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PALESTINE JEWS AWAIT GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON REFUGEES FOLLOWING SHIP BLAST

HAIFA, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- With the shattered hulk of the S.S. Patria lying on the bottom of the harbor, almost entirely submerged, the Palestine Maritime Patrol, aided by airplanes, today scoured the waters of the bay in a search for bodies of passengers drowned in yesterday's explosion and sinking of the refugee ship.

The number of refugees missing had not yet been made public this afternoon, but it was ascertained that most of the refugees aboard had been rescued. Jewish leaders credit the relatively small loss of life to prompt action on the part of the Maritime Patrol and the harbor authorities.

With the Palestine Government's plan to send the 1,771 refugees to an island colony for the duration of the war temporarily blocked by the explosion, Jewish leaders were wondering what attitude the Government would adopt now that the refugees had finally landed on Palestine soil after several months of wandering on the Danube and the Mediterranean in an effort to reach the Holy Land. The Government's decision was expected to be made public soon.

No theory had yet been officially expressed to account for the explosion, which occurred yesterday morning as the ship was preparing to sail, in accordance with the Government's policy, announced last Thursday, of removing illegal immigrants to an island colony for the duration of the war.

GESTAPO HOLDS KEYS TO JEWISH RELIEF OFFICES IN HOLLAND

GENEVA, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Defying the Nazis, students of the University of Delft, Holland, declared a strike yesterday in protest against the elimination of a Jewish professor from the University, it was reported here today. ✓

As result of this strike the Nazi authorities ordered the closing of the university. An investigation has been started to find the instigators of the protest, it was reported.

Reliable information from Holland said the Nazi authorities in Amsterdam had ordered all Jewish relief organizations there to deliver their keys to the Gestapo headquarters every evening and to have representatives of these organizations report to the Gestapo every morning for the keys.

FIRST GHETTO IN MODERN HISTORY CLOSES AROUND 300,000 WARSAW JEWS

GENEVA, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The first ghetto walls in modern history closed today around 300,000 Jews of Warsaw as an order issued by the Nazi authorities for segregation of the Jews went into effect.

The eight-feet-high concrete wall surrounds a district of about 100 square blocks in the poor northwestern section of the devastated former Polish capital. An increase in disease, already widespread, was foreseen in reports reaching here as a result of overcrowding in the ghetto--in some buildings there are seven persons to a room--and scarcity of food.

The wall, which has been under construction for several months, has 18 entrances, all of which are heavily guarded. Under the German decree special permits are necessary to enter or leave the segregated area.

In dividing the city, the Germans reserved the finest and largest section--the southeastern area--for themselves, and the 800,000 Poles were given all the rest of the city, except for the ghetto. Jews and Poles obliged to change their residence as result of the redistribution were permitted to take along only bedding, household linen and personal belongings, leaving their furniture behind.

At the same time, it was reported that following an announcement that Germans would be settled in the Radom district, the Nazi authorities ordered 2,000 Jews to leave. The Radom Jews will be resettled elsewhere, according to German dispatches.

SCHOOL IN PRAGUE TRAINS NAZIS TO POSE AS JEWISH REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities operate a special "Jewish institute" in Prague where Nazis are trained to masquerade as Jews--even to being circumcized--in order to obtain entry into democratic countries as refugees and be able to carry on espionage and sabotage activities, the New York Daily News reported today, quoting British Government sources.

Existence of the school was said to have been first revealed last September when one of its young students fled into Yugoslavia rather than undergo circumcision.

The News pointed out that discovery of the scheme by the British and the communication of their findings to the United States and other friendly governments had made more difficult the plight of the Jews. "It automatically makes suspect the thousands of real victims of the Nazi terror who have taken refuge in this and other lands. Department of Justice agents now find themselves compelled to intensify their check-up, already rigorous, of all refugees applying for admission to the United States."

The Prague institute, it was said, has a faculty of rabbis and other Jewish teachers who give courses, under duress, to selected men of the Gestapo. The instruction supplies a working knowledge of Jewish customs, Hebrew ritual and Yiddish dialect--sufficient to enable the student to pass unnoticed among the average middle-class European Jews.

In all instances, the report declared, outgoing agents were assigned documents of Jews to whom they bore a facial resemblance. Sometimes even plastic surgery was used to obtain facial similarity to the men, living or dead, whose names they bore. Equipped with ample funds, the agents were then "allowed to leave" Germany.

SEEK TO ARRANGE TRANSPORT FOR 500 U.S. JEWS IN PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Consul-General Paul Knabenshue in Baghdad is seeking to arrange with an unnamed foreign shipping line for repatriation of 500 American Jews caught in Palestine by the spread of the war to the Near East, the State Department said today.

Negotiations with the line are still in the discussion stage, officials said. They strongly indicated an arrangement for an increase in shipping facilities by foreign flag lines was the only hope of effecting immediate repatriation of the 500 United States citizens in Palestine and the estimated 3,500 others elsewhere in the Near East.

It was pointed out that airline travel to India, the only alternative, was impossible because of the large number desiring passage.

VICHY JEWS RAISE 70,000 FRANCS TO AID REFUGEES

VICHY, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The fewer than 10,000 Jews of Vichy raised 70,000 francs in three days in response to an appeal of Chief Rabbi Issaye Schwartz for funds to aid interned refugees. The money will be used mainly to send medicines to the internment camps.

HERZOG TELLS CONSUL OF JEWS' HOPE FOR GREEK VICTORY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog yesterday visited the Greek Consul-General and expressed the Jewish community's hope for a Greek victory.

PICA COLONIES MARK ROTHSCHILD DEATH ANNIVERSARY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Zichron Jacob and other colonies of the Palestine Jewish Colonization Association held memorial services yesterday on the sixth anniversary of the death of Baron Edmond de Rothschild, founder of the PICA.

PALESTINE BOY NAMED FOR ROOSEVELT

TEL AVIV, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The newly-born son of the popular impresario Walin today was named Franklin Dan (for Delano), in honor of President Roosevelt. United States Consul-General George H. Wadsworth was invited to be the godfather.

MEMORIAL MEETING HELD ON JABOTINSKY'S BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The Brith Trumpeldor held a memorial meeting for Vladimir Jabotinsky, leader of the New Zionist Organization, tonight at the Manhattan Center. A film of Jabotinsky speaking on the future of Palestine was shown. Jabotinsky would have been 60 years old today.

MUSIC LEADERS LAUD PALESTINE CONSERVATOIRE

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The work of the Palestine Conservatoire of Music was praised today by Dr. Walter Damrosch, Olin Downes, music critic of the New York Times, Miss Dorothy Gordon of the National Broadcasting Company and Peter S. George, member of the executive committee of the Arab National League, speaking at a tea in the home of Mrs. H.A. Guinzburg in connection with a benefit concert for the Conservatoire to be held at Carnegie Hall on Dec. 2.