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NAZIS PUNISH JEWS IN POLAND, LITHUANIA ON PRETEXT THEY AIDED SOVIET FORCES

STOCKHOLM, June 25. (JTA)-- Mass arrests of Jews in Nazi-conquered parts of Lithuania and stricter Nazi measures over the Jews in the ghettos of Warsaw and Lublin are reported here today as result of the Nazi-Soviet war, which, for the second time since the outbreak of the war, has brought death and destruction to sections of Poland and Lithuania thickly populated with Jews.

The Jews in Lithuania, where the Nazis have occupied all the roads leading to the Latvian frontier, are being charged by the Nazi-controlled Kaunas radio with sniping at German soldiers. To support these charges, the German Ministry of Propaganda has ordered Lithuanian newspapers to publish photos of ruined buildings with captions stating it was from those buildings that Jews allegedly fired on the Nazi "liberators" of Lithuania.

In Warsaw and Lublin, where fierce Soviet air attacks took place last night, the Jews are accused by the Nazis of signaling to the Soviet flyers and violating blackout regulations. An order issued by the Nazi military authorities forbids any Jew to leave the ghetto, even if previously permitted to do so. The order says the measure is necessary "in order to prevent any contact between Jews and Soviet parachutists."

The Soviet air attacks last night on Lublin and Warsaw found the Jewish population completely unprotected from air raids. No gas masks are obtainable in the ghettos and no air raid shelters have been built there. Several weeks ago the Nazi administration in occupied Poland, anticipating war with Soviet Russia, prepared shelters in Warsaw and other cities for the German population. The Jews in the ghetto, however, were told to take care of themselves. In view of the fact that every available basement in the ghetto is overcrowded with Jewish refugees, there is no possibility of building air raid shelters in any part of the ghetto.

Alfred Rosenberg, notorious Nazi Jew-baiter, who was shifted to the background by Hitler immediately after the Nazi-Soviet pact, today again came to the forefront, delivering a severe anti-Jewish address over the radio, calling Latvia, his native land, to "free itself from Jewish-Communist domination," while Nazi planes raided Riga, the capital of Latvia, and Libau, its principal port. Rosenberg's address was echoed on Radio Roma, which said that "we are not fighting Russians, but a bunch of criminals, helped and supported by Jews."

News from Berlin today indicated the Nazis were embarking on stricter measures against Jews also in Old Germany. The reports said that Otto Hirsch, head of the Reichsvereinigung of German Jewry, who has been held under Gestapo arrest for several months without any specific charge, was transferred this week to labor at stone breaking. Similarly, the Gestapo has drafted the entire male staff of the Reichsvereinigung for compulsory work in munition factories, leaving only two of its executives in charge of its work, which has now been greatly curtailed. The two are to report to the Gestapo and to take orders from them with regard to Jewish compulsory labor which is being recruited for Nazi defense work.

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NAZI RAID ON HAIFA FAILS; ONE HURT IN ACRE

JERUSALEM, June 25. (JTA)-- German planes this morning carried out a raid on Haifa, but damage was insignificant. One person was injured in a raid on Acre.

High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael highly praised the Haifa Air Raid Precautions service and ground defenses for efficiency and bravery.

(Strong formations of German bombers last night attacked Haifa, dropping bombs of all calibers, a German High Command communique in Berlin announced.)

Meanwhile, the Second International Fashion Show was opened in Tel Aviv by Dr. Emil Schmorak of the Jewish Agency, who emphasized the rapid development of Jewish industry as a result of the drive to contribute to the war effort.

MANY ARRESTED IN HOLLAND IN NEW ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE

STOCKHOLM, June 25. (JTA)-- The Gestapo in Holland has launched a new anti-Jewish campaign with a wave of arrests, especially among refugees from Germany, on the pretext that they were "conspiring against the security of the occupation forces," it was reported here today.

According to the Algemeen Handelsblad, numerous emigrant Jews have been arrested and sent to labor camps following an explosion recently in south Amsterdam which injured German military personnel and damaged German material. The German security police were stated to have "found" that Jews, particularly emigrants from Germany, had "acted for months in an anti-German manner."

Simultaneous with the arrests, property of Jews have been confiscated. The anti-Jewish drive is apparently intended to discredit the growing opposition movement, manifesting itself in violence against the Nazi-favored Mussert supporters, who, the National Dagblad admits, are "ridiculed, despised and slandered."

BOMB OUTRAGE ON SOUTH AFRICAN SYNAGOGUE

JOHANNESBURG, June 25. (JTA)-- A bomb outrage is reported from Germiston (Transvaal), where one of the doors of the synagogue was splintered and blown in. Windows were shattered and the explosion was heard more than a mile away. Soon after the explosion the local police arrived, and it was found that a charge had been placed near the bottom corner of the door. Damage was slight and the synagogue's activities will not be in any way diminished. Police investigations are continuing.

PALESTINE MAILS LOST

LONDON, June 5. (JTA-By Mail)-- An airmail including letters and printed matter for various countries, among them Palestine and Transjordan, has been lost, according to an announcement by the General Post Office. The letters were posted in North Britain between April 4 and 9 and in South Britain between April 5 and 8.

JAFFE URGES DEVOTION TO PALESTINE

MONTREAL, June 25. (JTA)-- Leib Jaffe, director of the Palestine Foundation Fund, last night urged Jews to show "more than ever their love and devotion for Palestine" in this "darkest hour in the history of our people." He addressed the United Zionist Council.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL WORKING ON PEACE PLANS, RABBIS' PARLEY TOLD; NEW UNITY PLAN

ATLANTIC CITY, June 25. (JTA)-- The Synagogue Council of America is at work on peace proposals to be issued jointly with proposals of Protestants and Catholics as an "expression of the religious spirit," Rabbi Edward L. Israel, chairman of the Council, reported at today's session of the annual meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis at the Hotel Chelsea.

