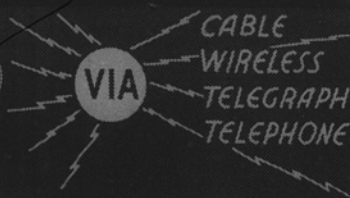


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3 PALESTINE EDITORS FACE TRIAL FOR FLOUTING CENSORSHIP

TEL AVIV, Palestine, March 1. (JTA) --The responsible editors of three Hebrew daily newspapers were today released on bail pending trial on charges of breaking censorship regulations.

They are Berl Katznelson, editor of the laborite Davar; Dr. Nathan Alterman, of Haaretz, General Zionist organ, and Rabbi Benjamin, of Hazofeh, organ of the Mizrachi (religious Zionist) Organization.

The news of the release on bail of the three editors was the first inkling of their arrest, which was assumed to be in connection with the ordinance restricting sale of land in Palestine, announced by the British Government on Wednesday.

Under the censorship regulations existing in Palestine, a censor sits in the office of each newspaper and determines what can be published. Thus, the only way an editor could violate the regulations would be to defy the censor openly. Rabbi "Benjamin" is the pen-name of the Mizrachi leader, Rabbi Radler-Feldman.

New Colony Founded in North

JERUSALEM, March 1. (JTA) -- Jewish colonization activity went forward today despite the newly-announced restrictions on purchase of land by Jews.

A new colony, the third to be founded since the first of the year, was established by a group of 76 pioneers, most of whom are from Germany, near Hanita in northernmost Palestine.

The colony occupies 5,200 dunams (about 1,000 acres) of land recently purchased by the Jewish National Fund. It is located in the area where land sales to Jews have been restricted, retroactively to May 18, 1939.

The J.N.F. has acquired a total of 25,000 dunams of land in the Upper Galilee, a restricted area, since the war, it was announced.

Protest Wires Flood M.P.'s; Safe Margin for Government Seen

LONDON, March 1. (JTA) -- Telegrams urging members of Parliament to oppose the new Palestine land ordinance, which is to be debated on a Laborite motion of censure next Wednesday, poured in to the House of Commons today.

Although the Laborite Daily Herald predicted that the debate would be the hottest Commons has experienced since the war started, other quarters expressed the belief that the Government would secure a larger majority than it obtained in the White Paper debate of May 23, 1939, when it won by the narrow margin of 89 votes.

Political circles pointed out that regardless of the strong dislike many Government supporters have for the White Paper policy and the land regulations, they might be unwilling to follow a policy of opposition or abstention from voting, which will be considered weakening the Government.

Although the Laborites framed the resolution carefully to make it easier for Conservatives to support it, the Government is expected to look at the question as an express vote of censure and to summon its followers by a three-line whip to vote for the land regulations.

At the same time, it is reported that Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald is being urged by Government supporters to state bluntly the reasons which led the Government to announce the regulations in Commons to the surprise of both sides of the House. Conservatives who dislike the regulations, under which Jews are forbidden to buy land in some areas and restricted in others, but are unwilling to go against the Government feel that a full declaration "will take the sting out of the debate." It seems definite, however, that the large Conservative bloc headed by Leopold S. Amery, former Colonial Secretary, and Capt. Victor Cazalet, which had previously strongly opposed the White Paper policy, will not hesitate to condemn the regulations.

Meanwhile, public indignation over the ordinance continued to manifest itself. The executive committee of the British League of Nations Union adopted a resolution protesting against enforcement of the regulations without consulting the League.

The Jewish Chronicle, Anglo-Jewish weekly, comments that the "most exasperating feature" of the regulations is their "sheer stupidity." The New Statesman and Nation terms the ordinance an "undisguised violation of the Mandate." The Spectator asserts that unless there is far stronger ground for action than disclosed in the House, the decision "to create a fait accompli is hard to justify."

