

ALLIED FORCES DRIVE DEEPER INTO SYRIA; PALESTINE SENDS FOOD FOR POPULATION

LONDON, June 9. (JTA)-- Allied forces today pressed deeper into Syria and Lebanon. A column of British imperial and Free French troops, advancing from Palestine, reached the towns of Derat and Merdjayou, about 40 miles from Beirut and Damascus, capturing the Bible-famed Mediterranean port of Tyre.

French officials in the captured Syrian towns are "cooperating with the Allies," declared British dispatches, which added that the extent of French opposition to the Allied entry "is at present difficult to estimate."

"Tremendous quantities" of food have been sent from Jerusalem for distribution among the Syrian population, who have been short of food for weeks, according to British dispatches from the Syrian frontier. The report came as Palestine itself introduced rationing of sugar in restaurants.

A wave of joy and relief swept over Palestine as Allied forces forestalled any possibility of a Nazi invasion from Syria and Lebanon by moving into the French-mandated territories.

The effective use of Palestine as the base for operations underlined the strategic importance of the Holy Land in the British defense system, which Palestine Jewish leaders have been stressing for many months. The Palestine skies were alive with bomber and fighter planes of the Royal Air Force taking off from Palestine fields for operations across the northern border.

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Zionists Offer Aid to Arabs

LONDON, June 9. (JTA)-- The Zionist Review, organ of the British Zionist Federation, declares editorially that the Zionists would do all in their power to aid Arab national aspirations if the Arabs would accept fulfillment of Jewish aims in Palestine. "The war and peace aim of the Jews is sufficient room in Palestine to receive Jews in search of a national future and to build up a sound Jewish commonwealth," the paper said.

Commenting on Foreign Secretary Eden's speech which promised British support for closer Arab ties, the editorial pointed out this declaration did not specifically mention Palestine, whose fate, the paper said, could not be settled without the approval of those to whom the Balfour Declaration was given.

Referring to the Weizmann-Feisal treaty which followed the last war, the Zionist organ said: "If the Arabs now come to us in the spirit of Feisal, accepting fulfillment of our own national aspirations, we would do all in our power to help them along a parallel path."

Within the framework of the Middle East and remaining in close connection with the British Empire, the Jews would welcome special arrangements between a Jewish state and its Arab neighbors, provided that these did not infringe on the full sovereignty of the separate units, the editorial asserted.

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"Without having fought this war the Arabs expect to draw considerable benefits from it. We do not grudge them these. But they should be asked in turn to show some understanding of the needs of a kindred nation and of all nations concerned with the Jewish problem."

#### PLAN PALESTINE "FARM CITY" FOR SETTLEMENT OF BRITISH JEWS

LONDON, June 9. (JTA)-- A plan for establishment of a "farm city" on Jewish National Fund near Nathania, Palestine, for post-war settlement of middle-class persons from Britain was outlined yesterday at a conference of 60 delegates from nine cities in England and Scotland, held at Leeds.

Prof. Samson Wright expressed hope the scheme could be enlarged by participation of communities in the Dominions and the United States. Expressing confidence in a British victory, he said that "the good news from Syria is an augury of the success of the farm city."

Prof. Selig Brodetsky, who was unable to attend the conference because of important consultations in London about the Middle East situation, sent a message declaring that the spreading war in the Middle East, which endangered Palestine, far from reducing the possibility of work there, made it more than ever necessary to strengthen this work.

Fred Nettler, originator of the scheme, was elected president of the sponsoring organization.

#### PALESTINE AGUDAH PLANS EXPANSION OF COLONIES

JERUSALEM, June 9. (JTA)-- The Agudath Israel Conference at Petach Tikvah decided to establish a Torah fund, hachshara (training) centers, kibbutzim (collective colonies) for workers and farmers and an educational center and to start publication of daily, weekly and monthly papers.

A special resolution emphasized the Agudah's readiness for internal peace on a basis which would not affect the "Torah principles." The delegates then attended a ceremony opening a street in Petach Tikvah named for the late Rabbi Chaim Oser Grodzienasky of Wilno.

#### ZIONISTS URGED TO HOLD NATION-WIDE RALLIES

WASHINGTON, June 9. (JTA)-- A statement calling on Zionists of America to demonstrate their solidarity with the Palestine Jewish community in this hour of crisis and express faith in the ultimate triumph of the Zionist cause was issued today by Edmund I. Kaufmann, president of the Zionist Organization of America. All Zionist districts are called upon to hold public rallies during June, at which resolutions are to be passed indicating "their complete confidence in the Palestine community and support of the efforts of the Zionist Organization of America to gain recognition of Jewish rights in Palestine."

#### 156,000 JEWS UNDER AXIS DOMINATION IN BALKANS

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA)-- An additional 156,000 Jews have come under the domination of Germany and Italy as a result of conquest of the Balkans, according to information received by the World Jewish Congress from its Geneva office. Of these, 68,000 in Yugoslavia, 61,000 are under the domination of Hungary and Italy, 23,000 are in Croatia and 8,000 in Serbia.

#### HEBREW BRAILLE DEvised

LONDON, June 9. (JTA)-- A refugee from Prussia who was an eye surgeon before the war has prepared a Hebrew Braille, the Daily Herald reports.

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NAZI ANTI-JEWISH AGITATION INTENSIFIED IN NORWAY, DENMARK

STOCKHOLM, June 9. (JTA)-- Anti-Semitic agitation is increasing in Nazi-occupied Norway and Denmark, it was reported here today.