The Synagogue Council is also planning a census and survey of Jewish trainees in army camps, Rabbi Israel said. He added that the Council intended to formulate an attitude on the "release time" plan for religious study in public schools.

The afternoon session was adjourned because of the funeral of Dr. Henry Fisher, rabbi of Atlantic City's Temple Beth Israel, who died suddenly last night. He was 65 years old. Rabbi Fisher was scheduled to welcome the convention. Instead, this was done by his assistant, Rabbi Marot. Dr. Fisher was active in civic affairs and was a member of the Board of Education. A police escort was provided for his funeral, at which Dr. Julien Morgenstern of Cincinnati officiated.

A proposal for a "consultative conference" aimed at "creation of a single united representative Jewish defense organization" was contained in a report of the Committee on Contemporaneous History and Literature, prepared for submission today by Dr. Jacob R. Marcus.

The resolution provides that the Conference's executive board coopt the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and the six major Jewish religious organizations, which seven groups would be asked to invite all important groups to the proposed conference.

Stressing the necessity of unity of "the only surviving free large Jewish group in the world," the report says "nothing has been done to implement the Pittsburgh agreement of June, 1938, which promised 'immediate coordination of the activities' of the four major defense organizations 'through the creation of a central body.'"

Shortening of the school day to allow time for independent religious study is urged by the Committee on Church and State, headed by Rabbi Albert G. Minda of Minneapolis, as an alternative to the "released time" which is held to jeopardize the American principle of separation of Church and State. The report also recommends "a maximum of civic and inter-faith cooperation compatible with the safeguarding of the democratic principle of the separation of Church and State."

Supporting efforts to achieve Jewish unity, a report by Rabbi Emil Leipziger, president of the C.C.A.R., asserts that "without forcing the ideology of Reform upon others, we ought at least to let the genius of our career in America...express itself more clearly, nobly and effectively before the dire need of the more inclusive unity which urges our action today."

Rabbi Leipziger also urges withdrawal of the C.C.A.R. from all international and national organizations in whose policy-making it does not share. He points out that during the controversy on the Lease-Lend Bill, the National Council for Prevention of War wrote a letter, on a letterhead which included the C.C.A.R. as a sponsoring organization, making "passionate and unwise" statements.

Creation of a summer camp institute, to develop youth leadership in Reform synagogues and to help stimulate a sense of the dynamic values of religious Judaism, was approved at a meeting of the Commission on Jewish Education held Monday, prior to the opening of the convention. The Commission is composed of representatives of the C.C.A.R. and of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

BACKER RETURNS FROM ENGLAND; DEPLORES U.S. ACTION ON REFUGEES

NEW YORK, June 25. (JTA)-- George Backer, president and editor of the New York Post and president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, arrived here on the Dixie Clipper after a seven-and-a-half week visit to England.

Interviewed by the JTA at LaGuardia Airport, Backer reported that Britain had begun to forge ahead of Germany in the air and was taking the offensive in the air war. He warned against any flagging of American aid to Britain as result of the German invasion of Russia.

Backer criticized the action of the State Department in barring visas for refugees with relatives in German territory. He expressed the opinion that the action was not warranted by the situation. At any rate, he said, there are only about 6,000 refugees of all sorts in Lisbon now. The U.S. action came as a great blow to them, he stated.

The reaction in Portugal to the German invasion of Russia was one of "relief," Backer declared, since it was taken as meaning that Portugal was safe from invasion for the time being.

Told that Senator Wheeler had used the Russian invasion to argue against American intervention, the publisher said that "Wheeler displays enormous ignorance of what actually took place. If he is not disingenuous, then he is corrupting the facts." Backer declared that the Nazis had invaded Russia not because Moscow rejected any demands, but because they were determined not to permit the Russian army to remain on the east. "Russia had no desire to fight," he said.

Speaking of England, Backer praised the morale of the British people and said they had become almost "complacent" in the face of the air-raids. London's East End, which he visited, has suffered particularly from the raids, largely because the buildings are not as strong as in other parts of the city.

Backer praised the work of the ORT in England, declaring that its schools were "doing beautifully." He said 29 ORT students had been accepted in the British military forces, the largest group of them in the Pioneer Corps.

Backer, who left Lisbon yesterday, brought back with him a fragment of a bomb which had hit the London Daily Express building on Fleet Street. He said he had no personal experiences with bombings, except for almost falling into a bomb crater. He was met at the airport by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Schiff Backer, and their young daughter.

STATE DEPT. TO PASS ON VISA APPLICATIONS

WASHINGTON, June 25. (JTA)-- The State Department has issued new regulations to control entry of aliens into the United States. The measure requires that visa applications be approved by the department before being passed upon by consuls in the field. An immigration section will be set up in the visa division for this function. The new regulations become effective July 1. Native-born citizens of Western Hemisphere countries are exempted.

STANTON HEADS BRITH SHOLOM

ATLANTIC CITY, June 25. (JTA)-- Alex F. Stanton, Philadelphia, was elected Grandmaster of Order Brith Sholom at the closing session of its 56th annual convention yesterday. Other officers include Frank E. Bernstein, Vice-Grandmaster; Louis I. Kilgor, secretary; Maurice E. Cohen, treasurer; Samuel L. Einhorn, Past Grandmaster.

Resolutions were adopted offering the order's resources to the Government for national defense and condemning racial discrimination in defense industries.