

VICHY REPORTED PERMITTING NAZIS TO DEPORT POLISH JEWS TO MADAGASCAR

LONDON, Aug. 1. (JTA)-- The Vichy government is reported here today as having agreed to permit Nazi Germany to send the first 5,000 Jews from Nazi-held Poland to the French island of Madagascar. The settlement of the deported Jews on Madagascar will be financed by the French administration there which will utilize the deportees for forced labor to develop the island.

Explaining that the 5,000 Jews will be sent to Madagascar as "an experiment", the report states that the Nazis have definitely made up their mind to accelerate the expulsion of Jews from Poland to Madagascar. "Registration of Jews in Poland for this purpose is now being conducted by the German occupational authorities there," the report says.

At the same time it was reported here today that the last 400 Jews in Danzig, formerly a Free City under the supervision of the League of Nations, have been placed on a boat by the Nazis and shipped to an unknown destination in Africa. The victims included Jewish holders of Soviet passports who were not molested in Danzig by the Nazi administration there while the German-Soviet pact was still functioning. The Jewish doctors in the group were taken off the boat the last minute before the departure and were transported to German military hospitals in East Prussia to attend to German soldiers wounded on the Soviet front. The deported Jews were permitted to take along only a few of their belongings and some clothing and bedding.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN LONDON TO ISSUE STATEMENT ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Aug. 1. (JTA)-- A statement dealing with the problem of religious freedom in Soviet Russia will be issued shortly by Ivan Maisky, Soviet ambassador in London, it was disclosed here today by the Agudas Israel headquarters.

Leaders of the Agudas Israel organization stated that the Soviet ambassador "had shown considerable sympathy" when the question was raised by a delegation of orthodox Jews. In addition to discussing the problem with Maisky, members of the Agudas Israel executive have also approached the Foreign Office and the Polish government in London with a view toward securing their intervention with the Soviet authorities.

On the occasion of the Russo-Polish agreement, the Agudah World Executive today sent a message of congratulations to the Polish premier Gen. Sikorski. Pointing out that almost a million Jews are involved in the war zone on Soviet and Polish soil, the Agudah message said that "although these victims are now suffering from the Nazi marauders, they too will rejoice over the fact that Russia and Poland have joined friendship."

PALESTINE AND GERMANY TO EXCHANGE INTERNEES

LONDON, Aug. 1. (JTA)-- Negotiations between Palestine and Germany for the exchange of women, children and aged men interned in these countries as enemy aliens are nearing completion, it was reported last night to the Commons by Richard K. Law, undersecretary for foreign affairs. The lists of the internees to be exchanged are now in preparation. The exchange may be effected before the arrival of winter.

HUNGARY THREATENS TO CLOSE DOWN SYNAGOGUES WHEN "V" APPEARS ON THEIR WALLS

LONDON, Aug. 1. (JTA)-- The Hungarian authorities have threatened to close down a number of synagogues throughout the country following the appearance of the letter "V" on their walls, it was reported here today.

The threat follows an order issued this week by the Hungarian authorities in the provinces of Transylvania and Carpatho-Russia providing for the immediate closing down there of a number of Jewish schools in reprisal for the appearance of the letter "V" on the walls of the schools. Hungarian Nazi newspapers reporting the liquidation of the schools stated that "the synagogues and the Jewish schools are nests of anti-Hungarian activities, and their existence can no longer be tolerated."

RUMANIAN POPULATION REPORTED DEVELOPING SYMPATHY FOR JEWS

LONDON, Aug. 1. (JTA)-- Dissatisfaction with the Germans in Rumania is running high among the population there, and sympathy with the Jews is growing, according to information received here by Virgil Tilea, former Rumanian Minister in London, and leader of the Free Rumanian movement.

Speaking last night before the Anglo-Palestine Club, Tilea stated that this information reached him directly from Rumania through a neutral country. The Rumanian people, he said, are becoming sympathetic to the Jews as it is now obvious that Germans, rather than Rumanians, are being placed in the positions from which the Jews have been ousted.