Orvar Saether, chief of staff of the Rikshird, Quisling's Norwegian storm troops, published a statement in the Quisling organ Fritt Folk demanding that Norwegians avoid all contact with Jews. It urged that Norwegians avoid buying from or selling to Jews, consulting Jewish physicians and lawyers, working for Jews, admitting Jews to restaurants, theaters and cinemas.

In Denmark, cries of "Death to the Jews!" were voiced at a Clausenist mass meeting in Copenhagen, the first to be held since the announcement of the intensified anti-Jewish drive. According to the Danish Nazi organ Fædrelandet, 6,000 persons heard Fritz Clausen tell of the "social misery" caused by "the Jewish dominated democracy."

YESHIVA GROUP ALLOWED TO LEAVE LITHUANIA FOR U.S.

LONDON, June 9. (JTA)-- The Soviet authorities have authorized transfer to the United States of the Slobodka yeshiva with its entire staff and student body and is permitting continuation of lectures pending arrangements for their departure. A general affidavit received for the yeshiva from New York is considered insufficient by the American authorities in Moscow who demand individual affidavits.

When the planned transfer became known in Lithuania, many young Jews tried to join the yeshiva, but the Soviet authorities recognize as members of the yeshiva only those who were teachers or students when the country was incorporated in the Soviet Union. It is not known whether other Lithuanian yeshivas, such as the Telsi, Kelm, Keidani and Poaneves, will be allowed to continue their activities or emigrate.

JESTEM POLIAKEM, REAPPEARS IN LONDON

LONDON, June 9. (JTA)-- Jestem Poliakem, Polish nationalist organ, reappeared today with a poorer quality of paper and larger format. The current issue, entitled "Anglo-Polish Number," is printed half in English and denies charges of anti-Semitism, Fascism and totalitarianism. The paper claims an "effective circulation" of 2,800 and states that it twice refused offers of a Polish Government subsidy, "as we desire to remain independent."

The Catholic Herald continues to uphold the cause of Jestem Poliakem. The Herald publishes an interview with a Polish officer violently attacking the Polish Jews and declaring the Jewish problem in Poland can be solved only by reducing their population ratio to that existing in Germany, France and Britain.

NEW VICHY CURB ON JEWS

VICHY, June 9. (JTA)-- Algerian Jews are forbidden to trade in arms and ammunition under a decree published in the Official Journal. Meanwhile, the wife of Philippe de Rothschild has been arrested at Chalon-sur-Saone for trying to cross into unoccupied France with a forged permit, according to the Paris radio.

REFUGEE WOMAN AIDS BRITISH WAR WORK

LONDON, June 9. (JTA)-- As an example of refugees' aid to British war industry, the Sunday Chronicle tells of a Jewess from Germany who, a few minutes after joining a factory making army uniforms, suggested a new procedure in one operation which resulted in a saving of 50 per cent of the time in that operation.

JEWISH WELFARE PARLEY HEARS PLEAS FOR AID IN DEFENSE

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., June 9. (JTA)-- Stating that social workers by their positions as key men in every community in the country, could be of invaluable aid to the national defense program, Presidents Henry Monsky of B'nai B'rith and Frank L. Weil of the Jewish Welfare Board called upon the 800 delegates to the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare to register themselves and their organizations solidly behind President Roosevelt in the present emergency. The conference closed tonight.

Monsky and Weil spoke at last night's session at the Breakers Hotel. Meeting together with the social workers were the delegates of the National Association of Jewish Center Workers and the National Council for Jewish Education.

Monsky and Weil pledged the full support of the organizations they head to the defense program. Weil stated that the Welfare Board had already organized 149 army and navy committees in 42 states and four territories to provide for the maximum of community service and home hospitality to men in the service.

The session on Jewish social welfare in a national defense and emergency situation was one of 23 sessions held during the day, in which every phase of Jewish Welfare work was considered by the delegates.

At the annual conference of the National Council for Jewish Education, Rabbi Samuel M. Blumenfield was elected president, succeeding Dr. Louis L. Kaplan of Baltimore. Other officers are Samuel J. Borowsky, New York, and Dr. Azriel L. Eisenberg, Cleveland, vice-president; Nathan Brilliant, Cleveland, treasurer; and Judah Lapson, New York, secretary.

NEW PROTESTS VOICED ON RANKIN ANTI-JEWISH SPEECH

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA)-- C.D. Jackson, president of the Council for Democracy, has declared that "loose, irresponsible talk" such as Rep. John A. Rankin's anti-Semitic insinuations in the House last Wednesday "plays directly into the hands of Adolf Hitler and his Nazi propaganda machine."

"Certainly there is nothing that the National Socialists of Germany desire more than a confusion of issues in our democracy by this irrelevant exploitation of prejudices against American citizens of the Jewish faith," Jackson declared in a letter to the Times. "However innocent the strategy may have been, it is also sinister and perhaps catastrophic because it is a threat to the unity of the American people."

The remarks of Rep. Rankin were assailed as "an exact parallel to constant utterances by Hitler and Goebbels" in a statement by 18 churchmen, educators, labor leaders and other prominent citizens. The criticism was initiated by the Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, chairman of Fight for Freedom, Inc.; Lewis W. Douglas, chairman of the national policy board of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge.

MINKOFF NAMED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF GENERAL COUNCIL

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA)-- Isaiah Minkoff, of New York, has been named executive secretary of the General Jewish Council, it was announced by Chairman Edgar J. Kaufmann. Minkoff assumed his new duties today. He has been for almost six years executive secretary of the Jewish Labor Committee, one of the constituent organizations of the General Jewish Council along with the American Jewish Committee and B'nai B'rith.