

VOL. VI. NO. 70.

Sunday, October 29, 1939.

TOTALITARIAN, RACIST THEORIES SCORED BY POPE PIUS XII IN FIRST ENCYCLICAL

PARIS, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The Havas News Agency reported from Vatican City today that the unqualified condemnation which Pope Pius XII heaped on totalitarian, racist and materialistic theories of government in his encyclical "Summi Pontificatus" caused a profound stir in Rome as well as the Vatican.

Although it had been expected that the Pope would attack ideologies hostile to the Catholic Church, few observers had expected so outspoken a document, the Havas dispatch said.

He condemned first of all, the dispatch said, doctrines which confer on "the state and the collectivity unlimited authority which subordinates all ends and means to national strength." With equal vigor he denounced racial theories which prevent "all possibilities of true union and fecund collaboration among peoples."

The Pope specifically expressed sympathy for dismembered Poland, calling it "that well beloved nation which deserves the fraternal human sympathy of the whole world and which awaits the hour of resurrection."

He also criticized governments which "in principle consider treaties ephemeral and tacitly reserve the right to annul them whenever they find it convenient." Such an attitude, he said, results from "a fatal dynamism, a collective egoism turned solely to establishing its own rights without recognizing the rights of anyone else."

HUNGARIAN JEWS FACE LOSS OF ALL LANDHOLDINGS UNDER DRASTIC REDISTRIBUTION BILL

BUDAPEST, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- A sweeping agricultural reform bill, one of whose effects may be to eliminate Jews entirely as landholders, was approved today by the Chamber of Deputies.

The measure provides for distribution of 1,500,000 acres among Hungary's landless farm workers. In keeping with the nation's drastic anti-Jewish law, under which Jews are restricted to six percent participation in the economic and cultural life of the country, the bill strikes hardest at the Jews.

Where non-Jews are affected, the distribution will be limited to property owners with holdings of more than 300 acres. The bill sets no such limit, however, as regards Jews.

The measure will entail the gradual diversion of from 20 to 25 per cent of all Hungarian farmland and is expected to result in the establishment of some 200,000 small land-holders. There are an estimated 900,000 landless agricultural workers in Hungary.

Parliament will have the task of drafting detailed plans for execution of the measure. In principle, the distribution will apply to land-holding companies before it is extended to private estates.

NAZIS SEND ZIONIST LEADERS TO LUBLIN TO ORGANIZE IMMIGRATION TO PROJECTED "RESERVATION"

LONDON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- A number of Zionist leaders in former Czechoslovakia and elsewhere have been sent by the Nazis to Lublin, which has been envisioned as the capital of a Jewish "reservation" reportedly contemplated by the Reich in Nazi-held Poland, according to information received today by the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

The leaders, among whom is believed to be Dr. Jacob Edelstein, head of the Jewish Agency's office in Prague, were reportedly dispatched to organize Jewish immigration to the territory.

Mass Deportation Reported From Czech City

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- A Prague dispatch to the New York Times reported today that nearly the entire Jewish population of Moravska-Ostrava, in the Bohemia-Moravia "protectorate," except the aged and infirm, has been shipped to Poland.

The dispatch said that the group included men up to 70 and women aged 17 to 55. The only personal belongings permitted the deportees were a knapsack and a small bag, together with 300 marks each.

According to the dispatch, the "full implication of this mass deportation of Jews to Poland are not yet clear. It is believed to be preliminary to rhe resettlement of the Jews of Germany in a Jewish State in Poland, but so far the Jews are being used chiefly as workers in reconstruction projects and are living in barracks. However, it is unlikely that those who have been deported will ever again see the homes they left so suddenly and that their existence henceforth will be determined entirely by Nazi dictates."

The dispatch said that the removal followed similar action taken in Vienna "where practically every able-bodied Jew has been transported to Poland to work in labor battalion." It added that children left behind by their parents would be cared for by the Jewish community, subsisting probably on the proceeds from the sale of Jewish property, businesses and shops.

