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HOLIDAY FURLOUGHS CANCELLED AS POLISH LEGION FACES CALL TO NORWEGIAN FRONT

PARIS, April 17. (JTA) -- Passover leaves for the approximately 15,000 Jews in the Polish Legion were cancelled today as the Polish Government-in-exile prepared to send Polish troops from France to Norway as part of the Allied expeditionary force.

The Jewish Consistory and the Federation of Polish Jews in France announced cancellation of the Passover feast scheduled to be held on April 22 for Jewish soldiers in Paris. Instead, packages of matzoth and other Passover food will be sent to the troops by mail.

Withdrawal of Passover furloughs does not exclude the possibility that some Jewish soldiers will be permitted to visit Paris during the weekend preceding Passover and on April 23 and 24, the first two days of the holiday, depending on the development of the Scandinavian situation.

The Polish Government appointed Rabbi Jacob Mozer of Le Havre as chief field rabbi for the Jewish soldiers in the Polish army with the rank of major, and Dr. Heshl Klepfisch, who escaped from Warsaw to Paris after the German invasion of Poland, as deputy chief field rabbi with the rank of captain.

Report Several Hundred Refugees Escaped from Denmark

PARIS, April 17. (JTA) -- Several hundred German and Czech refugees succeeded in making a clandestine departure from Denmark for Sweden on April 9 and 10, it was reported today by Andre Chastine, Copenhagen correspondent of Le Temps, who has returned to Paris. (There were an estimated 1,200 refugees and a normal Jewish population of 6,000 in Denmark before the German invasion.)

Chastine also said that some of the Gestapo agents who went into action after the Nazi occupation had been residing in Copenhagen since the outbreak of the war in September.

MAIL DELIVERIES BARRED TO JEWS IN LODZ GHETTO

PARIS, April 17. (JTA) -- Mail is no longer delivered to the Jews of Lodz, second largest city of Nazi-occupied Poland, who are isolated in a ghetto surrounded by barbed-wire fences, according to evidence published today by Glos Polski, Polish Government organ.

The paper printed the photostatic copy of an envelope, dated March 18, which was addressed to a Jew in Lodz and which was returned with the written notation by the letter carrier: "Empfaenger wohnt im Ghetto. Eintreten polizeilich verboten." This means: "Addressee lives in ghetto. Entrance forbidden by police."

The text of the Nazi order instituting the ghetto was received here. It ordered the evacuation of Jews into the ghetto by Dec. 31, 1940, and removal of Poles and Germans from the ghetto by Feb. 29, 1940. The order, signed by the Nazi chief of Police in Lodz, states:

"In order to have the Jews who reside in various parts of Lodz completely isolated a special section is being prepared for them north of Deutschland Place--formerly Place Wolgosczi--the borders being the following streets: Strfania to Sadowa Street, to Zabia; Takascziewskiego to Marishanska, to Smuggova, to Szilinska, to Fulnaza, to Stub, to Woschodnia, to Lubkan, to Poznanski's factory and from the factory to Drewbnowska; from Drewbnowska to Pivna, followed by Urgedniczna and all of Advocazka Street.

"The Lodz authorities will delineate the borders more exactly. Meanwhile, the streets Nowomejki, Ogerska and Limanovska will be open to Jews for traffic only by car, not for walking. Walking on foot in these streets is prohibited to Jews.

"All Germans and Poles who reside in that part of the city will be obliged to move from there, together with their families, household property and labor implements by Feb. 29, 1940. The Germans will receive dwellings in the center of the city in accordance with their own suggestions, which will be received by the Dwelling and Moving Department.

"Poles will be quartered in the other section of the city, around the Kaliszer railway station. (The boundary of the Polish section is not given.)

"The general transfer of Jews will take place gradually, in accordance with instructions which the authorities will issue setting the place and time of the transfer.

"Each landlord or principal tenant, Jew or non-Jew, must accept in his house anyone whom the authorities assign. Those transferred must submit on the day of their transfer a detailed list of their furniture and the number of rooms in the apartment they have vacated. Landlords throughout the city, except in the section assigned for Jews, must report to the police regarding all Germans and Poles who have moved into their houses.

