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BERLIN PARLEY MAPS PLANS TO COMBAT HOSTILITY TO ANTI-SEMITISM IN OCCUPIED LANDS

ZURICH, June 6. (JTA) The prediction that all Jews in Nazi-held Poland will be annihilated through starvation and disease was made by Herr Fischer, Nazi commissar for Warsaw, reporting at a special conference in Berlin of Nazi district leaders of occupied territories convoked by Propaganda Minister Josef Goebbels to ascertain the feelings of the non-Jewish populations in conquered territories toward the Jews there, it was reported here today.

The conference, held under Goebbels' chairmanship, also considered the fate of the European Jews after the war. Commissar Fischer said the introduction of ghettos in Poland had broken the Jews morally, physically and economically. Today, he said, the majority of the Jews in the Government-General exist on charity and when the charity comes to an end, they will die of hunger and disease.

Baldur von Schirach, reporting on Austria, proudly emphasized that Upper Austria, Styria and Burgenland were "judenrein." All the Jews of Austria, he said, are now congregated in Vienna, which will also soon become "judenrein." Similarly, the Nazi Commissar Simon of Luxemburg, reported that the former Duchy was now completely "judenrein."

Dr. Otto Abetz, Nazi representative in Paris, reported on the effect of the latest anti-Jewish laws introduced in occupied France. He spoke of his conferences with Vichy's Commissar for Jewish Affairs, Xavier Vallat, and stated that "coordination" of the anti-Jewish laws in both occupied and unoccupied France could be expected soon.

Commissioner Arthur Seyss-Inquart, reporting on the Jews in Holland, said it was much more difficult to handle the Jews in Holland than in Poland because the Dutch population sympathized with the Jews. Much tact is needed to develop anti-Jewish feelings among the Hollanders, he said. He expressed hope that the Jewish problem in Holland would gradually be solved in the same manner as in other occupied territories.

Dr. Frank, Nazi State secretary for the Protectorate, also emphasized that the Czech population was displaying solidarity with the Jews, making it harder for the authorities to pursue their anti-Jewish program. Nevertheless, he stated, Jews in the Protectorate have lost all their influence, since their business firms have passed into "Aryan" hands and their property has been confiscated through various laws and ordinances.

In concluding the conference, Dr. Goebbels outlined a program to develop more effective anti-Jewish propaganda in the countries where the local population was still in sympathy with the Jews. He found the reports "much better than expected." Nazi officials from the occupied Balkan countries and from Hungary also participated in the conference.

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More Sent to Kielce Ghetto

LONDON, June 6. (JTA)-- The Nazi authorities are continuing to send Jews from neighboring districts into the Kielce ghetto, although the quarter is already congested, it was reported here today. The wall around the ghetto is expected to be completed by June 15.

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SIKORSKI REAFFIRMS 'EQUALITY' DOCTRINE, REPLYING TO JEWISH CONGRESS

LONDON, June 6. (JTA)-- Polish Premier Wladislaw Sikorski today reaffirmed the principle of "equal duties and equal rights" for all citizens of a reconstructed Poland in a statement before the Polish National Council which he described as a reply to a memorandum he received from the American Jewish Congress while in New York.

"Anybody acting against the principle of equal duties and equal rights for all citizens of the future Poland, regardless of nationality, race and religion, works against the interests of his own nation," the Premier declared. "Poland, unfortunately, has often been the victim of many, very many, factors beyond her control. The Poles were too hastily blamed for anti-Semitism and pogroms.

"The declaration of the liberal principles guiding the Government--a declaration of its sincerely democratic policy in accordance with which in the future Poland the principle of equal duties and equal rights will apply to all citizens of the Republic regardless of nationality, race and religion--has explained my position properly. That is the attitude of the Polish Government.

"I wish to point out that no other view of this difficult problem was ever understood by the American community, who, like the British, are fighting with us the hard and stubborn fight against Hitler's ideology. I have no doubt that the same principle ultimately will triumph also in this particular and, after all, so limited sphere. He who would act differently would work against the interests of his own nation."

General Sikorski has decorated 12 Jews with the highest order of merit for bravery. Three Jews were awarded the Virtuti Militari medal, equal to the British Victoria Cross. One such medal was awarded posthumously to a Jewish soldier who fell in the battle of Narvik. Polish commanders distributing the awards stressed the Polish Jews' loyalty and bravery.

The awards form the largest batch yet granted to Jews in the Polish Army abroad. A new list will be published soon of Jews who played an active part in the French campaign. New facts have come to light to show how stubborn was the resistance of the Polish troops on the Maginot Line and how great a part the Jews played in it. On many occasions Jews were left in most responsible positions to cover the retreat of the French. Everywhere they gave an excellent account of themselves.

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ARRESTS OF FOREIGN JEWS CONTINUE IN FRANCE

GENEVA, June 6. (JTA)-- Arrests, internment and exiling to the provinces of foreign Jews in unoccupied France are continuing by order of Admiral Darlan, as Interior Minister, the Lyons radio announced today, stating that 47 arrested in the Fiviera district had been interned and 400 ordered to change their residence.

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RAID HITS MANCHESTER JEWISH DISTRICT

LONDON, June 6. (JTA)-- Jewish districts in Manchester were among those damaged in a recent air raid, it was disclosed today. A synagogue was destroyed by fire, two schools were damaged and several Jews were killed. A number rendered temporarily homeless were accommodated in the Manchester-Salford Corporation's rest center and a kosher food supply was organized by Nathan Laski and Councillor Moss.

