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RUMANIAN JEWS SHUN STREETS AS GUARDISTS REPARE OFFICIAL CODREANU BURIAL

BUCHAREST, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Jews in Bucharest and other Rumanian cities shunned the streets today following reports that Iron Guard terrorist "shock troops," defying Premier Antonescu's decree to maintain order, have invaded synagogues and Jewish shops in several provincial to as and terrorized the Jews there.

In Bucharest the Jewish population will avoid being seen on the streets for at least three days, in order to eliminate the possibility of anti-Jewish provocations during the three-day ceremony which started today over the remains of Cornelius Zelea Codreanu, notorious anti-Semitic leader of the Iron Guard for whose assassination the Iron Guardist "shock troops" are now taking revenge. The ceremony is taking place in an old Greek Orthodox church located in the centre of Bucharest surrounded by streets thickly-populated with Jews.

Thousands of Iron Guardists from all parts of the country today started their pilgrimage to this church where lie the coffins of Codreanu and 15 other Iron Guard leaders shot in a prison near Bucharest about two years ago. The climax of the ceremony will be reached on Saturday night when the official burial is scheduled to take place. It is expected that many Jewish enterprises in Bucharest will remain closed until after the burial is over.

Soldiers were today patrolling the streets of Bucharest to prevent street disturbances, but tension continued to prevail.

NAZIS CURB USE OF GAS, ELECTRICITY BY JEWS IN WARSAW GHETTO

LONDON, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Following establishment of the ghetto in Warsaw, Nazi authorities have issued regulations forbidding Jews in this area to use electricity and gas after 8 p.m., the Polish Ministry of Information reported today.

Other regulations for the Jews in the ghetto forbid them to leave the district without a special pass authorizing them to visit another part of the city. No Gentile is allowed to enter the ghetto without a similar pass.

Jewish doctors may, according to these regulations, still reside outside the ghetto. They will, however, have to display Mogen David signs (the six-pointed Star of David) on their shingles.

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PATRIA TOLL REACHES 25; 233 STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The known fatelity list in Mondey's explosion and sinking of the refugee ship Patria in Haifa harbor rose to 25 today when two more corpses were extracted from the partly-submerged hulk and one of the injured passengers died in the hospital.

Of the remainder of the 1,771 Jewish refugees who had been scheduled for deportation to a British colony for duration of the war, 253 had not yet been accounted for, 9 were detained in hospitals, 13 escaped from hospitals and the rest were being held in the At_it detention camp.

Further details of the explosion and rescues were given today as follows:

The Patria, a French steamer of 11,885 tons formerly belonging to the Messageries Maritimes line, had taken aboard the 1,771 refugees who had arrived on Nov. 9--1,067 the S.S. Pacific and 719 on the S.S. Milos, apprehended in Palestine waters as illegal immigrants. The ship had been scheduled to leave soon for a British colony, but the sailing was postponed.

The explosion occurred suddenly on Monday morning while most of the passengers were on deck. Those on the upper deck heard an explosion and a "boiling noise" which continued while the ship heeled over. They jumped or were thrown overboard.

British police and Austrian soldiers on duty in the harbor jumped into the bay, picking up the unfortunates and pulling them into passing boats. Every available harbor boat, launch and tug raced to the refugees' rescue, in addition to many who swam to their aid. This made possible the rescue of more than a thousand within a few minutes.

The rescue was conducted under the personal command of the naval officer in charge, Captain Guy Lydekker. The rescuers, according to eyewitnesses, showed superhuman bravery and devotion, for which the Jewish community has expressed deep appreciation. The survivors were taken to a transit shed where they were supplied with blankets, clothing and food. The injured were taken on stretchers by the Red Cross and the Red Shield to Government and Hadassah hospitals.

Two funerals for groups of the dead were held on Tuesday. Twenty-three of the 25 fatalities had been identified by this morning. They are:

Jacob Filzenstein, one of the two whose bodies were taken from the ship yesterday; Greta Hornica, who died in the hospital; Mrs. Gita Bloch, Groch Bochov, Rosa Dick, Naomi Feiger, Mrs. Rosa Feiner, Walter Fleischmann, Mrs. Friedlander, Max Fuchs, Bertha Kolb, Zali Konnfeld, Alfred Moskovitch, Feivel Perl, Martha Rosenzweig, Elsa Scheckler, Franciska Seligmann, Skornik, a 13-year-old boy; Rosalie Stiassni and Joseph Stransky.

