

NAZIS ORDER JEWS TO DISPLAY BLUE-WHITE FLAGS; THOUSANDS ARRESTED ON SABOTAGE CHARGES

LONDON, July 18, (JTA)-- Jews in the Soviet towns occupied by Nazi troops have been ordered to display small blue-white flags from the windows of their houses as part of the strict surveillance of the Jewish population which the Nazi military authorities have instituted, it was reported here today. In houses partly occupied by Jews, the flags must be displayed from the windows of the rooms where the Jews live.

The report discloses that the Nazi military authorities have arrested 1,600 Jews in Bialystok charging them with sabotage, which is usually punished with death. 600 Jews have similarly been arrested in Lomzha and many hundreds are reported arrested as "saboteurs" in Brest-Litovsk, Lwow, Przemyśl and in practically all cities of the Volhynian area.

In Kowel, Volhynia, some 2,000 inhabitants, most of them Jews, are reported to have been killed when the city was bombed by German air force prior to its being occupied by the German troops. The Pester Lloyd, leading Budapest newspaper which published this report, also reported mass-executions by Nazi troops of Jews in Rovno, a city in Volhynia sixty kilometer from Novograd-Volynsk where furious fighting between the Russian and the German armies has been going on since last week.

Gestapo Leader Reaches Lithuania "to Suppress Jewish anti-Nazi Activities"

LISBON, July 18, (JTA)-- The Jewish population in Nazi-occupied Lithuania is reported to be in panic over the arrival at Kaunas of the notorious Gestapo official, Eichmann, who is in charge of Jewish affairs at the Gestapo headquarters in Berlin.

Eichmann, who was born in the German colony of Sarona in Palestine, and who speaks a fluent Hebrew, is responsible for the arrests of thousands of Jews in Germany and for the merciless eviction of Jews from Vienna and the Protectorate to the Lublin district. His arrival at Lithuania is reported as being for the purpose "of suppressing Jewish anti-Nazi activities."

The Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung which reached Lisbon today from Berlin, reports that "many Jews in Kaunas have already been punished for the crimes they committed under the Bolshevik regime". The German newspaper implies that executions of a large number of Jews have taken place. It adds that "the Jews who constituted forty percent of the Kaunas population are no longer seen in the street."

JEWS NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE BELGIUM

LISBON, July 18, (JTA)-- The Nazi authorities in Belgium are refusing exit visas to Jewish emigrants, holders of visas to overseas lands, it was reported here today. A number of Jews who were scheduled to proceed to the United States are therefore unable to depart, the report says.

The Chief Rabbi of the Sephardic Jewish Community in Paris, Dr. Nissim Ovadia, is among the Jews whose naturalization has been revoked by the French authorities, according to word today from Vichy.

(Continued on reverse side)

JEWS OUSTED FROM FRENCH COURT JURY; CAMPAIGN AGAINST JEWISH DOCTORS

VICHY, July 18, (JTA)-- The French decree forbidding Jews, among other things, to serve as jurors in French courts was for the first time applied today at the first annual sitting of the Court of Assizes in Paris.

The presiding judge, suspecting the names of two members of the jury as being Jewish, questioned them about their racial origin at the beginning of the session. The jurors admitted that they are Jews, whereupon they were ordered to leave the jury box.

Anti-Jewish propaganda assumed new impetus in the Paris press during the last few days. Utilizing the fact that the police in Paris arrested this week a number of foreign Jews, as well as Italian and Spaniards, for wearing the French tri-colored national insignia, the Temps Nouveaux in its issue yesterday demanded that Paris be cleaned "of all doubtful foreign and Jewish elements who are accomplices of de-Gaullism". Simultaneously the Croix du Peuple, organ of the French anti-Semitic Jacques Doriot, editorially demanded stricter measures against Jewish doctors. The article asserts that among the 6,000 doctors in the Seine district in which the city of Paris is included there are 2,000 Jews.

"Twenty-two percent of the whole French medical corps are Jews", the anti-Semitic newspaper writes, "and ninety percent of the doctors who have been naturalized between 1920 and 1940 are similarly Jews. These Jewish doctors continue to carry on their practice using various tricks to avoid the anti-Jewish laws. They are even protected by certain liberal French circles from among whom they obtain signatures for petitions in their favor." The editorial calls for a decree restricting Jewish doctors to two percent modeled along the same lines as that applied to Jewish lawyers. "The Jewish question dominates all problems of the hour", the article concludes.