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FUND STARTED FOR MEMORIAL TO EDELSTEIN AS "MARTYR TO TOLERANCE"

WASHINGTON, June 6. (JTA)-- A fund to establish a memorial for Rep. M. Michael Edelstein as "a martyr to tolerance" was started today by Dr. Mario Julia, prominent Puerto Rican physician and vice-president of the San Juan City Council, who deposited a \$100 check for the purpose with the National Cathedral Post of the American Legion. Edelstein was a member of the Legion in New York.

The move came as funeral services were being held in New York for the Congressman who died of a heart attack in the House lobby on Wednesday after making a speech reply to a statement by Rep. John A. Rankin that Jews were attempting to drive the United States into war.

Dr. Julia, who is not Jewish and who never met Edelstein, presented the check to Frank Buckley, prominent Catholic layman and vice-commander of the American Legion post, who likewise never met the New York Congressman. The Puerto Rican expressed hope that "other people who believe in real tolerance will follow my lead."

"I did not know Congressman Edelstein," Dr. Julia said, "but due to the circumstances surrounding his death, I regard him as a martyr to tolerance. In defending his own race against an attack in the Congress he spoke for all races and all creeds and reasserted a principle that belongs among the things most vital to democratic government."

"Because a member of our great national law-making body has given voice to whisperings that have been prevalent among the little people of the nation, and among those who espouse the cause of Hitler, and because these whisperings are un-democratic and un-American, and because the American Legion is a citadel of tolerance in the nation, I entrust this sum to one of its posts."

"If a memorial to Congressman Edelstein is erected, I should like to have it stand as the categorical answer forevermore of the real people of America to those in the world who raise a barrier against fellow-humans who happen to have been born of a particular race or creed."

"I should like to see inscribed on it, 'All men are created equal regardless of race, creed or color.' Because the American whose lifework it would commemorate was of Jewish extraction, I should like to see funds for its erection come from people in America of all races and all creeds."

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Protest Rises over Rankin Speech

NEW YORK, June 6. (JTA)-- More than 15,000 persons, including almost all New York's Congressmen and Senators, many judges and other prominent persons today attended funeral services for Rep. Edelstein, while a wave of protest was arising against Rep. Rankin's anti-Jewish speech. Rabbi Bernard Bergman officiated at the service, which was held at Gramercy Park Memorial Chapel. The procession was accompanied by an Army guard of honor. Interment was at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Maspeth, L.I.

A charge that statements such as Rankin's play into the hands of Europe's dictators was made by Citizenship Educational Service, a coordinating committee of 24 national patriotic, religious and welfare organizations with a total membership of more than 50,000,000 Americans. The statement, issued by Executive Director Palmer Bevis, said such an attack "should never be permitted to happen again in a land which prides itself on its democracy."

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The New York Times declared editorially: "The present Nazi attempt to divide and weaken America begins, as the parent movement did, with vicious attacks upon religious minorities here. There is no better way to help Hitler and hurt the United States than to make or countenance such attacks."

The Herald Tribune said: "His (Rankin's) remark was typical of an all too prevalent habit of ticketing those whose opinions or actions arouse dislike with labels that embrace far larger segments of Americans--who have nothing to do with the case. In that direction lies intolerance, division, descent to the Nazi level of raw prejudice and ignorant hate."

The Washington Post stated that "seldom has the passing of a House member brought greater shock to his colleagues than has the death of Representative Edelstein."

CAUTION IN MERGERS OF INSTITUTIONS URGED AT WELFARE PARLEY

ATLANTIC CITY, June 6. (JTA)-- Mergers of social welfare institutions should be undertaken only when they advance the interest of their communities and offer a higher grade of service to the individuals they serve, Kurt Peiser, executive director of the Philadelphia Federation of Jewish Charities, told 600 delegates attending the annual National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare.

"Mergers are not a panacea," Peiser said. "They are far from a perfect solution to our communal ills. They are merely one more mechanism in sound communal planning, designed to improve service to clients and advance the interests of the community at large."

Speaking at today's session, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee's European Executive Council, lauded the bravery of relief workers who continue at their posts in Europe despite danger and hindrances from government authorities. Moses W. Beckelman, recently returned J.D.C. representative in the Baltic region, said 25,000 Jews in Lithuania seeking to escape to America, Palestine and British dominions must wait until the Japanese transit situation clears.

Arthur D. Greenleigh, executive director of the National Refugee Service, stressed that since 1933 not a single refugee has been deported from the United States because he became a public charge.

Eli E. Cohen, New York; Harry I. Barron, Chicago; A. L. Sudran, Cleveland, and Richard L. Plaut, New York, spoke at a session on "Jewish Vocational Service in an Expanding Labor Market."

EQUIPMENT SHORTAGE HINDERS PALESTINE ARMING

WASHINGTON, June 6. (JTA)-- Jewish volunteers in Palestine are being armed as fast as equipment can be found for them, according to official American dispatches from Jerusalem today. Whether any United States lease-lend material is being sent through the Red Sea route for use in the Middle Eastern campaign remained a "military secret" here.

A British Embassy spokesman said lack of equipment was hindering efforts of British military authorities to enlist Jewish volunteers.

APOLOGIES FOR SLUR ON JEWS

LONDON, June 6. (JTA)-- Prosecutor W. G. Waller, who during a police court trial of a firm of chain stores charged with selling food above the legal maximum prices remarked on the owner's "Jewish persuasion," has formally withdrawn the observation and apologized to the court. The defendant's attorney accepted the apology and the Magistrate said he was glad to hear the apology.