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4,000 JEWS, 1,000 ARABS SERVING IN BRITISH FORCES; PLAN AID TO RECRUITS' KIN

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- More than 4,000 Palestinian Jews and approximately 1,000 Arabs are serving with various units of the British forces, it was disclosed today. The British authorities are recruiting separate Arab and Jewish infantry units.

The Asefath Hanivcharim (Jewish National Assembly), holding its eighth extraordinary session, appealed to Palestine Jews to enlist and resolved to do its utmost to care for families of volunteers. Simultaneously, a non-sectarian committee representing the principal towns was formed to aid in maintenance of volunteers' families.

The Arab press, supporting the recruiting drive, reported that more than 100 Arabs had already enlisted in the new infantry units.

At the Asefath Hanivcharim session, Isaac Ben-Zvi, chairman of the Jewish National Council (Vaad Leumi), eulogized Palestine's war victims, including the Jews and Arabs killed in the Italian air raids on Haifa and Tel Aviv. He appealed to the World Zionist Organization not to diminish its support and to maintain Palestine's Jewry's normal activities. Ben-Zvi announced that elections for a new Asefath Hanivcharim would be held in the next four months.

Pinchas Rutenberg, recently-resigned president of the Vaad Leumi, had wired to the meeting opposing the holding of elections. The "victory" of any party will not solve our difficulties, he said, and no "majority" can arrange Palestine Jewry's life. He urged the selection of a Vaad Leumi executive committee on the basis of personal qualifications rather than party representation.

The meeting was to approve a budget for Jewish security, health, educational and social service activities.

850 SLOVAK JEWS SENT TO LABOR CAMP

ZURICH, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Eight hundred and fifty Jews from Presov, East Slovakia, have been sent to a labor camp near Liptau, the first group of Jews rounded up under the Slovak decree providing forced labor for all able-bodied Jews, the German wireless reported today.

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BERLIN REPORTS ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS IN FRENCH MOROCCO

ZURICH, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The German wireless reported today in a Rome dispatch that a Jew was killed and several persons were wounded when French officers attacked Jews at Fez, French Morocco.

The demonstrators, shouting "Down with the Jews! Long Live France and Marshal Petain!" beat up Jews with sticks, it was claimed. Several shots were fired during the affray, which occurred in the Jewish Mellah quarter of Fez, the wireless said. Among the wounded were some of the demonstrators, the report asserted. Disciplinary action allegedly was taken against the officers.

The wireless said anti-Semitic disturbances were continuing in French North Africa with both Arabs and Frenchmen participating in the attacks. All Jewish shops on the main streets of Algiers and Casablanca were either destroyed or damaged, it was claimed.

Bar Jews' Return to Occupied France

VICHY, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Racial Jews, regardless of religion, will not be permitted to return to the occupied part of France, according to a notice posted up at the railroad station here over the weekend. The notice, emanating from German authorities in the occupied area, also affects foreigners of any country, Negroes and North Africans.

The entire French property of Baron Maurice de Rothschild has been sequestered by the Petain regime. This member of the noted banking family was the first of 15 denationalized persons against whom such action was actually applied.

Theodor Dan, well-known Russian Menshevik Socialist leader who is en route to the United States, is seriously ill at Marseille.

BRITISH ZIONIST KILLED IN AIR RAID WITH WIFE AND SON

LONDON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Percy Baker, one of the collaborators of the late Hakim Moses Gaster in the establishment of the Chovevei Zion movement in England, was killed together with his wife and son and Rabbi Solomon, a German refugee, during a recent air raid in London, it was disclosed today. Baker was 65.

The Emergency Committee for Religious Education of Jewish Children has arranged with the London County Council's Evacuation Department for departure of Jewish children in organized groups for reception areas. Special registration offices have been opened in a number of Jewish schools and synagogues.

One synagogue which opened its doors to homeless persons from the bombed district of Northwest and East London is now sheltering a hundred evacuees.

BUCHAREST PRESS GROUP BARS JEWS

ZURICH, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The Bucharest Syndicate of Journalists unanimously resolved yesterday to exclude all Jewish members, the German wireless reported today.

CAMERON REPUDIATES KUHN LETTER; DENIES FORD AIDS ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

DETROIT, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- W. J. Cameron, Henry Ford's right-hand man, today branded as a forgery a purported letter to Fritz Kuhn, German-American Bund leader, over his signature and denied that Ford was responsible for the spread of anti-Semitic material attributed to him.

The alleged letter, a facsimile of which was printed in the weekly Friday and reprinted by the New York newspaper PM, represented Cameron as advising Kuhn that Ford executives were cooperating in keeping from the American press the nature of the Bund leader's former relationship with the Ford company and spoke of meeting Kuhn in New York. The purported facsimile bore the heading of the Anglo-Saxon Society with a Dearborn post-office box number.