The Institute for Jewish Studies in Paris, a new anti-Jewish institution, published a call yesterday advising "all French Aryan doctors who want to rid the medical profession of Jews" to communicate with the Institute.

HUNDREDS OF JEWISH CHILDREN STILL HELD IN INTERNMENT CAMPS IN FRANCE

LISBON, July 18, (JTA)-- About 650 small children, mainly Jewish, are still held in the dreaded internment camps for foreigners in unoccupied France where they suffer from malnutrition, confinement in unsanitary quarters, insufficient clothing and inadequate attention, according to a detailed report received here today.

Over 400 Jewish children are at the Rivesaltes camp where the authorities have given permission for the Ose and other private relief agencies to work. These organizations, the report discloses, work in close cooperation, supplementing each other's activities and avoiding duplication.

In addition to periodic visits by specialists and child-care workers, there is a representative of the Ose residing at the Gurs camp, through whom contact is maintained with all organizations. This representative, in addition to aiding the children there, distributes food and clothing and cooperates with the Red Cross and interned doctors in maintaining an infirmary, and with the camp authorities, on camp hygiene problems.

The report describes further the measures taken to safeguard the health of the general Jewish population and to aid needy doctors. It concludes by pointing out that ninety percent of its budget for children's work and for its activities in the internment camps has been supplied by or through the Joint Distribution Committee.

ARAB COUNTRIES NEGOTIATING CREATION OF PAN-ARAB FEDERATION, INCLUDING PALESTINE

CAIRO, July 18, (JTA)-- With Nazi influence now eliminated from the Arab countries, it was reliably reported here today that negotiations have begun between representatives of various Arab lands for the creation of a Pan-Arab federation in which Palestine and Trans-Jordan would be included.

Two schemes are under consideration, the report says. One, coming from Arab leaders in Syria, provides for the separation of religion from the State in order to win Jewish interest for the project. The Pan-Arab Federation, according to this plan, is to be composed of Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Transjordan with Damascus as capital. The second plan, coming from Iraq, provides for the inclusion of Iraq in the federation and that Bagdad become the capital. Muri Said, the Iraqi minister to Cairo is reported to strongly support the second proposal.

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS MAY MOVE TO WASHINGTON

CINCINNATI, July 18, (JTA)-- The headquarters of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations may be moved from Cincinnati to Washington, it was reported today in the American Israelite. The transfer is urged by Dr. Edward L. Israel, the new executive secretary of the organization who will assume his duties on October 7th.

The Union has had its headquarters in Cincinnati since its establishment in July 1873, through the efforts of the late Rabbi Isaac M. Wise. If the Union is moved, its affiliate, the Hebrew Union College is expected to remain in Cincinnati, according to the Cincinnati publication.

One of the reasons, says the American Israelite, advanced in favor of the move to Washington is that the transfer "would facilitate cooperation with inter-faith groups and other organizations actively dedicated to the causes of democracy and religion. The transfer would enable the Union to come into its own as a dynamic, effective organization in the national religious scene". The view is also held that Washington now partakes something of the aspect of the world's capital and that "those who are on the ground there" are the best informed and readiest for action. Yet another reason given is that Baltimore's Reform Congregation, Har Sinai of which Dr. Israel is the Rabbi since 1923 would prefer to have him continue to reside in the east.

In an editorial commenting on the news report, the American Israelite, which is celebrating this week the 88th year of its establishment, expresses the hope "that the proposal will die aborning". It argues that none of the arguments adduced in favor of removal "impress us as sufficiently compelling to uproot an organization from its birth-place and 68 year old home." It presents its own reasons for opposing the plan, pointing out that Washington is the political, not the religious capital of the nation. "We do not believe that the Union can accomplish anything by moving to Washington that it cannot accomplish by remaining in Cincinnati," the editorial argues.

VICHY DROPS LAW REQUIRING REGISTRATION OF JEWISH POSSESSIONS

LISEON, July 18, (JTA)-- The Vichy Government dropped quietly the law requiring Jews to register in detail their family possessions. The registration should have been completed by July 15th, but persons who applied last week to register were told that registration is no longer necessary, it was reported here today.

(Continued on reverse side)