CONGRESS SEEN PASSING POLISH RELIEF BILL ONLY IF NAZIS PERMIT FULL U.S. WATCH

WASHINGTON, March 1. (JTA) -- Congress will pass the Polish relief bill only if the Nazi Government agrees to complete supervision of relief by Americans, a survey of key figures interested in the bill revealed today.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee met in executive session to discuss the bill this morning, and while all members favored some relief for Poland they agreed that only American supervision, from the time supplies reached European shores until they were distributed to individuals, would satisfy the Congress and the American people.

The committee will continue its hearings on the bill next Tuesday at which time Chairman Sol Bloom intends to ask the State Department to make public its dispatches on the Polish situation.

Meanwhile, opposition to the bill crystallized in the Senate, where Senators Robert Reynolds and Lewis B. Schwellenbach announced that they would fight the measure on the grounds that millions of Americans were homeless and unfed and that no relief should go abroad until Americans have been cared for.

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ORT Seeks Nazi Permit to Ship Tools to Poland

PARIS, March 1. (JTA) -- Efforts to send constructive relief in the form of vocational training equipment to Polish Jewry are being made by the World ORT Union, organization for the retraining of Jews, through negotiations with the Nazi authorities in Berlin, it was revealed here today.

Dr. Aaron Syngalowski, vice-president of the ORT, told a press conference that the Berlin branch of the organization was still functioning unhampered and had addressed a petition to the authorities asking permission to act as mediator between the ORT in neutral countries and the organization in Poland. Permission to deliver tools and material to ORT institutions in Warsaw and other Nazi-held cities was sought.

According to advices reaching the ORT here through Switzerland, the petition is being examined by the Gestapo, which has asked the Berlin organization to submit a detailed memorandum. At the present time, the ORT is operating legally in Poland the same as before the war. Its workshops, however, are suffering from a shortage of materials and equipment.

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6,000 Families Ousted From Lodz Area

PARIS, March 1. (JTA) -- A Polish Government communique said today that 6,000 Jewish families have been expelled from Lodz and reported deportation of Poles and Jews from other localities was continuing. Expulsions have occurred in all towns of the regions of Cichanos and Wloclawek, with the deportees permitted to take with them only 20 marks and a small supply of food, the statement said.

Jewish and Polish women, children and young girls are being seized in virtually every city of Nazi Poland and are being shipped to military zones for the use of German soldiers, the communique said. Large groups of women and girls have been transported from Kalisz "and a number of other cities," the Government stated, and "there is great concern over their fate."

POPE NAMES JEW TO VATICAN POST AS ITALIAN ANTI-SEMITIC LAWS TAKE EFFECT

NEW YORK, March 1. (JTA) -- The United Press reported today from Rome that Pope Pius had appointed Prof. Roberto Almagia, a Jew, to restore ancient maps in the Vatican. U.P. saw significance in the appointment of Almagia, who had been forced by anti-Jewish measures to leave the Rome University faculty, just 12 hours before Italy's new anti-Jewish regulations went into effect.

PAPER SHORTAGE BRINGS BAN ON 6 JEWISH PAPERS IN LITHUANIA

KAUNAS, March 1. (JTA) -- One Russian and six Jewish newspapers, three of them dailies, were suspended by the Government today because of a paper shortage.

Four Polish newspapers have been permitted to continue publication, as have four other Jewish dailies in Kaunas and two in Wilno. The suspended Jewish dailies are Farnacht, Ovenblat and Baitog.

NEW TRADE LICENSES BARRED TO BUDAPEST JEWS

BUDAPEST, March 1. (JTA) -- Minister of Commerce and Industry Antal Kunder was quoted today as declaring that no new licenses to conduct commercial and industrial enterprises would be issued to Jews. According to the newspaper Esti Kurir, Alderman Franz Felkey, at a meeting of the Budapest City Council, reported the minister's decision that licenses would be given only to those considered as non-Jews under the first paragraph of the anti-Jewish law.