-3 POLISH JEWISH LEADERS ALLOWED TO ENTER U.S. ON 6-MONTH VISAS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Three Polish Jewish leaders, Dr. Arjeh Tartakower, Dr. Jakob Apenszlak and Dr. Leib Wulman, who have been detained at Ellis Island since their arrival from Paris last Sunday, have been granted six-month visitors' visas to enter the United States, the Immigration Bureau announced today.

Their applications for admission were approved by an immigration board of review after immigration officials at Ellis Island had decided to exclude them on the grounds that they were traveling on Polish passports which would not enable them to return to their country of origin.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The three Polish Jewish leaders were released from Ellis Island without bond today after they had been granted visitors' visas by an immigration board of review in Washington. They will stay at the Hotel Regent.

J.T.A. NEWS 10/29/39.

10,000-TREE PALESTINE FOREST TO BE PLANTED FOR WISE BY HADASSAH

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Planting of a 10,000-tree forest in honor of Dr. Stephen S. Wise at the Ein Hashofet colony in Palestine was announced tonight at a Sabbath dinner of the Hadassah convention in the Hotel Astor. Dr. Wise, guest of honor at the dinner, was praised for "a life of distinguished service for his people" by Mrs. Herman Shulman, Hadassah secretary.

The first 100 trees will be called the Louise Wise Garden, in honor of Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Shulman said.

Before the dinner, 200 delegates joined in a candle-lighting ceremony at the hotel. The first candle was lit by Mrs. Edward Epstein, 79-year-old mother of Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, president of Hadassah. Arrangements for the ceremony were made by the Hadassah national board so that its orthodox members would not have to forego customary religious practices during the convention.

At afternoon and morning sessions, the 2,000 delegates discussed internal problems dealing with fund-raising and political education. Mrs. Sidney Leibowitz, child welfare chairman, reported that Hadassah provides pre and post-natal care for 85 per cent of Jerusalem mothers and has aided in reducing the infant mortality rate from 128 per thousand in 1929 to 58 per thousand in 1937. Mrs. Robert Szold, Palestine committee chairman, reported that Hadassah had spent \$567,868 for its hospitalization, public health and school hygiene work in Palestine in the past year.

A budget of \$175,000 for land reclamation and afforestation work in Palestine will be recommended by Mrs. Shulman at the Sunday morning session. The convention will close Sunday with elections.

Palestine Doubles Imports From U.S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Palestine's purchases from the United States have almost doubled during the current year over last year's figure, according to a report from the American Consulate-General in Jerusalem released today by the Commerce Department.

Imports of American products into Palestine in the first seven months of 1939 were valued at \$5,012,000, compared with \$2,740,000 in the corresponding period last year. The share of the United States in the total trade of Palestine increased from 8 per cent to 12 per cent.

"RASSENSCHANDE" PRISONER REPORTED SLAIN IN REICH JAIL

PARIS, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- A Havas News Agency dispatch dated Berlin reported today that a 27-year-old Jew named Israel Joseph, who was serving a six-year sentence for "Rassenschande" (soiling the race), has been killed in jail. Nazi newspapers said he was slain because of "active resistance" to his jailers.

THORKELSON LINKED WITH SILVER SHIRTS DURING CONGRESS DEBATE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Representative Jacob Thorkelson of Montana was called "the white-haired boy of a subversive organization" -- later identified as the Silver Shirts -- during an exchange on the House floor.

The charge was made by Representative Robert G. Allen as Thorkelson tried for the third time to insert in the Congressional Record the names of hundreds of Government workers who are members of the American League for Peace and Democracy. During the debate Thorkelson, who is said to be a friend of William Dudley Pelley, Silver Shirt leader, was asked by Representative Luther Patrick why he did not denounce "the Silver Shirts and the Pelleyites like you do this league?" Thorkelson did not answer.