The former Rumanian Minister predicted in his address that Jews in Rumania will be restored to their rights when the war is over. He urged, however, that a mutual understanding should be reached between the Jews and the post-war Rumanian government with regard to the question of "voluntary Jewish emigration" from Rumania. He pointed out that Lord Melchett, the British Zionist leader, made a similar proposal some years ago, when he suggested the gradual reduction of the Jewish population in Rumania to 600,000. The emigration of Jews from Rumania should be undertaken under a mutual economic arrangement with the Rumanian authorities, while the Jews remaining in Rumania should be allowed to share responsibility for developing the country on an equal basis with the rest of the population, Tilea said.

NAZIS DEMOLISH STRASBOURG SYNAGOGUE TO USE SITE FOR PARADE GROUND

ZURICH, Aug. 1. (JTA)-- The synagogue in Strasbourg, Alsace-Lorraine, a city from which all Jews have been expelled, is in the process of demolition, according to an article in the Strasbourg Neuste Nachrichten, reaching here today. The article is devoted to the "inglorious past of the town under the regime of the Kaiser when Judaism was one of the religions officially recognised by the State."

Revealing that the dome of the synagogue, famous as one of the most imposing buildings in the city, had already been removed, the article states that the Nazi authorities have decided not to convert the synagogue to any other purpose but to pull down the building and use the site as a parade ground where "columns of Strasbourg National Socialist will soon be marching to seal the final union with the greater Reich which liberated Europe from the Jews."

JEWS BARRED FROM ALL WOODS IN PRAGUE AREA

ZURICH, Aug. 1. (JTA)-- Jews have been barred from all access to woods in the greater Prague area by order of the Prague police chief, it is reported in the Neue Tag, reaching here today.

MEXICAN PRESIDENT EXPRESSES ACCORD WITH INTER-AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Aug. 1. (JTA)-- President Manuel Avila Camacho of Mexico has expressed his full accord with the purposes of the forthcoming Inter-American Jewish Conference which will be held in Washington at the end of October, it was announced here today by the American Jewish Congress, which is sponsoring the Conference in cooperation with the World Jewish Congress.

President Camacho expressed his "gratification that Mexican Jewry will be represented at the Conference by a delegation," in the course of an interview with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the World Jewish Congress, the announcement said.

NOCK'S ANTI-JEWISH SENTIMENTS DATE BACK TO 1928, RABBI PROVES

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1. (JTA)-- Albert Jay Nock, whose two recent articles in the Atlantic Monthly espoused the thesis that anti-Semitism is a result of the Jews being an Oriental people living in an Occidental environment, is a "proved and tested anti-Semite," declares Rabbi Saul E. White of Temple Beth Sholem in San Francisco, in an article appearing today in the Enanu-el and Jewish Journal, published here.

Nock's articles of the last ten years or so, are proof, says Rabbi White, that the two in the Atlantic Monthly are not occasioned by a "feeling of outrage against the growth of anti-Semitism in our country" but are rather a development of "an old hunch into a major thesis; and that "in days not so distant he did not look for fine feathers in which to cloak his vulgar anti-Semitism."

Rabbi White reveals that in a book of essays entitled "On Doing the Right Thing," published in 1928, Nock wrote: "In actual life they (the Jews) are dreadful people. I sometimes think that there will be record-breaking pogroms in New York some day and there are occasions even now when the most peace-loving person among us wishes he could send over a couple of sotias of Cossacks to floor manage the subway rush."

In a "Journal of These Days," published in 1934, Nock, according to Rabbi White's revelations, wrote:

"It is ironic that the offsprings of those who crucified Jesus are the ones who profit most by the seasonal sentiment of Christmas. But in the Jewish view Geschaft ist immer Geschaft and most Christians are too dull-witted to perceive the anomaly." In the same Journal he also writes: "This morning I was thinking of our newspapers here in New York as a typical echt Jewish enterprise for its peculiar quality of unscrupulousness and shabbiness."

