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NAZIS SEEK TO SPLIT SOVIET ARMY BY ANTI-SEMITISM; LOUDSPEAKERS BLARE MESSAGES

GENEVA, July 4. (JTA)-- The Nazis are making a concerted effort to split the Soviet army by anti-Semitism, it was reported here today.

Loudspeakers have been brought up to the front which blare out a message urging Soviet soldiers to seize Jewish officers and troops and turn them over to the Germans. In return for this, the Nazis promise the Russians that they will be treated as friends rather than as war prisoners and promise the Russian peasants the State land now cultivated by them, as well as land cultivated by Jews.

The Luftwaffe recently dropped a special Ukrainian edition of the rabidly anti-Jewish weekly Der Stuermer on Ukrainian towns, it was reported. The Scherl Publishing Co. in the Reich printed vast quantities of "Mein Kampf," anti-Jewish leaflets and pamphlets, which were placed at the disposal of the German army for distribution in the Ukraine.

Meanwhile, Air Raid Precautions and fire-fighting squads are being organized by Jewish communities in the ghettos of the Polish Government-General and shelters are under construction, the Polish Jewish organ Gazeta Zydowska reports.

Indicative of the shortage of physicians in German territory, the paper reveals that 15 doctors were recently sent from the Warsaw ghetto to Lodz, in the section of German-annexed Poland barred to Jews. The first horse-drawn tramway is now in operation in the Warsaw ghetto, the paper adds.

OVER 1,200 RUSSIAN JEWS ARRESTED IN FRANCE

VICHY, July 4. (JTA)-- About 3,000 persons of Russian origin, including between 1,200 and 2,000 Jews, have been arrested in police raids in the Marseille area and taken aboard ships for examination, it was learned here today.

The poet, Zalman Schneour, and his wife were held aboard a ship eight hours. Several members of the French ORT staff were among those arrested. Many members of the staff of the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association were also arrested, but the HIAS-ICA obtained urgent examination of cases of those scheduled to leave for abroad this week.

It is officially announced that examination commissions all over France are considering cases of thousands of Russians and police operations have not yet concluded. In Vichy, 180 of the 250 arrested were released when they proved their attachment to France and their integration in the national economy.

Owing to scarcity of hotel accommodations, all persons in Vichy residing in hotels and not belonging to State services or not having obtained special permits for health cures have received expulsion orders. The expulsion does not apply to residents of flats and private houses.

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Among the expelled are a certain number of Jews who could not provide satisfactory reasons for residing in Vichy or regular means of livelihood. Exceptions were made for well-to-do American Jews long resident in France. The authorities point out the measures do not affect Jews alone, but also "Aryans" and even members of the French aristocracy.

Meanwhile, it is reported from Paris that Jews whose capital was blocked in banks have been authorized to withdraw 15,000 francs monthly.

Jews applying for exemption from the anti-Jewish laws must nevertheless register in the census of Jews, which closes July 12, the Commissariat for Jewish Affairs announced in a communique today. Applications for exemption do not release Jews from the necessity of registering, the communique said.

Charles Maurras, in an article in his newspaper Action Francaise, expressed "regret" that many Catholic priests are condemning anti-Jewish measures in France. Publishing a letter from a correspondent denouncing the "de Gaullist preachings" of a Dominican priest who condemned anti-Jewish measures as un-Christian before a meeting of the Dominican society, Maurras declares that other priests are spreading the same opinion.

The newspaper Paris-Midi reports from Beirut that about 300 Jews were killed and 1,500 injured by Arabs and a large number of Jews' houses burned down in Baghdad in demonstrations occasioned by the Jews' attitude in favoring the British occupation of Iraq.

SHIP TO PICK UP 200 U.S.-BOUND REFUGEES STRANDED AT CASABLANCA

LISBON, July 4. (JTA)-- The Joint Distribution Committee has arranged for the Portuguese liner Guinea to make a special call at Casablanca and pick up 200 refugees with American visas who were stranded there when the French ships in which they were proceeding to the United States were halted by orders from Vichy, it was disclosed today. The Guinea is expected to sail from Casablanca on July 17.

A delegate of the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association has left for Casablanca from Marseille to aid in the refugees' departure and investigate the status of internees there, many of whom hold visas for Mexico and South American countries.

The J.D.C. and HIAS-ICA here are registering refugees who have been accorded, but not yet issued, visas and will submit their cases to Washington, where the new Interdepartmental Committee will in the future pass on all applications before consuls will be able to issue visas. In the future all affidavits must be accompanied by a full statement of the personal status and residence of all members of the applicant's immediate family and detailed information on their political activities and background. The consulate in Marseille has stopped granting visas even to natives of France, referring all cases to Washington.

A delegation of relief agencies here is negotiating with the police, proposing release to a small town outside Lisbon of refugees who have been jailed for overstaying their residence permits, mainly because they did not receive promised visas. Under discussion also are arrangements for those now unable to comply with expulsion orders.

MOSCOW URGED TO FREE ARRESTED ZIONISTS

LONDON, July 4. (JTA)-- A public meeting of the Jewish State Party appealed to the Government to make representations to the Soviet Government for release of all arrested Zionists and for legalization of the Zionist movement in the U.S.S.R.

BOMBER SHOT DOWN IN RAID ON HAIFA; PRISONERS' CAMP RAIDED

JERUSALEM, July 4. (JTA)-- Haifa experienced a 45-minute air raid early yesterday, which caused slight material damage, it was announced today. Anti-aircraft guns drove off the attackers, shooting down one plane.