Deportation Decision Hit in London

LONDON, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government's decision to deport illegal immigrants to a British colony was vigorously denounced by liberal and Jewish newspapers today, which stressed the "inhumanity" of such action against persons most anxious to help Britain in her struggle for humanitarianism and against barbarism in both Palestine and elsewhere. They also warned of the danger of encouraging anti-British Arab extremists.

Condemning what it termed a policy of "cold legalism," the Manchester Guardian declared editorially that the refugees should be admitted under the immigration schedule, "had we any thought for the causes that have driven them to Palestine and the appeal their unhappy journey makes to the principles we profess to be defending in this war."

The Zionist Review, organ of the British Zionist Federation, described the decision as a major political blunder which "mocks justice, wisdom and humanitarianism and travesties every principle for which Britain is fighting." It wanned that the official communique issued on the matter was "bound to stimulate Arab callousness" and charged the Palestine administration was "learning nothing, forgetting nothing and refusing to believe that anything had happened between March, 1959, and November, 1940."

It pointed out that even under the White Paper there are still 40,000 immigration certifications left out of 75,000. "The unfortunate occurrence should at least teach those in responsible positions how disastrous is a treatment of refugees as if they were common lawbreekers, which does not pay regard to the deep human tragedy behind their escape and which does not give thought to what Palestine means for them."

NO SERIOUS FOOD SHORTAGE IN PALESTINE, Z.O.A. SAYS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Despite dislocation of communications on the Mediterranean, with all available shipping utilized for the transportation of war material, Palestine is not suffering any serious shortage of staple food products, the Zionist Organization of America reported today. The report said Egypt alone was ready to fill Palestine's food demends.

"Egypt is plentifully stocked up with food provisions which it is exporting to Palestine in large quantities," it was stated. "These products include fresh and salted fish, cream, onions, rice, potatoes, nuts, sugar, beets and cereals.

"Palestine has a record wheat production. According to Mr. Mason, Chief Agriculture Officer, this year's wheat harvest amounts to some 150,000 tons, marking a considerable increase over the production in any preceding year. Inasmuch as wheat consumption in Palestine averages 140,000 tons per year, Palestine's entire domestic need for the year will be covered by home production.

"Jewish merchants in Palestine have concluded agreements with Syrian merchants for the barter of 500 tons of potatoes from Syria for the equivalent in Palestine wine. Similar agreements are about to be concluded for the exchange of other products."

The Z.O.A. also reported that Dr. Chaim Weizmann had been appointed scientific advisor to the British Government and that a Government laboratory has been placed at his disposal. Dr. A. Bergman of the Sieff Institute of Rehovoth, has been named to assist Dr. Weizmann.

Responding to the call of the national Z.O.A. office, more than 200 Zionist districts in various parts of the country have pledged to double their membership in the present nationadde campaign launched by the organization for 150,000 members, it was stated. The campaign received stimulus by the tour just completed by Edmund I. Kaufmann, president of the Z.O.A. and Rabbi Isadore Breslau, executive director, through New England and the Mid-West, it was said.

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FALK LEAVES FOR SOSUA FOR 4-MONTH SURVEY

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Leon Falk Jr., Pittsburgh industrialist, philanthropist and chairman of the executive committee of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association sailed today, with his wife, on the steemship Coamo for a four-month survey of refugee colonization in the Republic, with particular attention to economic problems.

Also aboard the Coamo were 35 Austrian Jewish refugees, who came here from Switzerland via Lisbon, embarking on the last leg of their journey to the Sosua colony to join the approximately 300 colonists already there.

In an interview on shipboard, Falk stressed that he had found "tremendous interest" throughout the United States in the Sosua project. One large company, he said, had granted to the D.R.S.A. use, without royalties, of a recently-developed process for tenderizing beef. Other large companies were providing building materials at cost or less than cost for the colony, he said.

This will be Falk's third visit to the Dominican Republic, he having made brief trips in July and August. His tour will be interrupted by occasional returns home by airplane. Falk is a member of the Pittsburgh femily that created the Falk Foundation, which recently allocated \$50,000 for an economic survey of the Dominican Republic by the Brookings Institution. He is also chairman of the Community Fund of Pittsburgh.

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