Addressing himself to "those who are disturbed by Mr. Nock's adumbrations and prophecy of doom," Rabbi White says, "it may be some comfort to know that he was expecting pogroms as early as 1928, and that his acute awareness of a dangerous Jewish problem which we are led to believe has come to him only yesterday, is dated in his "Journal of Our Times," as December, 1935. For the past decade he has been waiting for disaster and catastrophe.

"I prefer the old Mr. Nock, the open and above-board anti-Semite, the one who yearned for the Cossacks and pogroms to Mr. Nock, the pseudo-philosopher of folk and country, the poor disciple of Goebbels and Rosenberg," Rabbi White concludes.

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REPRESENTATIVE DICKSTEIN ASKS PRESIDENT TO PROCLAIM OCTOBER 28, "STATUE OF LIBERTY DAY"

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1. (JTA)-- President Roosevelt would be authorized by Congress to proclaim October 28 - the 55th anniversary of the dedication of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor - as "Statue of Liberty Day" to "rededicate the American people, especially the foreign born, to American concepts of Liberty, "under terms of a resolution introduced by Representative Samuel Dickstein, Chairman of the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

The resolution, which was introduced by Dickstein at the behest of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, asks the President to call upon Federal and State officials to display the American flag on all state and government buildings on October 28, and to invite the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies. The measure was referred to the House Judiciary Committee for action.

AMERICAN JEWS ASKED TO OBSERVE TISHA B'AV BY AIDING PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Aug. 1. (JTA)-- A call to the Jews of America to observe Tisha B'Av - the 1872nd anniversary of the destruction of Jerusalem and the burning of the Temple by the Roman legions - on Sunday, August 5, by contributing to the wartime Palestine land program, was issued today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Jewish National Fund in the United States.

"The 1872nd anniversary of the destruction of the Jewish Homeland by the legions of ancient Rome in a drive for world conquest, not unlike to the one which is being resisted by the free world today, conveys to us and to the world a message of transcendental importance," Rabbi Goldstein's appeal said. "For centuries Jews alone knew the bitter taste of Tisha B'Av. Today Jews are not the only people on whose destruction the forces of hatred and evil are bent. During the past several years the Czechs, the Poles, the Norwegians, the Dutch, the Belgians, the French, the Yugoslavs and the Greeks have come to know the meaning of national catastrophe.

"In our people's history Tisha B'Av epitomizes the beginning of the Galuth - life in exile. Tisha B'Av, however, also epitomizes the yearning for the end of the Galuth and the resolve to bring about national redemption and reconstruction through the re-establishment of the union between the people and the land. Pursuing this objective through our support for the wartime program of the Jewish National Fund in Palestine, we are not only helping to strengthen the defenses of the Jewish National Home and increase the powers of resistance at a vital sector of democracy's front, but, as a people long experienced in resistance to oppression and defeatism, are also helping to strengthen the Will to Victory of the other nations that have been brutally victimized, despoiled and subjugated."

YIDDISH PRESS IN BRAZIL WILL APPEAR IN PORTUGUESE

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, Aug. 1. (JTA)-- The three Yiddish-language newspapers published in Brazil announced today that they will begin to appear in Portuguese, in accordance with the new ordinance which prohibits the publication of foreign-language newspapers in Brazil.

The ordinance, issued in February, was supposed to have gone into effect yesterday. At the last minute, however, it was announced that it will become effective on August 31st. The ordinance also affects all Polish, Italian, German and other foreign-language newspapers in the country. The three Yiddish papers involved are the Yiddische Volkszeitung, a daily newspaper, and the Yiddische Presse, a weekly, both appearing in Rio de Janeiro, and the Yiddische Zeitung of Sao Paulo, published three times a week.