WORLD MUST AID GERMAN DEMOCRATIC FORCES, EMIGRE BULLETIN IN LONDON ASSERTS

LONDON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The Friends of the German People's Front in London, headed by Prof. A. Meusel, together with the Committee of German Opposition, headed by Heinrich Mann, have commenced publication of a bulletin, "Inside Germany," to inform the British public regarding opposition of the German people to the war.

An announcement states: "We believe a democratic Germany is the desirable and only alternative to the present regime. If this time the German democratic forces are assisted by the rest of the world, we are sure that democracy in Germany will be successful."

BAY STATE GOVERNOR LAUDS TOLERANCE IN TOWN OF 32 NATIONALITIES

CHELSEA, Mass. Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Chelsea was hailed as "a living example of the spirit of tolerance which is so sorely needed to banish the forces of oppression and aggression threatening the world" by Gov. Leverett Saltonstall at a banquet marking the 200th anniversary of the separation of Chelsea from Boston.

The event, part of Chelsea Bicentennial Week program, brought together hundreds of former residents, including many Jewish personalities who were brought to Chelsea in their youth from foreign shores or who were natives of the city which has a Jewish population of 18,000 among a general population of 43,000.

The Governor complimented Chelsea's population, representing 32 nationalities who rub elbows with perfect harmony and accord.

50,000 POLISH REFUGEES IN LITHUANIA, CONSUL GENERAL REPORTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Lithuanian Consul General Jonas Budrys announced at a press conference today that 50,000 refugees from Poland had found a haven in Lithuania, exclusive of the newly-ceded Wilno district, and that the Government was doing everything possible to alleviate their plight.

ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES SPUR DISCONTENT IN REICH, DIPLOMAT REPORTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Discontent in Germany has been increased by anti-Jewish excesses, Hugh S. Gibson, former Ambassador to Belgium and dean of the American diplomatic corps, who has just returned from Europe, told a luncheon of the Overseas Press Club of America.

"Discontent in Germany has also been increased by the anti-Jewish excesses," Gibson said. "They were an awful blow to the German people not only because they were disgusted with them but they feared they would be held responsible for them abroad."

(Continued on reverse side of page)

WHITE PAPER UNCHANGED, EMERSON TELLS PRESS CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Sir Herbert Emerson, director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, said at a press conference today that 215,000 Jews had found refuge in Palestine since 1933, including 70,000 from Germany.

Sir Herbert declined to comment on future immigration to Palestine. He said that so far as he knew the British White Paper policy remained unchanged.

Next to Palestine, the United States has accepted the Largest number of refugees driven from Germany since the Hitler regime. "Settlement in Palestine," he said, "has presented less difficulty on the economic side than any other country. Immigration has been on a large scale."

Sir Herbert said that not less than 100 tribunals have been set up in England to handle the cases of 50,000 technical "enemy aliens," including refugees. Only a small percentage of them will be interned, he said, while the others, including those about whom the tribunals "are not quite certain," will be allowed to work. He predicted that the great majority would not be limited by any restrictions.

Brandeis, Roosevelt Confer on Refugees

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Retired Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis was -- the guest of President Roosevelt at tea at the White House last Tuesday, it was learned to- day. He discussed refugee matters and Palestine affairs with the President.

See Virgin Islands as Temporary Haven

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The New York World-Telegram reported from Washington today that "Government sources" disclosed a plan to use the Virgin Islands as a temporary haven for refugees waiting to enter the United States under established immigration quotas. The Virgin Islands Legislature recently urged that the islands be allowed to harbor such refugees, and officials in Washington are understood to be favorable to the proposal, the dispatch said.

ISADOR SOBEL DEAD AT 81; AMONG FOUNDERS OF B'NAI B'RITH

ERIE, Pa., Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Isador Sobel, one of the founders of B'nai B'rith, died yesterday at the age of 81. Sobel was one of the former honorary presidents of the National Association of Postmasters and was one of the original 50 members of the American Jewish Committee. A wife and three children survive him.