Cameron told a J.T.A. correspondent in an interview that he had never heard of Kuhn until the latter had gained notoriety for his Bund activities and asserted that he had always given newspapers information concerning Kuhn's employment with Ford. Cameron added that the purported post-office box did not exist and that there was no Anglo-Saxon Society stationery.

The Ford spokesman vehemently assailed the anti-Ford articles in Friday and PM maintaining that Ford was not responsible for the distribution of material ascribed to him. The publications had charged that anti-Semitic propaganda, particularly the book "The International Jew," was still being distributed under Ford's name.

Ford Denies Presence of Anti-Semitic Posters in Buildings

CLEVELAND, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Denial of a report that anti-Semitic notices had been posted in Ford plants in Detroit was contained in a telegram to the Cleveland Jewish Review and Observer replying to the weekly's wired query on the subject. The telegram, signed "Office of Henry Ford," said: "There is no truth whatever in report mentioned telegram 9th." The New York newspaper PM had reported the presence of anti-Jewish posters at Ford plants.

INDICTMENT OF BUND GROUP SOUGHT IN NEW JERSEY

NEWTON, N.J., Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Prosecutor Charles Downing went before a Sussex County Grand Jury today to ask the indictment of the German-American Bund Auxiliary of New Jersey and its directors, operators of Camp Nordland, a few miles from here.

The indictment will be sought on the grounds that the New Jersey Bund leaders were guilty of stirring up religious and racial hatred and violating the law which makes it a crime for proprietors or directors of "a hall, camp or meeting place" to permit attacks against any religion. Three of the Bundists, Wilhelm Kunze, August Klapprott and Mathias Kohler, were arrested on July 4 on charges of inciting racial and religious hatred.

RABBI LEVINTHAL STRICKEN IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Rabbi Bernard L. Levinthal, dean of Orthodox rabbis in America and chief Orthodox rabbi of Philadelphia, was rushed to Mt. Sinai Hospital last night suffering from bronchial pneumonia. He is 75 years old. His sons are Rabbi Israel Levinthal of Brooklyn and Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia's Court of Common Pleas.

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JEWS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WAR TREND, DAILY NEWS ASSERTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The Jews, as a race or a group, are not to blame "for our rush toward Europe's latest war," the New York Daily News said today in an editorial entitled "Anti-Semitism in this country." William Allen White's Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, the most active single agency "pushing us toward the war," lists very few Jews on its roster, the editorial said.

"One favorite anti-Semitic theory is that the Jews control most of the department stores, which do most of the big display advertising in the papers, and that thereby the Jews dictate the paper's editorial policies on foreign affairs," the editorial went on. "As far as this newspaper is concerned, its publisher is prepared to testify under oath before any kind of Congressional committee that no advertiser has ever, directly or indirectly, tried to influence its editorial policies on foreign affairs."

MAURICE MYERS, JOURNALIST, DEAD IN LONDON

LONDON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Maurice Myers, well known Jewish journalist, died today at the age of 56. He was the editor of an edition of the Haggadah, the Passover service and held a Royal Air Force commission during the last war. A son, Asher Myers, survives him.

RALLY HERE LAUNCHES JEWISH EDUCATION MONTH

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Jewish Education Month, Sept. 24 to Oct. 27, was inaugurated at a Town Hall meeting tonight with Justice Samuel I. Rosenman, president of Jewish Education Committee, presiding and Harold G. Campbell, New York City, Superintendent of Schools, among the scheduled speakers. The month, sponsored by the Jewish Education Committee, will be marked by a city-wide Jewish school enrollment campaign conducted under the guidance of 32 sectional committees.

"Religious education will strengthen the democratic ideal and hasten the day when nations will again respect their neighbors, their treaties and the rights of human beings," Justice Rosenman declared in the opening address.

Campbell endorsed Jewish Education Month and stressed the value of religious education in preparing children for better citizenship and in providing a spiritual foundation for the regular educational program of the school year.

Other scheduled speakers included Rabbi David de Sola Pool, Abram L. Sachar, the historian and educator; Dr. Alexander M. Dushkin, executive director of the Jewish Education Committee; Bernard Semel, chairman of Jewish Education Month; Samuel J. Borowsky, coordinator of Jewish Education Month activities; and Mrs. Gabriel Hamburger, who presided at a Jewish Education Month proclamation calling upon Jewish parents of New York to stand firm in their religious convictions and to provide for the spiritual guidance of their children by enrolling them in Jewish schools this year.

PROF. RUPPIN SURVEYS JEWISH POSITION IN NEW BOOK

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- A comprehensive study of the Jewish problem and the position of the Jew in the world is contained in the book, "Jewish Fate and Future," by Arthur Ruppin, Professor of Jewish Sociology at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, which was published today by the MacMillan Company, New York.