USSISHKIN CABLES HOPEFUL MESSAGE ON LAND EDICT TO U.S. JEWRY

NEW YORK, March 1. (JTA) -- An optimistic, fighting message on the new Palestine land ordinance, voicing the hope that purchases made since May 18, 1939, would be saved from the retroactive features of the measure, was received here today from M.M. Ussishkin, aged world president of the Jewish National Fund.

The cable urged American Jews not to despair, expressed determination to persist in opposition to the ordinance through "all means" and advised that there were still "large opportunities" available.

The veteran Zionist leader, who is 77, voiced confidence that American Jewry "the center of Jewish hope," would "rise to the occasion and assist the Jewish Agency in its political struggle and the Keren Kayemeth (J.N.F.) in its practical work."

Protests against the ordinance, meanwhile, continued to be voiced by various groups here. The Governing Council of the American Jewish Congress, at a special meeting yesterday afternoon, adopted a resolution expressing its regret that "at a time when all democratic groups throughout the world should be brought to the moral support of the democracies, Great Britain should take an action which is bound to alienate public opinion in America--non-Jewish as well as Jewish."

The New Palestine, organ of the Zionist Organization of America, charged in an editorial that the ordinance constituted a "betrayal of the ideals of justice and fair play" and called for suspension of the measure and of the White Paper policy as a whole for the duration of the war.

Dorothy Thompson vigorously assailed the ordinance in her nationally syndicated column, published here by the New York Herald Tribune. She declared Britain, by issuing the ordinance after asserting that one of her war aims was to wipe out racial persecution, "established a policy which not only makes her noble words seem hollow but which will remain to plague her in peace."

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The Jewish Daily Forward declared editorially: "Jews cannot and will not accept the decree and such an attitude. Fortunately, they are not alone. The British Labor Party, the Liberals and a large part of the Government-controlled Conservative Party are no less aroused than the Jews."

A special meeting of the executive committee of the Women's League for Palestine denounced "this latest betrayal at a tragic time for world Jewry" and reaffirmed "determination to help build a Jewish homeland in Palestine," sending messages to this effect to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, David Ben Gurion and Major Clement Attlee, leader of the British Labor Party.

VAN ZEELAND RETURNING AFTER VISIT TO DOMINICAN REFUGEE AREA

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, March 1. (JTA) -- Satisfaction with his inspection tour of the 24,000-acre Sosua tract, donated by Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo for colonization of refugees from central Europe, was expressed today by Paul van Zeeland, president of the Coordinating Foundation for refugees, prior to his scheduled departure for New York by plane.

CHURCH BODY URGES STUDY OF ANTI-SEMITISM; BACKS GOODWILL DRIVE

PHILADELPHIA, March 1. (JTA) -- A national study conference of the Federal Council of Churches, representing 23 religious denominations, adopted a resolution yesterday urging churches, "in the presence of growing anti-Semitism, to promote goodwill and cooperation with our Jewish fellow-citizens." It also called upon local churches to "give powerful thought and take concrete action in dealing with the cause, consequences and cure of anti-Semitism," which it termed "a direct challenge to the Christian communities of America."

REFUGEE YOUTHS EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE

LONDON, March 1. (JTA) -- A group of 25 Jewish refugee youths have left Marseilles for Palestine, it was announced today by the Youth Aliyah (immigration) movement. They had left England Feb. 24.

Other groups leaving soon for Palestine under Youth Aliyah auspices include 25 from Holland, 15 from Sweden, seven from Belgium, 46 from Lithuania, three from Hungary and one each from France and Switzerland. All are scheduled to arrive in Palestine before the end of March.

FAIR LABOR CODE SOUGHT FOR WAR OFFICE WORK IN PALESTINE

LONDON, March 1. (JTA) -- The question of applying the principle of fair labor conditions to public works construction by the War Department in Palestine has been raised in the House of Commons by Arthur Creech Jones, Labor M.P.

Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald replied that it was the declared policy of the Palestine Government to ensure fair conditions of labor under Government work safeguards provided by legislation. He promised to look into the question of War Office construction.