Meanwhile, the chief of the Italian prisoners at a camp "somewhere in Palestine," which was raided Tuesday by hostile aircraft, killing three and wounding 34 German officers and Italian non-coms, paid tribute to the guards, whose calm efficiency prevented panic in the camp during the raid, he said.

One huge crater in the camp itself proved that a large-caliber bomb narrowly missed inflicting enormous casualties. British officials pointed out that when the camp was opened, the Spanish consul, who is in charge of German and Italian interests, was informed of its whereabouts.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Agency and Jewish National Council issued a joint proclamation urging unmarried men between the ages of 20 and 30 to speed up enlistment in the armed forces. It was pointed out that the Palestine volunteer force and settlement police are scheduled to reach a total of 25,000, with special country-wide defense duties.

During June the Jewish National Fund obtained title to another area of about 3,500 dunams, of which half is situated in important North Huleh and other areas in the south and Sharon Valley, it was announced today. "This persistent activity of the J.N.F. strengthens the Yishub, enabling it to extend present settlements and prepare for fresh expansion," it was said.

The official gazette announced a Government surplus of almost L570,000 for the fiscal year ending Feb. 28, with L7,026,734 income and L6,457,671 expenditures.

JEWISH NAVAL OFFICER HONORED BY BRITAIN

LONDON, July 4. (JTA)-- Lieutenant Commander M. M. Bright of the Royal Navy, believed to be the only Jew to attain "lower deck" rank, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, it was announced today. The citation said he "set an example of wholehearted devotion to duty."

Bright is former president of a lodge of the Order Achei Brith Shield of Abraham. He joined the navy as a boy and fought at Gallipoli and Akaba. He was recalled from the retired list at the outbreak of the war and given command of a minesweeper flotilla, after which he was appointed to a position in the Admiralty.

The well-known East End physician, Dr. Hannah Billig, sister of Lewis Billig, Hebrew University lecturer who was killed during the Palestine disorders, has been awarded the George Medal for exceptional bravery during the Blitzkrieg while on duty as shelter doctor in a dock-side shelter. Solomon Wolfson, East End A.R.P. district warden, has received the George medal for rescuing injured persons from a blazing building while more bombs were falling.

Special Constable Emmanuel Graham is the first Birmingham Jew to receive an award for bravery during air raids, having been awarded the George Medal for driving a car regularly during air raids through streets practically impassable because of craters, debris and fires and assisting in rescue work in dangerous areas.

PALESTINE AGUDAH LEADER DEAD

JERUSALEM, July 4. (JTA)-- Rabbi Pinchas Kohn, one of the founders of the Agudath Israel and vice-president of its world executive, has died at the age of 75.

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PEGLER URGES BAN ON NATURALIZATIONS, "CLASS B" STATUS FOR NATURALIZED

NEW YORK, July 4. (JTA)-- Proposals to ban further naturalization of aliens and to create a "B class of citizenship" for those already naturalized are advanced by Westbrook Pegler, widely-syndicated columnist of the New York World-Telegram.

In yesterday's column, Pegler declares that "our immigrants since the first World War have not contributed much to the peace and progress of the United States" and that "the newer immigration has largely consisted of people who sought only safety and regarded this country as a refugee and nothing else."

In Wednesday's column, he urges a constitutional amendment to the effect "that a naturalized citizen could not hold Federal office at all and trust to the several states to adopt similar restrictions as to state and municipal office." He adds: "True, that would create a B class of citizenship, but I see no objection to that in view of our experience and especially in view of the doubtful quality of much of the immigration."

BERLIN CHARGES EXISTENCE OF ANTI-SEMITISM AT COLUMBIA U.

ZURICH, July 4. (JTA)-- A Berlin radio commentator today charged existence of anti-Semitism at Columbia University, declaring "the percentage of Jewish staff members has been kept as low as possible," the Horace Mann School "does not accept any Jewish children at all" and Lincoln School "has a definite quota."

The commentator was Otto Koischwitz, former professor at Hunter College, New York, who speaks on a program directed towards the United States. He addressed himself to Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia.

"Now it is perfectly understandable that you have certain restrictions," Koischwitz said. "Why not? But why is it not admitted that these restrictions exist? Why is it emphasized that the principle of absolute equality and equal opportunity for all is emphasized all the time if you don't live up to it?"

COUGHLIN WITHDRAWS SUPPORT FROM AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, July 4. (JTA)-- Social Justice, Father Coughlin's weekly magazine, announces withdrawal of support from the America First Committee, complaining that Gen. Robert E. Wood, a leader of the committee, barred hawkers of Social Justice from an America First meeting. The paper declares: "The Christian Front is looking around for leadership in high places--leaders around whom the common people can assemble."

\$11,000 FUR PIECE GIVEN FOR WAR RELIEF

NEW YORK, July 4. (JTA)-- An \$11,000 platinum fox, termed "the world's finest fur," has been presented to the British War Relief Society by I.J. Fox and will be auctioned in Hollywood for the benefit of the society, it was announced today. The presentation was made at the society's office, attended by Lord and Lady Marley, Frederick Gehle, chairman of the society's fund-raising division; Mr. Fox and Phineas Horowitz, vice-president of the British Zionist Federation, who had originally suggested the gift.

MEMORIAL FOR EDELSTEIN PLANNED

NEW YORK, July 4. (JTA)-- Formation of a committee to create a memorial for Rep. M. Michael Edelstein was announced by Emanuel Lewis Greene, who was Edelstein's secretary. Among the projects under consideration are a statue, an East Side community center, a playground, a hospital wing and a college scholarship in political science.