews and other groups in the community and approved the achievements in this direction of the General Jewish Council. The conference urged, as a further step, coordination in fund raising of the four agencies in the General Jewish Council.

Joseph C. Hyman, executive director of the Joint Distribution Committee, told the delegates Saturday evening that severe as is the general suffering in Poland, the Jews have suffered more than the others there, because the first act of the conquerors was to rake the Jewish community. Other speakers were Sidney Wallach, of the American Jewish Committee and Dr. William Haber, executive director of the National Refugee Service.

ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES INTENSIFIED IN REICH

PARIS, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Reports of intensifying anti-Jewish measures throughout Germany reached Paris tonight. In certain Reich cities, it was said, Jews are forbidden to buy food, while in others one Jew is assigned by the local authorities to obtain a small quantity of food from local wholesalers and distribute it to the entire Jewish population, provided that the "Aryan" population has first been supplied.

Jews in Emden have been officially forbidden to enter food shops, according to the Essener National Zeitung, and they can enter other stores only between 3 and 4 p.m. The Hanover Kurier said this measure would soon be introduced throughout Germany. In Magdeburg, two "Aryan" proprietors of delicatessen stores were arrested for selling food to two Jews, according to the Voelkischer Beobachter.

Leaders of Jewish communities all over the Reich have been informed by the authorities that they will be held personally responsible if any Jew is discovered listening to a radio. In Hamburg, Gestapo agents carried out searches on Yom Kippur to establish if any had violated the order forbidding all German, Polish and "stateless" Jews to have radios in their homes.

While anti-Jewish propaganda in the press and over the radio continues unabated, the Nazi authorities have taken measures to isolate not only the Jews of Germany, the Protectorate and occupied Poland, but of neighboring neutral countries, detaining all mail en route to these countries that is addressed to Jews. Particularly affected by this action are the Jews of the Baltic countries, since all their mail must pass through Germany, unless it comes via Scandinavian countries.