"Jews engaged in industry or artisanship who cannot be replaced may continue working in factories when the factory owner recommends it, providing the latter obligates himself to feed these Jews and to keep them in isolated quarters without their families and undertakes to take care of all matters concerning these Jews.

"Violation of this order will result in fine of 150 marks or imprisonment. The order goes into effect immediately and must be carried out by Dec. 31, 1940."

GESTAPO INCREASES PRESSURE FOR JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM OLD REICH

AMSTERDAM, April 17. (JTA) -- Jewish communities in the Old Reich are being subjected to increasing pressure to accelerate emigration, it was reported here today, despite Germany's acute labor shortage and the fact that many young Jews are employed in agriculture.

Conditions vary in different cities. While Hamburg Jews are not forced to emigrate at present, in Berlin the Gestapo has ordered the Jewish community to submit daily a list of 70 Jews ready to emigrate. It is practically impossible to comply with the order since emigration outlets are almost non-existent.

Total Jewish emigration from the Old Reich in the first three months of this year averaged less than the figure demanded by the Gestapo for Berlin alone, where it is impossible to find 70 Jews with emigration possibilities and sufficient capital to pay the taxes and assessments levied on prospective emigrants.

Gestapo pressure is reflected in the Juedisches Nachrichtenblatt, Nazi-controlled Jewish organ. After last month's appeal to Jewish organizations abroad and to emigrated Jews to find new homes for Jews still in the Reich, successive issues have been devoted almost exclusively to emigration problems and possibilities.

It is feared that the lists which the Berlin Jewish Community submits to the Gestapo will be used to select persons for expulsion to the Lublin Jewish "reservation" in Poland or for illegal emigration via the Danube. It is learned that many Danube transports have been organized by the Gestapo, the Jews forced to go whether or not they wished to do so, after being charged heavy transportation fees by the Gestapo.

It is feared that the halting of expulsions from the Old Reich to Lublin after the exiling of the Jews of Stettin is only temporary and the deportations may be resumed at any moment.

The Nachrichtenblatt reports that 4,755 Jews emigrated from the Old Reich during the first three months of the year. The number does not include expulsions to Lublin and illegal emigration to Palestine. The United States received 2,564, Palestine 252 legal emigrants and the remainder went to South America, Africa, Asia and European countries.

Julius Streicher's Fraenkische Tageszeitung complains that the tempo of "de-Judaization" in Nuremberg, home of the Nazi Congress, has been halted since the outbreak of the war. Nuremberg's Jewish population was reduced from 8,266 in 1933 to 2,638 in 1938, not including non-Jewish "non-Aryans." Of these, 1,030 went to the United States, of whom 63 per cent were merchants and tradesmen and the majority of the remainder professionals.

NO ROOM FOR NAZI SINGLE-RACE RULE, EDEN ASSERTS

LONDON, April 17. (JTA) -- Dominions Secretary Anthony Eden declared today in a speech at the Constitutional Club that there was no room for both the Nazi principle of rule by a single race and the British conception of free development of peoples.

"The German Government's conception of the world's future is incompatible with ours, nor is there room for both," Captain Eden said. "For Nazism, humanity consists of one race that rules--the German race--and the number of other races are all and always inferior. We are convinced, on the other hand, that there can be no hope for mankind unless peoples, small as well as great, are free each to develop their own civilization in security and at peace."

The Dominions Secretary asserted that "either the German conception of submission or our own doctrine of equality must prevail."

"Should the Nazis triumph now," he said, "I believe the history of the next centuries would be one of violence and bitterness, of revolutions and counter-revolutions. The repercussions of the hatred they have stirred up would be lasting and terrible."

FOUNDATION FORMED TO SETTLE HOMELESS REFUGEE CHILDREN

NEW YORK, April 17. (JTA) -- Formation of a Non-Sectarian Foundation for Refugee Children which will place in American homes children arriving here under existing quota laws from war-torn areas of Europe was announced today by Clarence E. Pickett, president, and Owen R. Lovejoy, executive director.

