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HUNGARY HALTS SEIZURE OF JEWISH LAND; PERMITS REHIRING OF JEWISH DOCTORS

BUDAPEST, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Fearing damage to Hungary's economy, the Government has suspended its projected expropriation of 500,000 acres of Jewish-owned farm lands and has given permission for reemployment of Jewish physicians in the official health insurance system, it was learned today.

The Agriculture Ministry informed Jewish owners of farm lands, it was learned, that they might continue development of their lands as before. Previously the Government had planned to expropriate 500,000 acres of land and distribute it among Hungarian peasants.

At the same time the Health and Hospital Accident Insurance Institute suspended application of the anti-Jewish law to permit employment of Jewish doctors and reemployment of former employees who had been discharged on racial grounds. It is understood the order was deemed necessary because of the acute shortage of physicians in Hungary, especially in Transylvania, from where Rumanian doctors had fled before the Hungarian occupation.

The changed policy regarding the Jews was believed to be due to tardy realization that expropriations and other anti-Jewish measures were damaging Hungary's economy.

According to one report, the Germans, after observing the devastating effects of the anti-Jewish laws in Rumania, advised the Hungarians to cease applying the racial law here in order to salvage what remains of Jewish agriculture and industry for the benefit of the European "new order."

The Sud-Ost Echo, German economic weekly published in Vienna, last week decried the "anarchy" existing in Rumania at present, as a result of "the destruction of Jewish commerce, industry and agriculture."

11,000 JEWISH FIRMS REGISTERED IN PARIS

ZURICH, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- "Aryanization" of Jewish business firms in occupied France is proceeding rapidly, the German wireless reported today, with about 11,000 Jewish enterprises registered in Paris, including 6,000 large concerns.

The German authorities have threatened punishment for those firms which fail to register, seek to disguise their ownership or otherwise circumvent the law, the report said.

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EVICTION OF BERLIN JEWS PRESSED; FOOD RATIONS CURTAILED

LONDON, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Although all able-bodied Jews in Berlin have been drafted for work and the few remaining synagogues requisitioned for military purposes, Jews continue to receive only meager food rations and evictions are continuing, according to a report smuggled out of the German capital by an informant for whose reliability competent quarters here vouch.

Jews are employed mainly in industries essential to the war effort. Jewish workers in such industries as the Goerz and Zeiss-Ikon optical works and Julius Berger and Philipp Holzmann building concerns are forced to wear yellow armbands. Formerly wealthy persons are employed in petty jobs. The former owner of a well-known moving firm is employed in a Berlin ash-carting service, earning 18 marks weekly, which is transferred to a blocked account that can only be disposed of under restrictions.

Since October, Jews have been evicted from the western suburbs of Spanglitz, Friedenau, Dahlem and Grunewald, and since November also from Charlottenburg and Wilmersdorf districts, formerly densely inhabited by the Jewish upper middle-class. The planned accommodation of the evicted in dilapidated buildings of the Yorkstrasse and Grossgoerschenstrasse slums has proved unfeasible and the Jews are housed in specially-erected huts.

The food situation, which is bad generally, is worse for the Jews, according to the report. The weekly ration of a working Jew is two and a half pounds of bread, a quarter-pound of butter, a half-pound of meat, less than a half pound of sausage and four pounds of potatoes. The monthly ration is one pound of sugar, half pound of jam and three eggs. Sale of vegetables, fruit, fish, poultry, rice and chocolate to Jews is forbidden.

Most shops display "Jews Not Admitted" signs, especially firms formerly patronized by Jews. Because of restricted shopping hours, Jewish housewives are unable to obtain even the small rations.

All Jews have been deprived of telephones, except physicians and legal advisers.

PALESTINE RAF UNIT OPERATING IN GREECE

LONDON, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- A Palestinian unit of the Royal Air Force is now operating in Greece, the war correspondent of the News Chronicle revealed today.

The unit's orders until recently were written in German, with English and Hebrew translations appended, since most members are Jewish refugees from Germany, but the practice was discontinued at their request.

One member, described as the cleverest mechanic in the Middle-East, piloted a plane in the famous Richtbofen "flying circus" during the last war.

10 JEWISH DOCTORS ARRESTED IN POLISH ARMY CAMP IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Jan. 10. (JTA) Ten Jewish physicians, all of them officers, were arrested in a Polish army camp in Britain for protesting against discrimination on the part of some officers, the Jewish Chronicle reported today.

The Jews were detained by Polish military police after making a collective protest. The nature of the protest was not disclosed, but it was believed the Jews objected to discrimination on the part of some officers who refused to assign them to proper posts. According to an unverified version, the commander had given doctors' posts only to non-Jews.

JEWISH RELIEF DRIVE LAUNCHED IN URUGUAY

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- A drive for Jewish war relief funds was launched last night at a large public gathering. British Ambassador Millington Drake attended the gathering, held in one of the largest theaters here. The ambassador greeted the audience in behalf of the British Government and expressed hope that the campaign would be successful. M. Regalski, editor of the Yiddishe Zeitung of Buenos Aires, and Dr. Jose Pedro Cardoso, member of the Uruguayan Congress, were among the other speakers.

TORTOZYNER, TCHERNICHOVSKY GET BIALIK PRIZES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The Bialik prizes for science and literature were awarded today to Prof. Harry Tortozyner of Hebrew University for his researches at Lachish and to Dr. Saul Chernichovsky for his poem, "Look, the Earth!" Twenty-seven scientists and 54 authors participated in the ceremony. Mayor Israel Rokach announced that Bialik House was now the municipality's property "as a national treasure."

KAMINER, POLISH AGUDAH LEADER, DEAD

GENEVA, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Mendel Kaminer, former president of the Agudath Israel and former editor of the newspapers Der Jud and Yiddishes Togblat, has died in Warsaw at the age of 77, it was reported here today.

RECHA FREIER, YOUTH ALIYAH LEADER, EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE

LONDON, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Recha Freier, founder of the Youth Aliyah movement, has reached Yugoslavia from Berlin en route to Palestine, the London headquarters of Youth Aliyah reported today.

NATIONAL UNITY SET AS BROTHERHOOD WEEK THEME

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Announcement of the eighth annual observance of Brotherhood Week, Feb. 22 to 28, was made today by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, under whose auspices the observance will be held. Theme of the 1941 observance, Dr. Clinchy said, will be "National Unity," with the slogan, "one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Brotherhood Week observance, according to Dr. Clinchy, will be held in more than 2,000 communities.

DR. KESSLER NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF YOUNG JUDAEA

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Appointment of Dr. Aharon Kessler, educator and author, as executive director of Young Judaea, was announced today by Carl Alpert, national president. Dr. Kessler succeeds Rabbi Aryeh Lev, who was recently called to duty in the office of the Chief of Chaplains, War Department.