The Foundation is applying for incorporation as a charitable organization under the laws of New York State. In cooperation with the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish refugee agencies, the Foundation will care for children eligible to enter under existing quota laws but separated from their parents by reason of death, concentration camps or wartime conditions.

SEEK TO SPEED POLISH RELIEF BILL

WASHINGTON, April 17. (JTA) -- The Kee bill providing \$15,000,000 relief for Poland was to be brought to the attention of the Rules Committee today in an effort to bring it before the whole House early in May, Rep. Sol Bloom, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, said. Quick action by the Rules Committee was to be asked on the ground that the need in Poland is urgent.

MORTARA, JEWISH-BORN PRIEST ABDUCTED IN CHILDHOOD, DEAD AT 89

AMSTERDAM, April 17. (JTA) -- Father Edgar Mortara, Italian Jewish-born priest whose abduction as a child by Papal Guards in 1858 created an international sensation, has died in Liege, Belgium, at the age of 89, it was learned here today.

The Mortara case, which created a sensation in Europe and America, stirred the entire Jewish world, and gave the strongest impetus to the formation of the Alliance Israelite Universelle. Sir Moses Montefiore advised the Pope not to defy the public opinion of Europe. Dr. Gotthard Deutsch stated in the Jewish Encyclopedia that the Mortara case undoubtedly contributed in some measure to the downfall of the Papal States.

Mortara, when six years old, was forcibly removed from the custody of his parents by Papal Guards in Bologna after reportedly having been baptized by a servant in the Mortara household. While the Church deprecated forcible baptism,

it held the sacrosanct character of the sacrament, if duly performed, made the recipient ipso facto a member of the Christian community.

In 1859, after Bologna had been annexed to the kingdom of Sardinia, the parents made an effort to obtain possession of their child, without avail, for he had been taken to Rome. Another effort, made in 1870 when Rome became the capital of Italy, also failed. Edgar Mortara, then 18, had declared his intention of remaining a Catholic. Mortara was educated in a convent, and often was paraded in the ghetto for the purpose of annoying the Jews. Later he entered the Augustine order, adopting the convent name Pius. He preached before the Vatican Council and was often sent as a missionary to various German cities, including Munich, Mayence and Breslau, and also preached before Italian congregations in Catholic churches in New York.

MANY JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS SEND CONDOLENCES ON GOLDSMID'S DEATH

PARIS, April 17. (JTA) -- Messages of condolence poured in today on the offices of the Jewish Colonization Association on the death in England Sunday of its president, Sir Osmond d'Avigdor Goldsmid. They came from all parts of the world, including the United States, the Argentine, Brazil, the Balkan states and many other countries.

In a statement to the J.T.A., Louis Oungre, managing director of the American Joint Reconstruction Foundation and the closest collaborator of Sir Osmond in the work of the ICA and the Foundation, said his loss was a "cruel blow to Judaism and to the great number of works which have benefited by his collaboration."

50 NEWARK POLICEMEN FOUND MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN FRONT

NEWARK, April 17. (JTA) -- Thirty members of the Newark police force are reported to be members of the New Jersey Christian Front and the Police Department has launched an investigation. It is also reported that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been inquiring into the affairs of the Front in this State.

JUDAISM INDEBTED TO CHRISTIANITY, FINKELSTEIN TELLS MINISTERS

NEW YORK, April 17. (JTA) -- Provost Louis Finkelstein of the Jewish Theological Seminary yesterday told 200 ministers at a luncheon closing the Seminary's Institute of Interdenominational Studies that not only does the Christian Church owe much to Judaism, but Judaism is greatly indebted to the Church. He said that a great part of ancient Jewish literature had been preserved in the Church and the challenge of the Church and the Mosque had brought into existence Jewish philosophy. Prof. Erwin R. Goodenough of Yale University presided.

ROSEN SAILS TODAY FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

NEW YORK, April 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Rosen, vice-president of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, sails tomorrow on the steamship Coamo of the Porto Rico Line for Ciudad Trujillo for a stay of indefinite duration.